

Fall 2002

From the MKN President

I don't know about all of you, but I am looking forward to a little respite between the semesters. It is hard to believe how fast this past year has gone. At the same time, I am really looking forward to the year ahead!

As TRIO professionals we have our work cut out for us! It is imperative that we address issues of compliance and evaluation. Lee Stephenson is organizing a pre-conference in April to address issues of evaluation. I've asked Jimmi Smith, Ngondi Kamatuka, and Kathleen Greene to address compliance issues and how we can tap into what MAEOPP is trying to do this year.

Even though a strong focus this year will be on evaluation and compliance, the rest of the work of the association is also important and needs attention. The committee structure is in place. You will find the list of committees and their respective chairs elsewhere in the newsletter. Look for your name. If you don't see it, and would like to be involved, call me or e-mail me, and we can arrange it. I hope that we can utilize the newsletter, the listserv, and web page as ways to better communicate with each other. Committee chairs will get their charges at the transition meeting in December. The committees and their charges will be posted on our web page. Again, I'm excited at the number of people who have indicated that they want to be involved.

I am also heartened by the sense of direction I see the foundation proposing. The board and the foundation will continue to work toward building a corpus of money from which we can give scholarships. I anticipate getting the scholarship information out early this year, so that everyone has a chance to nominate deserving candidates from their respective institutions.

The year ahead of us is both challenging and exciting. The conference marks the 25th anniversary of the association. I know that Lee has some wonderful ideas in the works for the conference. I hope to see all of you there!

Take care!

Star



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<http://info1.nwmissouri.edu/~mkn/mkn.html>

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New Programs Awarded in MKN

Missouri

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)
Crowder College*
Higher Education Consortium of
Metropolitan St.Louis
Metropolitan Community Colleges

Educational Talent Search (ETS)
Harris-Stowe State College
Higher Education Consortium of
Metropolitan St. Louis
Mineral Area College*
Saint Louis University*
Three Rivers Community College

MAEOPP Training Grant
Avila College

Kansas

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)
Wichita State University*
Barton County Community College
University of Kansas

Educational Talent Search (ETS)
Labette Community College*
Cowley County Community College

Dodge City Community College
Garden City Community College
Neosho County Community College

University Of Kansas
Wichita State University

Nebraska

Educational Talent Search (ETS)
AIM Institute: Bryan and Noris Jr. High
Schools*

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)
AIM Institute: Partnership with WNCC
and CSC*

Student Support Services (SSS)
Central Community College
Chadron State College
Southeast Community College at Lincoln

* indicates new program

**Emerging Leaders
2002-2003**

Pangie Burns
K-State (KS)

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Crowder College (MO)

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***Congratulations on being
selected and good luck with
your project.***

