

The KAEOPPian

Summer
2009

A Letter from KAEOPP President, Chris George

Greetings KAEOPPians, I hope each of you are as excited about the upcoming year as I am. We have many initiatives planned for the fall that will make for an historic year. But first a short review of the past year. We again received the COE State Initiative grant, as well as a renewal of our KyCan mini-grant. In the past year we also made our COE Fair Share for the second year in a row, thanks to all that contributed. As for the upcoming year, in October we are planning a college access and leadership summit for ETS and UB students. This upcoming November we will host the annual KAEOPP/TASP joint conference, the event will be at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort and Spa in Lexington, Ky. In addition to the conference there will also be a SAEOPP Priority 3 training prior to the conference. I urge all of you to please take part in the SAEOPP training; it will be a great opportunity to get a free training right in your backyard.

As KAEOPP President I am very excited about our incoming executive board, we have some great talent on the board and I believe they are going to do so great things for our association. Finally I urge each of you to please take an active role in our association. Please remember that KAEOPP is your association and we are here to serve you. If you would like to serve on a committee please let me know. Also, if you have any concerns or suggestions please contact a member of the board and we will make sure your concerns are discussed.

Again I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your association President and I look forward to another year serving the association.

Very truly yours,

Chris

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I would like to thank everyone who submitted an article or information. I really loved learning about what other programs did this summer.

~Amanda

2009-2011 KAEOPP Board



Chris George
President

Chris first became a member of KAEOPP in 1999 while at Murray State University ETS program. He left for a little while to become a Graduate Assistant in the History Department at WKU and returned to TRiO once he completed his Master's and spending a year as an instructor. Since returning to KAEOPP, Chris has taken part in Emerging Leaders, been KAEOPP Secretary and served as both Vice-President and President. He has worked with SAEOPP on the Conference Committee and currently serves on the SAEOPP Board of Directors, as well as committee co-chair for Fundraising and Fair Share.



Tom Rowland
Vice President

Tom began his career in TRiO as a EOC Counselor at East Central University in OK in February, 1996. After 3 1/2 years, he became Associate Director of the Veterans Upward Bound program at the same institution, where he served for 5 1/2 years. In April of 2005, Tom became Director of the EOC program at Morehead State University.



Amanda Lewis
Secretary

Amanda began her career in TRiO in February 2005 as a Counseling Coordinator for the Upward Bound Central Program at Morehead State University. In 2006, she became Associate Director of the Upward Bound East Grant at Morehead. Amanda previously served as Public Relations Chair for KAEOPP.



Tammy Blackburn
Treasurer

Since 2004 Tammy has worked as a Counseling Coordinator for the Educational Opportunity Center at Morehead State University. Tammy has been very active in KAEOPP including working with the Emerging Leaders program, and from 2008 to 2009 served as Conference Member at Large for KAEOPP.



Mary Claire Collins
Conference Member
at Large

Mary Claire is the newest addition to the board. She has been with TRiO for 3 and a half years as a Counseling Coordinator for the Upward Bound Programs at Morehead State University. Her previous service for KAEOPP includes TRiO Day 2007 Committee Chair and Co-Chair of the State Advocacy Committee where she wrote and was awarded a grant from COE.

EKU Celebrates Diversity

As I write this we're in the middle of the Upward Bound Summer Chautauqua at Eastern Kentucky University. We changed our summer program name to reflect what we've all been doing all along, providing a residential summer program filled with academics, cultural events, and recreation, just as the original 19th Century Chautauqua intended. We've had a great summer so far, with a long (1:00 pm Tuesday to 4:30 am Wednesday) but wonderful trip to Indianapolis to see "Wicked". Our summer shirts reflect the Wicked theme, "Everyone deserves a chance to fly." We hosted a terrific UB group from Northwestern Michigan College who had come to Kentucky on their summer trip. They spent an evening with us learning about Appalachian culture and food. A local restaurant prepared soup beans and cornbread, chicken and dumplings, country ham, fried potatoes, and the biggest chocolate cupcakes ever seen. We then went back to campus where we learned about Appalachian dance and music, with all attempting clogging steps and square dancing. We may head their way next summer, funds permitting. We've studied religious architecture in Kentucky this summer, with trips to a Buddhist temple in Powell County, a Trappist monastery in Gethsemani (with an evening program of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Stephen Foster Theater), and Cane Ridge Meeting House in Bourbon County. On our three day trip to Cincinnati at the end of the program we'll tour Covington's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption (built in the style of Notre Dame), as well as Northern Kentucky University, the Cincinnati Zoo, the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal with an IMAX movie on dinosaurs, and the National Underground Railroad Museum. We'll have breakfast with the sharks at the Newport Aquarium, shop at Newport on the Levee, view the city from Carew Tower, enjoy Russian dance and theater at Fountain Square, and finish with a dinner/dance cruise down the Ohio River. We've cut food costs for the second summer by providing our own breakfasts and dinners, but I'm anxious to hear from you all about your budgeting ideas. We'll be happy to host an informal Roundtable Day in the fall. I know as a new director I have a lot to learn !

