

# **HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS**

## **OVERVIEW by Tommy Swett**

TRIO personnel began to meet informally in the late sixties and early seventies. The first title they gave themselves was Division of Student Support for Special Programs (DSSSP). Dr. Alfonso Gore at A&T, Joe Dempsey at Elizabeth City, Donald Armstrong at St. Augustine's, Elroy Lewis at UNC-Chapel Hill, Arthur "Red" Alderman at A&T, Heath Rader at Southeastern Community College, Annie White at Shaw and Virginia Foxx at Appalachian were some of the founding members. Dr. Gore chaired the first meetings. Minutes were not available to give much detail until 1973. This was a year that North Carolina had a significant increase in the number of TRIO programs.

The North Carolina Council of Educational Opportunity Programs was organized under a Constitution and By-laws dated May 4, 1973. The Office of President-elect was one of the original offices of the association, which was later deleted in a constitutional revision.

The Council held joint meetings with NCASFSA, the state student financial aid organization, in Greensboro, NC May 14 – 16, 1974. This was an effort to orient them to TRIO and develop a close working relationship for the benefit of our students. It was NCCEOP's desire to maintain these joint meetings periodically but they were not able, due to a lack of interest within NCASFSA and scheduling problems.

Annie White was the 1973-74 president and Virginia Foxx was President-elect. Other officers at the meeting for the 1974-75 year were Tommy Swett, Vice President; Carol Gartrell, Secretary; Phyllis Scott, Treasurer; Helena Tidwell, Editor and Elroy Lewis, Regional

Representative. The beginning of a newsletter was endorsed at the meeting as well as requesting the executive committee to get membership dues and registration fees for the two annual conferences.

Virginia Foxx and Elroy Lewis were very active on the fairly new Regional Advisory Board that was formed by the Regional Office of Education in Atlanta, GA. Each state in the region would have two representatives. Vivian McGee was the senior program officer that met with the Board and Ella Fisher from Georgia was the first chairperson of the Advisory Board. SAEOPP evolved out of this Regional Advisory Board.

NCCEOP was experiencing rapid growth in attendance at its state meetings. Over sixty registered for the Spring Conference in Winston-Salem. Pansey Reddick hosted the conference. The Council had thirty-two paid members at this time. The Council leadership recognized a need for staff development for the influx of new personnel from the many new projects. Therefore, the emphasis at the conference was program management, counseling techniques, curriculum development and instruction.

NCCEOP was on its way to becoming a strong viable organization with its officers and members active on the state and regional level. The two annual state meetings and the one regional meeting were providing solid training, professional development, exposure to other professionals and visibility for our programs. As the state meetings criss-crossed the state from Nags Head to Asheville, organizational and programmatic changes were taking place on the state, regional and national level. During 1975-76, a lot of planning and discussion took place in the region relative to forming SAEOPP. Some tension was felt between the Regional Advisory Board and the Regional Office of Education as it became evident that an independent organization would be formed. This tension caused a ripple effect across the region because of

the paternal attitude the Regional Office had toward the projects. Project directors were afraid that there might be some retribution in future funding. This did not deter the NC Council as the membership voted on June 4, 1976 to support the formation of the regional organization and abolish the Regional Advisory Board.

Since NCCEOP began in 1973, the Council has grown in the number of programs and in membership. The Council's mission remains unchanged. It continues its commitment to educational advocacy for low-income students, and serving and meeting the professional needs of its membership.

### **Founders and Charter Members**

Dr. Alfonso Gore	Joe Dempsey	Tommy Swett	Donald Armstrong
Charlie Williams	Addie Hymes	Wayne Burgin	Vivian Foxx
Biffy Walters	Heath Rada	William Pete James	Arthur "Red" Alderman

### **HIGHLIGHTS (1971 – 2003)**

**by Beverly Wallace**

**With Contributions from Joyce Clayton, Grace Edwards and Dorothy Yarborough**

From the information that was available, this section begins with a listing of NCCEOP presidents only, from 1971 – 1977. Beginning with the 1977-79 term, Executive Board members are listed as well as committee chairs. Annual conference information is listed beginning with the 1987-89 term. News stories and highlights begin with the 1997-99 term. As additional information is collected, it will be added.

