



# Southeast TRIO Alumni Society

## HONORARY CHAIR INVITES TRIO ALUMNI TO FIRST MEETING

Dear Trio Alumni,

I am writing to invite you to the First Annual Southeast Trio Alumni Society reception/meeting, Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This activity will be held in conjunction with the National Trio Day Celebration sponsored by the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) and the Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP). The schedule of activities is included in this newsletter.

As you know, Upward

Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Center and Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement programs are Trio programs that serve about a million pre-college and college students from low-income and first generation backgrounds. More than three million students and adults, like you and me, participated in a Trio program. I like to think and many leaders of Congress and in higher education would agree, with me, that our success and achievement continues to be the basis for TRIO's growth

and success.

Please join me at the reception/meeting and other alumni activities. It is an opportunity for us to be a part of an event that will organize the Southeast Trio Alumni Society. This organization will represent thousands of doctors/healthcare workers, lawyers, engineers, businessmen, clergy and other TRIO graduates who are dedicated to advancing and defending the opportunity for low-income and first generation college students and adults to succeed educationally.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock

### APPROPRIATIONS BILL SIGNED

The day after Christmas, President Bush signed H.R. 2764 into law. This law kept TRIO funding at \$828.2 million. It is disappointing not to receive an increase for FY08. As we all know costs have continually increased for programs over the past few years, some of them have had to cut back on services for students because funding has stayed level. This also means there probably will not be an increase in TRIO programs or students served.

Good news about the law is that a controversial evaluation of Upward

Bound (UB) has been halted for this year. The evaluation called for selected UB programs to double the number of students they would recruit. The evaluators would then select half to enroll in UB and the other half to be part of a control group that could **never** participate in UB. The specific language of the bill prohibits funds appropriated by the bill to be used in the evaluation of the program. It has been a long fight but , at least, we won this round. The evaluation is suspended until September 30, 2008, the life of this appropriations law.

The Higher Education Act reauthorization bill, H.R. 4237 or the College Opportunity and Affordability Act will be on the House floor this month or in early February. The version approved by the House Committee on

Education and Labor benefits all of TRIO. Program eligibility would be expanded, the UB Absolute Priority which includes the evaluation would be eliminated, and an award notice and appeals process would be put in place for all programs.

You can contact your congressional leaders, and ask them to support the provisions of the bill that benefit TRIO programs.



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#### Southest TRIO Alumni Society Membership

The Southeast TRIO Alumni Society Membership shall consist of the following categories:

1. TRIO alumni who are graduates of postsecondary and/or graduate school institutions.
2. TRIO alumni who are currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution (UB, UBMS, VUB, ETS, and EOC graduates).
3. TRIO students who are currently enrolled in postsecondary

## SAEOPP TRIO Honorary Chair

Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock  
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### State TRIO Honorary Alumni Chairs

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Southeastern Association of Educational  
Opportunity Program Personnel, Inc.*

## TRIO ALUMNI SOCIETY TIME- LINE OF ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY

- Continue state Trio Alumni Society activities in each state.
- Submit registration information to state alumni chairs.
- RSVP to Southeast Trio Alumni Society invitation.
- Make hotel reservation(s) for attendance of the Southeast TRIO Alumni Society Charter Meeting and other scheduled alumni activities.
- Purchase parkas from local Trio Programs for the March on the Capitol.
- Make travel arrangements to attend Trio alumni activities and the Trio Day Celebration.

### SAEOPP TRIO ALUMNI COMMITTEE

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### FEBRUARY

- Continue January activities.
- Attend Southeast TRIO Alumni Society Charter Meeting/Reception and TRIO Day activities on February 23, 2008 in Atlanta, GA.

### Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
265 Peachtree Street NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(800) 577-1234 / (404) 577-1234  
Double Occupancy: \$154.00/night  
Triple or Quad: \$194.00/night  
Ivy Tower (smaller rooms): \$124.00/night  
Regency Club: add'l \$35.00/night  
Taxes are 14%. Parking is \$17.00 per 24  
hrs. for registered guests.  
Check-in Time: 3:00 PM  
Check-out Time: 12:00 PM (noon).  
Reservation deadline is January 25, 2008.  
You must state you are with SAEOPP to  
receive the room discount for our group.

## STATE TRIO ALUMNI CHAIRS

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