



COUNCIL for OPPORTUNITY in EDUCATION

Dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities.

MISSION

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), a nonprofit organization established in 1981, is dedicated to **furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students (FGLI) and students with disabilities.** The national network of Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) is the largest federal infrastructure serving this student population. COE is the sole national advocate for TRIO helping to ensure its demonstrated impact on educational and economic equity continues.

POPULATION SERVED



66% students of Color



880,000+ first-generation/low-income students



7,000 Students with Disabilities

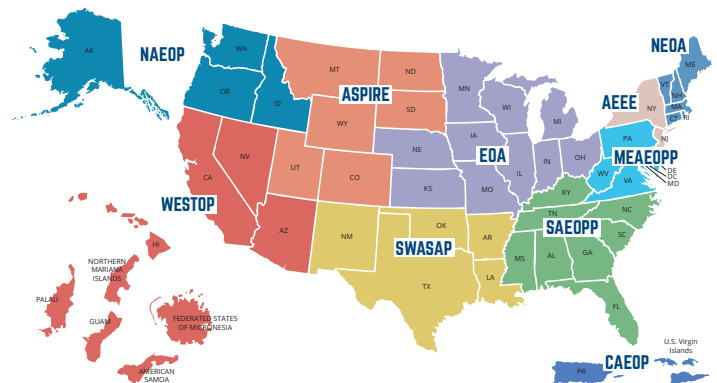


6,000 U.S. Veterans

FOOTPRINT

TRIO programs operate in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico. **COE provides support to over 3,100 TRIO programs nationwide** at more than 1,000 member colleges, universities, and community-based agencies within our 10 regional associations. Collectively, these programs help nearly one million students enter and graduate from college each year.

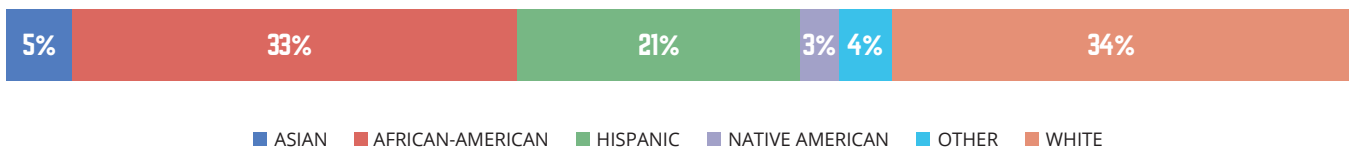
Currently, **59 out of the 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) participate in TRIO, with 39,000 of these students enrolled in over 159 TRIO programs.** COE's membership also includes Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and several highly-selective institutions.



TRIO PROGRAMS

- **Talent Search (TS)** – Promotes early college awareness and preparation.
- **Upward Bound (UB)** – Provides intense college preparation and academic enrichment services.
- **Upward Bound Math-Science (UBMS)** – Increases youth exposure to STEM fields.
- **Student Support Services (SSS)** – Boosts undergraduate student retention and graduation rates.
- **Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)** – Supports veteran postsecondary enrollment.
- **Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)** – Supports adult postsecondary enrollment.
- **Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair)** – Increases the STEM/Ph.D. pipeline.

TRIO STUDENTS ARE DIVERSE



IMPACT

MORE THAN 6 MILLION STUDENTS have graduated from college with the special assistance of TRIO programs.

MORE THAN 3,000 ACCESS AND SUCCESS PROFESSIONALS receive professional development and technical assistance either in-person, virtually, or both.

SECURED \$1.2 BILLION IN FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS NOW SUPPORTS TRIO PROGRAMS (up from \$157 million in 1981, the year the Council for Opportunity in Education was founded).

Provide numerous opportunities exclusively for TRIO students, including **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN THE NETHERLANDS, MEXICO, GREAT BRITAIN, SOUTH AFRICA, AND SPAIN; CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS AND NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON, DC; AND MENTOR-LED INTERNSHIP AND CAREER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

COE's Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education produces **RESEARCH THAT INFORMS POLICYMAKERS, EDUCATORS, AND THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES IMPACTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** and outcomes for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities.



NOTABLE TRIO ALUMNI



Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award-winning actress **Viola Davis** took her first acting class through the **Upward Bound** program at Rhode Island College. In 2018, Viola, her mother, and her sisters (who also participated in Upward Bound and Student Support Services) received the first TRIO Family Achievement Award.



Sarah Smarsh, an award-winning author and former journalism professor, chronicled her experience growing up as a fifth generation Kansan in *The New York Times* bestseller, *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth*. Smarsh is an alumna of the **Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate** Achievement program at the University of Kansas.



Former migrant farm worker **José Hernández** did not learn to speak English until he was 12. With the help of both **Upward Bound** and the **Student Support Services** program at the University of the Pacific, Hernández obtained an engineering degree and achieved his dream of becoming an astronaut. He served as a crew member of space shuttle mission STS-128.



Before becoming the first Black Democratic Senator from the South, **Reverend Raphael Warnock** was a student in the **Upward Bound** program at Savannah State University. With the program's help, he matriculated at Morehouse University. Eventually, he became Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, which Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr once led.

To learn more about the Council for Opportunity in Education, please visit www.coenet.org.