#### **1971- 72**

Virginia Fox, President

#### **1972-73**

Carol Gartell, President

#### **1973-75**

Joe Dempsey, President

#### **1975-77**

Tommy Swett, President

**1977-79**

Officers

Wayne Burgin, President  
Upward Bound Program  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, NC

Pat Phillips, Vice President  
Special Services  
Mars Hill College  
Mars Hill, NC

Donella Croslan, Secretary  
Upward Bound Program  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

Neila Mangum, Treasurer  
Upward Bound/Special Services  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

Program Committee

Gerald Blakeney  
John Elliott  
Gilbert Johnson

Carroll Hardy  
Addie Hymes

**1979-81\***

Officers

Alphonzo McRae, Jr., President  
Special Services/Upward Bound  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

John Elliott, Vice President  
Special Services/Upward Bound  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Charlotte, NC

Pat Carter, Secretary  
Special Services/Upward Bound  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

Judy Sarvis, Treasurer  
Special Services/Upward Bound  
Southeastern Community College  
Whiteville, NC

\*Constitutional revision to make terms of office two years to be in line with the SAEOPP Constitution.

**1981-83**

Officers

Harold McMillion, President  
Southeastern Community College  
Whiteville, NC

Francis Mebane, Vice President  
Beaufort County Community College  
Washington, NC

Frederick Hunter, Secretary  
Student Support Services  
Durham Technical Institute  
Durham, NC

Jean Ann Harris, Treasurer  
Student Support Services  
Wayne Community College  
Goldsboro, NC

Gertrude Ross, SAEOPP Representative  
Special Support Services  
UNC-Greensboro  
Greensboro, NC

## 1983-85

### Officers

Jean Ann L. Harris, President  
Special Services  
Wayne Community College  
Goldsboro, NC

Thomas Conway, Vice President  
Special Services  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, NC

Debbie Zaccarine-Davidson, Secretary  
Special Services  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

Margaret Williamson, Treasurer  
Special Services  
Bennett College  
Greensboro, NC

William E. James, SAEOPP Representative  
Special Services  
Wilson County Technical Institute  
Wilson, NC

Lloyd Moore, Parliamentarian\*  
Upward Bound/ Special Services  
Mars Hill College  
Mars Hill, NC

### Regional Representatives

Nancy Spann, Western Region  
Appalachian State University

James Armstrong, Central Region  
N. C. A&T State University

Grace Edwards, Northeast Region  
Halifax Community College

James McKay, Southeast Region  
Beaufort County Community College

### Communication Network

Deborah Zaccharine, Chairperson\*  
Nancy Spann  
Betty Eddleman  
Jerome Witherspoon  
George Armstrong  
Henry Puryear\*  
Muffie Tatum\*

Andrea Williams  
James Gripper  
Alan Harris  
Bessie Stringfellow  
Belinda Smith\*  
Elizabeth Frasier\*

Committee Chairs

Finance:

Margaret Williamson

Jim Davidson\*

Membership:

Thomas Conway, Jr.

Communication Networking:

Debbie Zaccarine-Davidson

Constitution and Legislative:

Richard Moore

Program Technique and Monitoring:

William James

Public Relations:

Addie Hymes

Awards and Recognition:

Loyce Susco

Archives:

James Harrington

Long Range Planning:

Joseph Dempsey

Research and Evaluation:

James Armstrong

Publications:

Dorothy Yarborough

Hospitality:

Barbara Archia

\*These persons served during 1984-85 only.