Submitted by: Jami Nichols

Chris George, KAEOPP President, would like to thank the Council of Past Presidents for all of their assistance and their commitment to KAEOPP and its members.

Current KAEOPP Board Past President, Bill Hailey
Past President, Jennifer Cady
Past President, Darla Pearson
Past President, Randy Wilson

Madisonville Talent Search

Forty-eight TRIO Talent Search High School participants compared three college campuses and visited major historical and business sites in the Atlanta, Georgia area. TS advisors Wes Ausenbaugh, Temesia Perdue, Roshun Radford, TS director Anna Leasure, TS office assistant Dee Ann Hillhouse chaperoned the trip arranged by Lena Mulcahy of Entourage Management Travel.

Kennesaw State University, located just north of Atlanta, was the first campus visited. Everyone was surprised that its enrollment was 23,000 but excited to see that a large nursing building was under construction. The Georgia residents have a Hope Scholarship for in-state residents while Kentucky has Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES). After hotel check-in the group went to the ESPN Zone for dinner and games.

The group toured the downstairs rooms and gardens of the Georgia Governor's Mansion which had Federal period furniture. A drive-by tour of Buckhead area mansions included Bobby Jones and the former Coca-Cola president. It was also noted that the ambassador of Japan was in Atlanta since the Japanese flag was being flown in front of his house. Lunch was at The Varsity, which was the first drive in restaurant where James Brown and Nipsy Russell once worked as car hops.

After lunch, the group crossed the street and continued a walking tour of the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and then visited the King Center memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. This was followed a ride-by tour of the Atlanta University Center which included the historically black colleges of Spellman, Morehouse, Clark, and Morris Brown Colleges. The day was topped off with a Major League Baseball game at Turner Field where the Atlanta Braves shut out the New York Yankees.

A tour of CNN's global headquarters was the first stop on the last day of the trip. The group was able to watch a live broadcast and view the editors' room. A highlight was when the students were given the opportunity to be the weather forecasters in front of the green screen. This technique was also used in the movie scenes of Forest Gump when his limbs were missing and flying acts of Superman.

The group then walked through Olympic Park on their way to The World of Coca Cola. Once inside two of the favorite areas were the 4-D movie about the formula for Coca-Cola where the seats came to life and the area referred to as "Taste It" in which the group sampled some of over 450 brands of Coca-Cola products from around the world.

The final stop before returning home was the Georgia Aquarium, which is the largest in the world. Exhibits showcased marine, lake, and river animals and the Baluga whale exhibit.



Madisonville...continued

Middle school Talent Search participants also had the opportunity to visit Kentucky colleges and landmarks in June. On June 4th approximately 35 students visited the Kentucky Railroad Museum in New Haven, Kentucky and toured Lindsey Wilson College. The students explored the Railroad Museum and viewed the model train display that included working trains and detailed landscapes. The students had lunch while they were riding the train from New Haven to Boston, Kentucky.



Next, on June 9th, students traveled to Shakertown, Kentucky. At Shaker Village the students had a delicious lunch that included roast beef, Irish potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, cornbread, and a dessert. The students then continued on the tour around the village that included a stop at the village garden, horse stables, laundry house, broom maker shop, craftsman shop, and the original living quarters of the Shakers. The group then traveled to Danville, Kentucky to visit Centre College, one of the state's private colleges, where they were informed of the school's majors and admission requirements.

