



# Navigator

a newsletter of the Northwest Association of Special Programs

**SPRING 2003**

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## UPCOMING DATES

NASP Spring Conference  
May 18–21, 2003  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Helen Trainor  
Phillip Dirks

Teleconference  
TRIO Legislation and Regulations  
June 5, 2003  
10:00 to 11:30 PDT  
Bellevue Community College  
Barbara Brodsky  
425 564-2207  
Possibly at other sites also.

COE-UB Student Leadership Conference  
American University  
Washington D. C.  
June 7-12, 2003  
[www.trioprogams.org](http://www.trioprogams.org)

TRIO ThinkQuest  
Program Registration Deadline  
June 27, 2003  
[www.triothinkquest.org](http://www.triothinkquest.org)

NASP Scholars Bowl 2003  
July 11-13, 2003  
Portland, Oregon  
[www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP](http://www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP)

NASP Board Meeting  
August TBA  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Seattle Central Community College  
George Deitz  
425 388-9274

COE Annual Conference  
September 28-October 1, 2003  
San Diego, California  
[www.trioprogams.org](http://www.trioprogams.org)  
Conferences and Training

NASP Fall Conference  
December 8-11, 2003  
Portland, Oregon  
[www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP](http://www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP)

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

**UPWARD BOUND AND MCNAIR FUNDING** - (The following information was taken from the COE Board Insights published May 13, 2003.)

Larry Oxendine, Director of the Office of Federal TRIO Programs, U.S. Department of Education, met with the Council for Opportunity in Education Board of Directors on May 9 and provided a general outline of the outcomes and the timeline for notifications for the recent McNair, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science competitions. The names of successful applicants for Upward Bound are expected to be forwarded to Congressional offices this week [May 12-16, 2003] At that point, most Congressional offices will notify successful institutions. The Council will notify all Upward Bound programs when these lists are forwarded to Capitol Hill. It is anticipated that lists of successful applicants under the Upward Bound Math/Science and McNair competitions will reach Congressional offices later this month.

According to Oxendine, 792 Upward Bound projects will be funded, 129 Upward Bound Math/Science projects will be funded, and 162 McNair projects will be funded. Applications from 51 institutions previously sponsoring Upward Bound projects; 14 institutions previously sponsoring Upward Bound Math/Science projects; and 18 institutions previously sponsoring McNair projects will not be funded. Among these "defunded institutions" 47 applications will not be funded because the total score on the application fell below the cut-off (99 for Upward Bound, 98 for McNair and 99.7 for Upward Bound Math/Science). Ten (10) applications will not be funded because their applications exceeded the page length requirement published by the U.S. Department of Education.

Fourteen (14) applications were not funded because the Department determined that each of these grants was improperly transmitted after the published closing date. Each of these 14 applications was prepared and mailed by Helm Consulting. The Department, according to Oxendine, reached this conclusion following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service. The Postal Service alleges that Helm Consulting had improperly obtained and used a postal round dater to backdate the applications submitted. Council for Opportunity in Education  
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**REAUTHORIZATION** - As of the May COE Board Meeting, Congress is still in the process of gathering suggestions for changes in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. COE is continuing to advocate for the changes that were presented to NASP last spring. Other agencies are

seeking to include funding criteria related to ethnic populations served and to the location of programs in underserved geographic regions. It is important for NASP and NASP projects and individuals to support COE in its efforts to keep TRIO as an effective educational support system for low income and first generation students.

**FAIR SHARE** – NASP and the other regions around the country support COE through the Fair Share program. Each region is expected to raise funds in proportion to the size of the region by purchasing COE Institutional Memberships and publication packages and by making individual contributions. **As of May NASP has only reached 89 percent of its target, so I am urging those of you have not purchased an Institutional Membership or a Publication Package to do so before June 15.** Your purchases provide you and your students with many benefits as well as support for COE's reauthorization and other efforts on behalf of TRIO.

**BOARD VACANCIES** - NASP Secretary, Vega Subramaniam, will be taking a new job outside TRIO at the end of June. The Board is looking for volunteers to complete her term. There are three people being considered for the position on Active Non-TRIO Representative and I hope to make an announcement soon.

**NEWSLETTER** - The Everett Community College Student Support Services Program has created this electronic version of the Navigator, but we are looking for someone to publish the future editions. Please contact me at 425 388-9274 or [gdeitz@evcc.ctc.edu](mailto:gdeitz@evcc.ctc.edu) if you are interested.

**CAS STANDARDS** - Implementing the Council for Advancement of Standards (CAS) standards for TRIO programs is an

important step in enhancing the credibility of TRIO programs. NASP and COE encourage all programs to begin the process utilizing these standard to evaluate your programs. Congratulations to Sally Burge for leading the creation of the May 14<sup>th</sup> teleconference on the CAS Standards. For more information please contact Robert Guerrero who is coordinating the CAS Standards for NASP or Sally Burge.

**STATE INITIATIVE** – Roger Grant continues to coordinate NASP’s efforts to strengthen the ties of TRIO programs to state government. In addition to making state government more aware of the needs of low-income students, this efforts seeks build the credibility of TRIO programs with state government and to eventually obtain more state funding for low-income students and TRIO. The COE Board approved plans at its May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to award mini-grants to State Chapters to implement state initiatives. An RFP will be distributed to all State Chapters this month. Thanks to all who submitted articles for the newsletter, and I hope everyone has a great summer.