**1985-87**

Officers

Thomas Conway, President

Gertrude Ross, Vice President

Special Services

Special Services

North Carolina State University

UNCG

Raleigh, NC

Greensboro, NC

Cynthia Harris, Secretary

James Armstrong, Treasurer

Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound Program

North Carolina State University

N. C. A&T State University

Raleigh, NC

Greensboro, NC

Grace Edwards, SAEOPP Representative

Lloyd Moore, Parliamentarian

Special Services

Special Services/Upward Bound

Halifax Community College

Mars Hill College

Weldon, NC

Mars Hill, NC

Regional Representatives

Muffie Tatum, Western Region

Dorothy Yarborough, Central Region

Talent Search

Educational Opportunity Center

Western Carolina University

Piedmont Technical College

Cullowhee, NC

Roxboro, NC

John Browning, Northeast Region

Tommy Swett, Southeast Region

Special Services

Special Services/Upward Bound

Nash Technical College

Pembroke State University

Rocky Mount, NC

Pembroke, NC

Committee Chairs

Finance  
Membership  
Communication Network  
Constitution and Legislative  
Program Technique and Monitoring  
Public Relations  
Awards and Recognition  
Archives  
Long Range Planning  
Research and Evaluation  
Publication  
Hospitality  
Development

Leonard Bodrick  
James Armstrong  
Nancy Spann  
Gertrude Ross  
William James  
Sandra Gant  
Andrea Williams  
James Harrington  
Joseph Dempsey  
James Armstrong  
Dorothy Yarborough  
  
Dorothy Yarborough  
Gertrude Ross

**1987-89**

Officers

Gertrude Ross, President  
Student Support Services  
UNCG  
Greensboro, NC

Cynthia Harris, Vice President  
Upward Bound  
N. C. State University  
Raleigh, NC

Muffie Tatum, Secretary  
Talent Search  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

James Harrington, Treasurer  
Student Support Services  
UNCG  
Greensboro, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Parliamentarian  
EOC  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

C. Earl Davis, SAEOPP Representative  
Student Support Services  
Wayne Community College  
Goldsboro, NC

Area Representatives

Lloyd Moore, Western  
SSS/Upward Bound

Andrea Williams, Eastern  
Student Support Services

Mars Hill College  
Mars Hill, NC

College of the Albemarle  
Elizabeth City, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Central  
EOC  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Larry McCallum, Southern  
Upward Bound Program  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

## Conferences

### Sixteenth Annual Spring Conference

Theme: "Toward Equality and Excellence – Commitment, Leadership, Strategies"  
Date: April 29 – May 1, 1987  
Place: Marriott City Center, Charlotte, NC  
Chair: Leonard Bodrick

### Spring Conference

Theme: "Renewed Commitment: Ensuring Access and Retention for TRIO Students"  
Date: April 27 – 29, 1988  
Place: Pickett Suite Hotel, Durham, NC  
Co-Chairs: Dorothy Yarborough and Joyce Clayton

### 1989-91

#### Officers

Grace Edwards, President  
Student Support Services  
Halifax Community College  
Weldon, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Vice President  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Rubye Reid, Secretary  
Student Support Services  
N. C. A&T State University  
Greensboro, NC

Shirley B. James, Treasurer  
Student Support Services  
Wayne Community College  
Goldsboro, NC

Andrea R. Williams, SAEOPP Representative  
Student Support Services  
College of the Albemarle  
Elizabeth City, NC

Larry McCallum, Parliamentarian  
Upward Bound Program  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

Gertrude Ross, President Emeritus  
Special Support Services  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
Greensboro, NC

Area Representatives

Cynthia Harris, North  
Upward Bound Program  
N. C. State University  
Raleigh, NC  
John House, East  
Student Support Services  
Beaufort County Community College  
Washington, NC

Michael Parker, South  
Student Support Services  
Sampson Community College  
Clinton, NC  
Nancy Painter, West  
Lenoir Rhyne College

**Conferences**

**NCCEOP and S. C. Council of Special Programs Joint Spring Conference**

Theme: “Higher Education in a Multicultural Society: Our Critical Role Beyond 2000”  
Date: May 9 – 11, 1990  
Place: Howard Johnson Plaza, Wilmington  
Co-Chairs: Sandra Bennett, Larry McCallum, Maggie Glover

**1991-93**

Officers

Dorothy Yarborough, President  
EOC and SSS  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

James Gilliam, Vice President  
Talent Search  
St. Augustine’s College  
Raleigh, NC

CoCintheane Watlington, Secretary  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Keith Smith, Treasurer  
Upward Bound Program  
Shaw University  
Raleigh, NC

Winston Edmonds, Parliamentarian  
Student Support Services  
Central Piedmont Community College  
Charlotte, NC

