

IN TRIO NEWSLETTER

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**MAKING
EDUCATION
POSSIBLE**



IN TRIO CONFERENCE '23

Moving Forward: Breaking Barriers for Inclusion and Belonging

On behalf of the conference planning committee, we are thrilled to invite you to register for the 2023 Indiana TRIO Professional Conference. We are excited for all that will happen at the 2023 Annual Conference: "Moving Forward: Breaking Barriers for Inclusion and Belonging".

Indiana TRIO will come together as one in the heart of downtown Indianapolis at the Hyatt Place Hotel from April 24- April 26. The 2023 state conference is a three day gathering of educational opportunity program professionals from the state of Indiana who come together to learn, network, and be inspired.



DEADLINE: APRIL 10TH

REGISTER/FULL DETAILS AT [INDIANATRIO.ORG](https://indianatrio.org)



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please!

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2023 ELI RECIPIENT



CARRIE BLACK
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"I am privileged to serve as Indiana TRIO's Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) representative for this board year that concludes in November. I wanted to apply to the ELI program because it interested me to learn more about the rich history of TRIO programs throughout our region. I also wanted networking opportunities with professional peers and to build possible mentorship connections. Our ELI co-hort has meshed together wonderfully and one of our trainers for this program cycle is Catalina Rodriguez, who is an Indiana TRIO Past-President. The trainers provide a wealth of TRIO experience and together we are embarking on program projects and professional goals.

We are reading "Professional Troublemaker" by Luvvie Ajayi Jones and "The Fearless Organization" by Amy Edmondson. We also got to take the 360 Leadership Assessment and go over personalized results from our raters. I have enjoyed getting to travel through the Midwest region and meet other TRIO professionals who want to help advocate for the students we serve. One of our ongoing projects for the EOA Chapter is to provide conference feedback to help make the next EOA conference even stronger. If you are considering applying for ELI next cycle, feel free to ask me any questions at cscheiber1@ivytech.edu, or visit <https://eo.wildapricot.org/ELI> for more information."



IN MEMORIAM: PAST PRESIDENT,

Melida Chen



Melida Gutiérrez-Chen and Baby Asher Chen passed away unexpectedly on November 14, 2022. Melida obtained her B.A. from the University of Florida and became the first one in her family to graduate from college. Soon after graduation, Melida and her husband moved to Indianapolis where she taught middle school Spanish for two years while earning her M.A. from Marian University. In 2016, Melida joined the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Upward Bound program as Academic Coordinator and moved into an Assistant Director role. She became active in Educational Opportunity Association leadership, serving in multiple capacities both in the state and through the region. In 2021 and 2022, Melida served as the Indiana TRIO President-Elect and President, respectively. During her Presidency, she became the Director of TRIO Student Support Services at Iona University in New York. Our dear friend, Mely, will be greatly missed by the TRIO Community and all who knew her!

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND...



EOA 2023 Men of Excellence Conference

June 9th - 10th
Purdue University Northwest
Hammond, IN

Registration deadline for Early Bird rates is April 9, 2023.

For questions regarding the conference, please email men-of-excellence@eo.org.



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INFORMATION COMING SOON

POLICY SEMINAR: RECAP



Our delegation of IN TRIO representatives met with all 9 Congressional Offices in Washington, DC as well as, meeting face to face with the (2) Senators that represent the State of Indiana on Capital Hill. Our collective advocacy and asks centered around:

1. Support for a \$107 Million Dollar increase for TRIO Programs in FY 2024.
2. Protection against any and all potential cuts across the board for TRIO or any educational funding.