The third trip was a bridge trip for upcoming 9th and 10th graders to Sullivan University and Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom. While at Sullivan, the students took a tour of the college and got a chance to see where students of one of the top-rated culinary schools in the country learned their craft. This was followed by a tour of the Sullivan University Bakery, and this gave the students a chance to purchase some of the delicious confections and baked goods that were created by students of the Sullivan University Culinary School. It was interesting to note that Sullivan's enrollment included business and pharmacy majors and the culinary school made up only about one-fourth of their total enrollment. The students then traveled to Six Flags where they enjoyed riding the roller coasters and getting better acquainted with students that they would be in the same school with in the fall.

CSI Camp: Summer Enrichment Series

Another middle school opportunity included the CSI Camp: Summer Enrichment Series. TRIO Talent Search collaborated with West Area Health Education Careers (WestAHEC) to host a day camp for selected middle school students in grades 6-8. Sessions included Interviewing and Investigative Teaming, Clue Collection, CSI Lab 101 and Real Life Forensic Careers. Some of the class activities included analyzing blood and fiber samples under a microscope, sampling and distinguishing finger prints, memory puzzles, handwriting analysis, and developing interview questions and listening skills. The parallel use of scientific investigation at a crime scene investigation to prove a person's innocence or guilt and the use of scientific investigation for a health care diagnosis to discover a person's illness was discussed. Speakers during the week included Madisonville police officers Justin Jones and Sean McCance, Commonwealth's Attorney David Massamore, and Dr. DeDe Schluckebier, western Kentucky medical examiner. The week culminated with three teams using their week's studies to solve a Dognapper Crime.

Submitted by: Wes Aussenbaugh



NKU ETS Summer Program a Success!

The Educational Talent search program housed at Northern Kentucky University recently completed our Summer Residential Camp for rising 7th and 8th grade program participants. This is the fourth summer that we have had students live on the NKU campus in dormitories, take classes, and participate in enriching and educational field trips. Twenty-nine campers learned about history, mathematics, forensics, and physical education. Students attended a midweek baseball game at the Florence Freedom Sports Complex to

watch our communities own Frontier League Independent Professional Baseball Team. The students ended the week with a visit to the Cincinnati Beach Water Park; just in time, as temperatures climbed well above ninety degrees that day. The theme this year was College Boot Camp. Students and staff donned tan and khaki apparel and participated in classes and activities geared to helping students prepare for college.

Our Saturday morning brunch and awards send-off was attended by over seventy friends

and family members of our campers. This has been our most successful camp yet! Over one-hundred students applied for thirty camp openings.

The Educational Talent Search staff at Northern Kentucky University plan to present a session during the SAEOPP conference, highlighting the planning and implementation of such a successful camp.

Congratulations Lisa, Rebekah, Becky, Zach, Matthew, and Judy!
Submitted by: Lisa Brinkman

MSU Upward Bound Has A Great Summer!

The Upward Bound Programs at Morehead State University wrapped up their 43rd summer with great success. Our students enjoyed various activities including family night, activity night, a student council planned prom and dance, dinner and a movie, bingo and a trip to Kings Island. This summer also included a visit from a comedian and Frank X Walker.



The students enjoyed their morning math, science, and English classes as well as afternoon elective classes in career planning, martial arts, digital photography, comic book literature, volleyball, yearbook, and TRiO Thinkquest, to name just a few! The art classes held the first annual Upward Bound Art Show featuring work of students participating in the mixed media, comic book art, and linoleum printmaking classes.

We had 37 students participate in our Bridge Program this summer. These students took two college classes at MSU. We are very proud of the fact that their overall GPA was a 3.38. Some of the colleges these students plan on attending in the fall include: Morehead State University, University of the Cumberlands, University of Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky University.

The Upward Bound Programs visited Nashville at the conclusion of the summer program. The students enjoyed a trip to Mammoth Caves, the Nashville Zoo, Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a tour of Western Kentucky University. The highlight of the trip was watching a live show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Overall, we had a wonderful summer program. We look forward to the new school year, and hope that everyone has a great year! Submitted by: Mary Claire Collins

Union News!!!