Margaret Lawrence, SAEOPP Rep.  
Upward Bound Program  
Balden County Schools  
Elizabethtown, NC

Area Representatives

Joyce Clayton, North  
Upward Bound Program  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

Danford Groves, South  
Student Support Services  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

Mary Quinn, West  
Appalachian State University  
Boone, NC

William “Pete” James, East  
Student Support Services  
Wilson Technical Community College  
Wilson, NC

## Conferences

### **Third Annual Spring Conference (NCCEOP and S. C. Council of Special Programs)**

Theme: “Side by Side, Hand in Hand, Together our Commitment: TRIO Students”  
Date: April 3 – 5, 1991  
Place: Sheraton Myrtle Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Chair: Margaret Lawrence (NC)

### **Fall Conference**

Theme: “Strengthening NCCEOP by Emphasizing Leadership and Purpose”  
Date: December 4 – 6, 1991  
Place: Radisson Hotel, High Point, NC  
Chair: James Gripper  
Co-Chairs: Henry Puryear, Thelma Copeland

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference**

Theme: Reflecting, Renewing, Recharging  
Date: October 21 –23, 1992  
Place: Rocky Mount(?)  
Chair: John Browning  
Co-chairs: Odell Watson, Danford Groves, John House, Muffie Tatum

## 1993-95

### Officers

Dorothy Yarborough, President  
EOC and SSS  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Joyce Clayton, Vice President  
Upward Bound Program  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

Grace Edwards, Secretary  
Student Support Services  
Halifax Community College  
Weldon, NC

Keith Smith, Treasurer  
Upward Bound Program  
Shaw University  
Raleigh, NC

Michael Parker, Parliamentarian  
Student Support Services

Cynthia Harris, SAEOPP Representative  
Upward Bound Program

Sampson Community College  
Clinton, NC

N. C. State University  
Raleigh NC

Regional Representatives

Rubye Reid, Northern Region  
Ron McNair Program  
N. C. A&T State University  
Greensboro, NC

Margaret Lawrence, Southern Region  
Upward Bound Program  
Bladen County Schools  
Elizabethtown, NC

John Browning, Eastern Region  
Student Support Services  
Nash Community College  
Rocky Mount, NC

Bronwen Sheffield, Western Region  
Upward Bound Program  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

**1995-97**

Officers

Joyce Clayton, President  
Upward Bound Program  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

Debra Baker, Vice President (1995-96)  
Student Support Services  
Pitt Community College  
Greenville, NC

Queen Lewis-Odom, Secretary  
Upward Bound Program  
Southeastern Community College  
Whiteville, NC

Henry Puryear, Treasurer  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Kimberley Robinson-Faison, Parliamentarian  
Student Support Services  
Halifax Community College  
Weldon, NC

Danford Groves, SAEOPP Rep.  
Student Support Services  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

John Browning, Vice President (1996-97)  
Student Support Services  
Nash Community College  
Rocky Mount, NC

Regional Representatives

Cynthia Harris, North  
Upward Bound Program  
N. C. State University  
Raleigh, NC

Margaret Lawrence, South  
Upward Bound Program  
Bladen County Schools  
Elizabethtown, NC

Shirley Price, East

Kim Ethier, West

Student Support Services  
James Sprunt Community College  
Kenansville, NC

Student Support Services  
Wilkes Community College  
Wilksboro, NC

## Conferences

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

Theme: “Preserving the Network of Educational Opportunities from the Mountains to the Coast”  
Date: October 31 – November 2, 1995  
Place: Wilmington, NC  
Chair: Kimberley Robinson  
Co-Chair: Shirley Price  
Speakers and Special Guests:  
Representative Thomas E. Wright  
Dr. Dan Connell, SAEOPP President  
Margaret Wingfield, Department of Education  
Virginia Mason, Department of Education  
The Honorable Don Betz, Mayor  
Dennis Carter, UNC-Wilmington  
Awards: Dan Connell, Honors of the Council  
Prince Teal, Department of Education  
The Honorable Fred Heineman, US House of Representatives  
Wes Waugh (ASU), Maxine Baskerville (ECSU) – Five Year Grants

