

## **Oregon TRIO Association Mission, Objectives, and Goals December 2004**

The following Mission, Objectives, and 2004/05 Goals were approved at the December 7, 2004 Oregon TRIO Association State Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

### Mission

The purpose of the Oregon TRIO Association is to promote strong leadership within the State emphasizing collaboration with persons and institutions that are actively involved in serving the educational needs of first generation, low income students, and students with disabilities. The Oregon TRIO Association will also work to ensure that these students have access to higher education, and will work to increase their retention, graduation, and transfer rates.

### Objectives

In keeping with this mission, the Oregon TRIO Association has the following objectives:

- 1) **Visibility**  
Promote institutional, regional, and statewide visibility of TRIO programs through public relations campaigns, communication with state and institutional representatives, and coordination of student leadership conferences.
- 2) **Education and Training**  
Promote TRIO staff education and training in the areas of local, state, and national issues as well as TRIO regulations through regional State meetings and conferences.
- 3) **Mentoring**  
Assist new TRIO programs and staff in learning local, state, and national issues, and provide guidance in all aspects of effective TRIO program administration.
- 4) **Student Advocacy**  
Respond efficiently and meaningfully to issues that affect accessibility to and success in postsecondary education for TRIO eligible students (i.e. health insurance, financial aid barriers, etc).
- 5) **Fostering and Developing State Leadership**  
Promote and increase participation and communication within the State association to strengthen the organization and develop state leadership.
- 6) **Collaboration**  
Partner with Northwest Association of Special Programs (NASP), Council for Opportunity in Higher Ed (COE) and other TRIO-like programs to proactively facilitate change in TRIO regulations to better support program administration.

### **2004/05 GOALS**

- 1) Plan and implement a 2005 Student Leadership Conference in Salem, Oregon.  
(Tied to objectives 1 and 4.)
- 2) Develop mission and objectives for the State Association.  
(Tied to objectives 1 and 5)
- 3) Hold between 2 and 4 State Meetings in 2005  
(Tied to objectives 1-5)
- 4) Increase participation and communication among the Oregon Projects  
(Tied to objectives 1-3, 5)
- 5) Develop plan for financing the State Association. (Tied to objective 5)
- 6) Develop structure and leadership for State Association. (Tied to objective 5)