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## FRIENDS OF NASP SPRING CONFERENCE

Hello everyone.

This is a reminder that Spring Conference is coming up fast.

### CONFERENCE RAFFLE

The raffle includes a free 2 night stay at the conference hotel + \$100 cash, the NASP Board basket, and software.

By now departments should have received their raffle tickets. They are only \$1.00 a piece and the precedes go to the following scholarship for our students. Please sell as many as you can so we can have more money for out students.

Scholastic Achievement Awards

These awards are given to exemplary TRIO students every Spring Conference.

### PEARL HILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A fund for Upward Bound seniors enrolling into college as first-time freshman.

Silent Auction: Cultural Items

Every conference, Friends of NASP holds a silent auction of cultural items donated by each project. In this way, we can share our various cultures with one another.

Once again this year we are asking for a multitude of small cultural items. This will make it easier for you to transport the items to Anchorage.

If anyone has any questions or suggestion, please contact me either via email or at my number listed below.

Thank you

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## **NASP Annual Scholars Bowl 2003** **By Phillip Dirks**

The NASP Scholar's Bowl will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 11-13, 2003. Competitions, hosted on the Portland State University Campus by their Upward Bound and ETS programs, include the following:

### **Academics Competitions:**

Knowledge Bowl, Speech, Writing, Poetry (Written & Spoken Word), Art Competition (On site & Offsite), Science, Chess, Math, & Computer Applications

### **Athletic Competitions:**

Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis

### **Track & Field Events:**

100 meter dash, "Ultimate Challenge Course," Frisbee Toss, Mile run, & Water Balloon Toss

We are expecting about 500 students and staff from the region and will also be joined by the Flathead Valley Community College Upward Bound program from Montana. Students will stay in PSU dorms, the Days' Inn, or the Doubletree Inn in downtown Portland. On Friday, radio station Jammin' 95.5 will be playing music and facilitating ice breakers for students in our park blocks. They will also provide a DJ for our dance on Saturday. Nike will also be donating some awards for some of our competitions.

Details are located on our website at [http://www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP\\_Pages/Scholar\\_Bowl\\_2003.htm](http://www.ess.pdx.edu/ets/NASP_Pages/Scholar_Bowl_2003.htm) (spaces are underscores). Registration is due by May 31<sup>st</sup> and hotel reservation deadlines are June 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and having a great time this year!

## **TRIO ThinkQuest** **By Phillip Dirks**

The University of Washington TRIO Technology Training Team is once again sponsoring the TRIO ThinkQuest web design competition this year. Detailed information can be obtained from [www.triothinkquest.org](http://www.triothinkquest.org). See the winners for the last two years there as well!

### **2003 Competition: Deadlines**

- **Program Registration**  
Program Registration Forms (formerly Intent to Participate Forms) for the TRIO ThinkQuest 2003 Internet Challenge must be completed by the deadline of 12:00 PM (noon) U.S. Eastern Time, Friday, June 27, 2003.
- **Applications**  
Applications for the TRIO ThinkQuest 2003 Internet Challenge may be submitted via the TRIO ThinkQuest Web site between Tuesday, April 15, 2003 and the application deadline of Tuesday, July 22, 2003.
- **Entries**  
Entries for the TRIO ThinkQuest 2003 Internet Challenge must be completed, and submitted no later than the entry deadline of 12:00 PM (noon) U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Friday, August 1, 2003.
- **Judging**  
On-line judging of the entries begins immediately after the entry deadline.

## The First LCSC/NASP TRIO On-line Training Course a Success

The LCSC/NASP TRIO Training Program successfully completed its first on-line Training Course, which concluded April 11, 2003. This unique on-line training opportunity, funded under the Legislative and Regulatory Requirements Priority through TRIO Grants from the U.S. Department of Education, was offered to all full and part time Student Support Services TRIO personnel via a WebCT course designed by LCSC's Media Services.

The training course, developed and facilitated by Program Director, Scott Clyde, Coordinator, Savona Holmes, and Instructor, Pegge Till, provided 21 participants from TRIO projects across the nation with the working knowledge and materials needed to assure compliance of individual TRIO projects.

An on-line training course will be offered for Upward Bound project personnel August 13-September 10th, with another Student Support Services training following October 6-31st. Three more on-line TRIO training courses will be offered throughout the 2004 academic year for Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Educational Opportunity Center TRIO projects. For more information go to [www.lcsc.edu/triotraining](http://www.lcsc.edu/triotraining) or contact the TRIO Training office at 792-2358.

## Washington State Policy Seminar Update

Washington State was well represented at the Policy Seminar held in Washington D.C. on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Our team leaders were Sally Burge and Deborah Walker. Team members included: Roger Grant, Margaret Robinson, Karen McKinney, Neil McFarland, Virginia Mack, and Charlene Lund. Our state Alum recipient was **Sonca Nguyen**. Sonca is currently enrolled in the aeronautics program at the University of Washington. We were also represented by alum from Eastern Washington University, **Christina Gaeta**. Christina is a student in EWU's McNair program. These ladies did an outstanding job representing TRIO before our congress members.

Our voices aided in securing 6 out of 9 house signatures and 2 out of 2 senate signatures in support of increased funding for TRIO in FY2004. This is significant if TRIO is to reach its goal to serve 10% of the eligible population.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

If you would like to place a link to your program's website on the NASP web site, please email your request to Phillip Dirks, NASP Webmaster, [dirks@mail.pdx.edu](mailto:dirks@mail.pdx.edu).