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Theme: “Meeting the Challenges of the New Millennium: Through Effective Services, Accountability and Technology”  
Date: October 23 – 25, 1996  
Place: Greensboro, NC  
Chair: Beverly Wallace  
Co-Chair: Rubye Reid  
Speakers and Special Guests:  
Mayor Carolyn Allen  
Dr. Carol Disque, UNCG  
Representative Alma Adams  
Dr. Lynda Jordan, NCA&TSU  
  
Dr. Donald Cameron, GTCC  
Senator William Martin  
Dr. Dan Connell, SAEOPP President  
Dr. Gloria Scott, Bennett College  
Margaret Wingfield, Dept. of Ed.  
Awards: Shirley Swett, Honors of the Council

## Highlights and Accomplishments

- TRIO Office Professionals Committee was initiated at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Conference
- Four new TRIO programs were funded: Ron McNair Program at Elizabeth City State University; Upward Bound Programs at Fayetteville State University and North Carolina State University; Upward Bound Math and Science Center at Johnson C. Smith University.
- Dorothy Yarborough was elected Vice President of SAEOPP.
- Grace Edwards co-chaired the 1996 SAEOPP Conference

### 1997-99

#### Officers

Joyce Clayton, President  
Upward Bound Program  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, NC

Danford Groves, VP (1997-98)  
SSS/Upward Bound  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, NC

Beverly Wallace, VP (1998-99)  
Upward Bound Program  
N. C. A&T State University  
Greensboro, NC

Queen Lewis-Odom, Secretary  
Upward Bound Program  
Southeastern Community College  
Whiteville, NC

Henry Puryear, Treasurer  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Piedmont Community College  
Roxboro, NC

Susan McCracken, Parliamentarian  
Upward Bound Program  
Appalachian State University  
Boone, NC

Denise White, SAEOPP Representative  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Fayetteville State University  
Fayetteville, NC

#### Regional Representatives

Kim Faw, Western Region  
Student Support Services  
Wilkes Community College  
Wilkesboro, NC

Shirley Price, Eastern Region  
Student Support Services  
James Sprunt Community College  
Kenansville, NC

Cynthia Harris, North  
Upward Bound Program  
N. C. State University  
Raleigh, NC

Margaret Lawrence, South  
Upward Bound Program  
Bladen County Schools  
Elizabethtown, NC

## Conferences

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Theme: “Sterling Service/Golden Opportunities: 25 Years of Providing Educational Support”  
Date: November 5 – 7, 1997  
Place: Asheville, NC  
Chair: Susan McCracken  
Co-Chair: Kim Faw  
Speakers and Special Guests:  
Charles Worley, Asheville Town Council  
Dr. Willie Fleming, ASU  
Dr. George A. Antonelli, UNC General Administration  
Virginia Mason, Dept. of Ed.  
Alvin Phillips, COE  
Dorothy Yarborough, SAEOPP President  
Doreatha Tyson, SAEOPP Vice President  
Awards: Tommy Swett and Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Council  
Lillie Hammonds and Virginia Mason, Special Recognition

### Spring Conference

Theme: “Sterling Service and Golden Opportunities: Continuing the Challenge of Providing Educational Support and Academic Excellence”  
Date: April 3, 1998  
Place: Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC  
Chair: Beverly Wallace  
Speakers: George Foust, Executive Vice President (GTCC)  
James Armstrong, Director Memorial Student Union, NCA&TSU, Greensboro

### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Theme: “Celebrating the North Carolina TRIO Legacy”  
Date: November 11 – 13, 1998  
Place: Charlotte, NC  
Co-Chair: Deborah Kingsberry  
Co-Chair: Melvin Felton

#### Speakers and Special Guests:

Dr. Maxine Moore, J. C. Smith University  
Dr. Mel Gay, Central Piedmont Community College  
Maureen Hoyler, COE  
Stanley Williams, Office of the Secretary, Atlanta  
Dr. Nick Gennett, Central Piedmont Community College  
Dr. Elizabeth Johns, N. C. Community College System  
Margaret Wingfield, Dept. of Education  
Doretha Tyson, SAEOPP

Honors of the Council: Maureen Hoyler  
Special Recognition: Margaret Wingfield  
Stanley Williams

