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Elections: April
Officers change: July

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Elections: October
Officers change: October

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Caribbean Association of Educational Opportunity Programs
CAEOP
Elections: May
Officers change: May

1st Year Board Member: Leonardo Orta
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Educational Opportunity Association
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Elections: May
Officers change: November

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Mideastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
MEAEOPP
Elections: April
Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Michele M. Lagnese
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Northwest Association Educational Opportunity Programs
NAEOP
Elections: September
Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Ann Vu Loveridge
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2nd Year Board Member: Sarah Ritter
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New England Educational Opportunity Association
NEOA
Elections: April
Officers change: September

1st Year Board Member: Michelle Richards
Upward Bound Coordinator, TRIO College Access Services
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Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
SAEOPP
Elections: October
Officers change: March

1st Year Board Member: Senovia Williams
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3rd Year Board Member: Holly Lawrence
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Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs
SWASAP
Elections: November
Officers change: November

1st Year Board Member: TBA

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WESTOP
Elections: March
Officers change: July

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