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Education as the Engine of Economic Mobility

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

Tentative Agenda with Special Events
As of June 26 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) - Offsite/WALKING *Full Steam Ahead: Powering Access and Innovation – Meeting in Aqua Salon AB *See San Diego: Best Practices in Student Travel for TRIO Programs – Meet in Aqua Salon EF
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	State Leaders Caucus: Stronger Together (Additional Payment - Ticketed Event) (Aqua Salon CD)
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (Indigo BCFG)
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Exhibits (Indigo BCFG)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Sessions (Additional Payment - Ticketed Event) * Evaluation 101: A Step-by-Step Guide for Program Evaluation (Aqua Salon EF) * Reimagining Upward Bound: An Innovation Forum for Design, Data, and Student Outcomes (Aqua Salon CD) *Using Federal Data to Power TRIO Program Success (Aqua Salon AB)
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Moderators Orientation - Invite Only
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Snack Break in the Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Hilton (Indigo Ballroom)
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Newcomers Reception - Invite Only
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Session: Stephanie Land, Author and First-Generation College Graduate (Sapphire Ballroom)
8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<i>Book Sales and Signing (Sapphire Foyer)</i>
8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Funtivity/Social Event (Aqua Salon)

Thursday, September 17	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Wellness Activity – Sunrise Yoga (Sapphire Terrace)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration (Indigo Ballroom)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits (Indigo Ballroom)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: Economic Mobility
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions – (see grid coming in July 2026)
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – (see grid coming in July 2026)
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Snack Break in Exhibit Hall – Sponsored by Hilton (Indigo Ballroom)
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Exhibit Walkthrough with Sponsored Sack Break by Hilton (Indigo Ballroom)
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hot Topics (see grid coming in July 2026)
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cash Bar (Sapphire Ballroom Foyer)
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	TRIO Educational Opportunity Dinner and TRIO Achievers Awards (Sapphire Ballroom)

Friday, September 18	
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Wellness Activity – Get Up and Go Walk (Sapphire Terrace)
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Exhibit Walkthrough with Snacks Provided by Hilton (Indigo Ballroom)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration (Indigo Ballroom)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits (Indigo Ballroom)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: COE Update
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	COE Concurrent Sessions (see grid coming in July 2026)
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Mason Awards and First-Generation Celebration (Sapphire Ballroom)
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Hot Topics (see grid coming in July 2026)
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions (see grid coming in July)
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Plenary Session: Community College Initiative Plenary (Sapphire Ballroom)
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Funtivity/Social Time TBA (Aqua Salon CD)

Saturday, September 19	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Information Booth (Sapphire Ballroom Foyer)
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: Congressional Plenary Congresswoman Susan Bonamici (Sapphire Ballroom)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session: Author and TRIO Alumnus, Steven Pemberton (Sapphire Ballroom)
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<i>Book Sales and Signing</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Closing Session Awards and Remarks from 26-27 COE Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Ray Cabrera (Sapphire Ballroom)