### **Highlights and Accomplishments**

- The membership voted to amend the Constitution (deleted SAEOPP Representative office, and transferred duties to the Vice President)
- Re-instated the spring conference to a one-day activity
- Established a scholarship program to provide four scholarships at \$500.00 each annually at the Spring Conference.
- Treasurer completed a Fiscal Management Manual
- Developed a website for NCCEOP
- Celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Honored NCCEOP founders. UNC-chapel Hill supported the conference with a monetary donation.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – honored North Carolina personnel that are TRIO alumni (Alumni chapter initiated). UNC-Chapel Hill underwrote the cost of program booklets.
- Businesses and corporations co-sponsored Newcomers Reception, Hospitality hours and provided other aids for TRIO personnel.
- President provided response to the National Study of Upward Bound Programs per request of SAEOPP president and Dr. Robert Bell.
- Dorothy Yarborough was elected President of SAEOPP.
- Kenneth Chavious, UNC Upward Bound graduate, selected as SAEOPP TRIO Achiever.
- New Talent Search Programs were funded at Fayetteville State University and James Sprunt Community College.

### **1999-2001**

#### Officers

Beverly Wallace, President  
North Carolina A&T State University  
Upward Bound Program  
Greensboro, NC

Henry Puryear, Vice President  
Piedmont Community College  
Educational Opportunity Center  
Roxboro, NC

Kimberley Robinson, Secretary  
Halifax Community College  
Student Support Services  
Weldon, NC

Susan McCracken, Treasurer  
Appalachian State University  
Upward Bound Program  
Boone, NC

John House, Parliamentarian  
Beaufort County Community College  
Student Support Services  
Washington, NC

Joyce Clayton, Past President (1999-2000)  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Upward Bound Program  
Chapel Hill, NC

### Regional Representatives

Shirley Price, Eastern Region  
James Sprunt Community College  
Student Support Services and Upward Bound  
Kenansville, NC

Mickey Locklear, Northern Region  
Talent Search  
N. C. Commission on Indian Affairs  
Raleigh, NC

Meg Turner, Western Region (1999-2000)  
Mars Hill College  
Upward Bound Program  
Mars Hill, NC

Larry McCallum, Southern Region  
UNC-Pembroke  
Upward Bound and SSS  
Pembroke, NC

Joyce Watson, Western Region (2000-01)  
Lees-McRae College  
Talent Search  
Banner Elk, NC

### **Conferences**

#### **Spring Conference**

Date: April 30, 1999  
Place: Piedmont Community College, Roxboro, NC  
Chair: Henry Puryear, Vice President  
Speakers and Special Guests:  
Dean Kenneth Whitehurst, Student Development, Piedmont C. C.  
Monica Leach, Academic Director of Diversity Affairs, NCSU  
Dorothy Yarborough  
Glenda Hubbard, Program Director, Employee Assistance Services  
Dr. H. James Owen, President, Piedmont Community College

#### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference**

Theme: "Looking Toward New Horizons for the Millennium with NCCEOP"  
Date: November 14-16, 1999  
Place: Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel, Atlantic Beach  
Conference Chair: Kimberley Robinson  
Co-Chairs: Walter Palmer, Robin Proctor  
Awards: Joyce Clayton, Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Council  
Dr. John Browning, Gertrude Ross, Honors of the Executive Board  
Other Awards: Five-Year Upward Bound Programs:  
Appalachian State University

Johnson C. Smith University  
Mars Hill College

Speakers and Special Guests:

Kenneth Whitehurst, Director, Student Development Services, NC Community College System

### **Spring Conference**

Date: March 31, 2000

Place: Anderson Center, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem

Chair: Henry Puryear

Co-Chairs: Guin White, Nancy Allen, Debbie Kingsberry

Speakers and Special Guests:

Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Leslie McCarley, Director of Collaborative Educational Reform Project

Dorothy Yarborough, Chair Elect, COE

Joyce Clayton, Vice President, SAEOPP

Awards: Joyce Clayton, Past President of NCCEOP

### **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference**

Theme: "Spanning the Gap Through TRIO"

Date: November 1 – 3, 2000

Place: Raleigh, NC

Chair: Mickey Locklear

Co-Chairs: Henry Puryear, Marilyn Waddell

Awards: Dr. Donald R. Armstrong (posthumously), Honors of the Council

Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Executive Board

Speakers and Special Guests:

Representative from Congresswoman Eva Clayton's Office

Danford Groves, Counselor-Coordinator Robeson Community College

Van C. Wilson, Director, Enrollment Management, Winston-Salem State U.

