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Education as the Engine of Economic Mobility

#COEAC2026 • San Diego, CA • September 16-19

Tentative Agenda for Attendees
 As of April 22, 2026
All times are Pacific (PT)

Wednesday, September 16	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	All Day Pre-Conference(s) (Additional Payment - Ticketed Event) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See San Diego: Best Practices in Student Travel for TRIO Programs • Full STEAM Ahead: Powering Access and Innovation
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	State Leaders Caucus: Stronger Together (Additional Payment - Ticketed Event)
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Exhibits
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Sessions (Additional Payment - Ticketed Event) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation 101: A Step-by-Step Guide for Program Evaluation • Reimagining Upward Bound: An Innovation Forum for Design, Data, and Student Outcomes • Using Federal Data to Power TRIO Program Success
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Moderators Orientation - Invite Only
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Newcomers Reception - Invite Only to Conference Newcomers
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Stephanie Land, Author and First-Generation College Graduate
8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Book Sales and Signing
8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	“Fun”-tivity/Social Event TBA

Thursday, September 17	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Wellness Activity
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: Economic Mobility
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions – (see sessions grid coming in July)
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – (see sessions grid coming in July)
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Snack Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Exhibit Walkthrough
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hot Topics (see sessions grid coming in July)
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	COE ED Talks (see sessions grid coming in July)
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cash Bar
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	TRIO Educational Opportunity Dinner and TRIO Achievers Awards
9:30 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.	Dance

Friday, September 18	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Wellness Activity
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Exhibit Walkthrough
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: COE Update

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions (see sessions grid coming in July)
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Mason Awards and Announcement of the First-Generation Celebration Day Award Recipients
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Hot Topics (see sessions grid coming in July)
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (see sessions grid coming in July)
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Plenary Session: Community College Initiative Plenary
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Alumni Event- Invite Only
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	“Fun”-tivity/Social Time TBA

Saturday, September 19	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Information Booth
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: Congressional Plenary
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session: Author and TRIO Alumnus, Steve Pemberton
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Closing Session Awards and Remarks from 2026-27 COE Board of Directors Chair, Ray Cabrera