Summer Component

Here at Union College we are coming up on our fourth week of the summer component. The summer component, which is a six week course where the students reside on campus to experience college life, as well as helps them prepare for classes that they will be taking when they go back to school. The students are participating in classes such as Math, Science, English, Foreign language, Enrichment classes (Clay to Kiln, CSI, and year-book) and Personal Development. If the student successfully completes the six week program with at least a 3.0 GPA in their classes they are rewarded with an out-of-state trip, which is Virginia Beach this year. Also, during the summer the students go on a trip every Thursday. These trips are centered on education, social, and a chance for students to experience the world in other environments than what they are use to. Also, during the students' stay on campus they receive tutoring from our wonderful Tutor-Counselors. The tutor counselors are chosen college students with at least a 3.0 GPA, but all the Tutor-Counselors we have now are honor students at their college and have well above a 3.0. Each one of our tutor counselors excel in one subject area so when a student has problems with a certain subject they can receive one-on-one tutoring from a specific person. So far we have had a successful summer!

UB Graduations

This year in the program we have five participants graduating. Currently these seniors are participating in work study where they are earning money and they are also taking college classes. Some of our seniors are graduating leaving with almost one year worth of classes.

New Staff

Within the Upward Bound Program we have one new staff member.

Melissa Couch was hired in April 2009 as an Upward Bound tutor/advisor. Melissa graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's in education and she is currently working on her master's degree in special education. Melissa is passionate about helping the students to achieve their goals and helping them to succeed in wherever they wish to travel in the future.

Submitted by: Melissa Couch

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KENTUCKIANA COLLEGE ACCESS CENTER ETS PROGRAM GETS STUDENTS COLLEGE READY!

Kentuckiana College Access Center (KCAC) Educational Talent Search Program counselors in Louisville, Kentucky hosted an activity-packed Summer Enrichment Program for ETS high school juniors who will be seniors in the fall of 2009.

The kick-off for the 2-day program took place Thursday, June 11 with an enthusiastic welcome in a college classroom on Bellarmine University's campus located in Louisville, Kentucky. Morning seminars included "Financial Literacy" taught by Kim Dolan/KHEAA representative and "Financial Aid Terminology and Scholarships 101" taught by Tari Myers/KCAC counselor. Summer Enrichment Program participants and chaperones took a walking tour of Bellarmine's campus, ate a hot catered lunch in the student dining facility, and participated in an admissions presentation given by university representatives.

Before participants traveled to Renaissance Park for the afternoon, NeShaune Lasley, University of Kentucky Admissions Assistant Director provided a very informative UK admissions presentation. Activities at Renaissance Park included riding go-carts, participating in laser tag, playing miniature golf and playing arcade games. After all the learning and excitement of the day, participants were reluctant to go home, but were anxious about returning the next day for a motor coach bus tour of colleges, a visit to a cultural exhibit, and having dinner together.

Starting the second day of our Summer Enrichment Program, a motor coach bus took us from Bellarmine University to Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky. Participants took a walking tour of campus and received a lesson in college life 101. Students were very engaged in the tour and what Kentucky State University had to offer them. The next stop on the college bus tour was Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, where participants took a walking campus tour, received an admissions presentation and ate lunch in the student dining facility. After the stop at ECU, program participants returned to Louisville to visit the Bodies Human exhibit at the Mellwood Arts Center and then finished the evening with dinner and an awards ceremony.

Expressions on students' faces at the end of the program let ETS counselors know the students not only enjoyed themselves, but learned a lot about themselves, and each other, as well. The ETS Summer Enrichment Program provided students an opportunity to visit college campuses they would not have been able to visit on their own. Another perk for students was that each one who completed admissions applications to the toured universities got application fees waived! Programs like the ETS Summer Enrichment Program make such a difference in so many students' lives. Taking the challenge of helping change the world one child at a time, KCAC's ETS counselors played a significant role in helping each student on his/her road to being college ready!

Submitted by: LaShala Goodwin

2009 KAEOPD/TASD FALL CONFERENCE

Marriott Griffin Gate
Lexington, KY
November 9-11, 2009

COE Priority 3 Training
November 7-9
prior to conference

Conference Committee

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Willie Clark (TN Rep.)
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