Dorothy Yarborough, Chair, COE

Doreatha Tyson, President, SAEOPP

### **Highlights and Accomplishments**

- The President began the process to apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status - received tax ID number.
- The President developed handbooks for the Fall Conference Chairs.
- Upward Bound Programs received \$10,000 technology grant
- Upward Bound Programs could apply for the Expansion Initiative
- Dorothy Yarborough elected chair-elect of COE (2000-01)
- Joyce Clayton elected Vice President of SAEOPP
- Denise White co-chaired the 2000 SAEOPP Conference

## 2001-2003

### Officers

Beverly Wallace, President  
N. C. &T State University  
Upward Bound Program  
Greensboro, NC

Samuel Davis, Vice President  
Nash Community College  
Student Support Services  
Rocky Mount, NC

Kimberley Robinson, Secretary  
Halifax Community College  
Student Support Services  
Weldon, NC

Robin Proctor, Treasurer  
Nash Community College  
Student Support Services  
Rocky Mount, NC

Robert Muhammad, Parl. (2001-2003)  
Central Piedmont Community College  
Upward Bound Program  
Charlotte, NC

John House, Parliamentarian (2/2003 – 4/2003)  
Beaufort County Community College  
Student Support Services  
Washington, NC

### Regional Representatives

John Foreman, Eastern Region  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
Special Support Programs  
Greensboro, NC

Judith Cowan, Southern Region  
Livingstone College  
Empowering Scholars Program  
Salisbury, NC

Shirley Price, Eastern Region  
James Sprunt Community College  
Student Support Services and Upward Bound  
Kenansville, NC

Charles Bowling, Western Region  
Appalachian State University  
Upward Bound Program  
Boone, NC

### **Spring Conference**

Date:

Place: Nash Community College, Rocky Mount

Co-Chair: Robin Proctor

Co-Chair: Antonio Stephens

Awards: 1999-2001 Executive Board

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

Theme: “Providing a Toolkit for the Future”

Date: November 7-9, 2001

Place: Adams Mark Hotel, Winston-Salem

Chair: Guin White

Co-Chairs: Kim Faw, Gilma Roberts

Speakers and Special Guests:

Associate Justice G. K. Butterfield, Jr.  
Judge Paul A. Hardison  
Dr. Donald Martin, Superintendent Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools  
Ronnie Brooks, Chair COE  
Dorothy Yarborough, Immediate Past Chair COE (on behalf of Joyce Clayton,  
SAEOPP president)

### **Spring Conference**

Date: April 26, 2002  
Place: University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
Co-Chair: Larry McCallum  
Co-Chair: Queen Lewis-Odom  
Speakers: Clark, Asst. V. P. of Recruitment and Enrollment Management, UNCP  
Joyce Clayton, SAEOPP president  
Highlight: First Annual High School Student Leadership Conference

### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

Theme: “Our Heritage: Foundation for the Future”  
Date: November 6 – 8, 2002  
Place: Marriott City Center, Charlotte  
Chair: Judith Cowan  
Co-Chairs: Madalyn Lowe, Robert Muhammad  
Speakers and Special Guests:  
Dr. James H. Woodard, Chancellor, UNC-Charlotte  
James E. Ferguson, II, President, Senior Partner and Founding Partner of  
Ferguson, Stein, Chambers, Wallas, Adkins, Gresham and Sumter, P. A.  
Larry Oxendine, Director of TRIO Programs, Dept. of Ed., Washington, DC  
Dr. Algenia Freeman, President, Livingstone College, Salisbury  
Dr. Dorothy Yancey, President, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte  
Patrick Day, Assoc. Vice President of Student Affairs, J. C. Smith University  
Dr. Mel Gay, Assoc. Vice President for Student Services, Central Piedmont CC  
Joyce Clayton, SAEOPP President  
Dr. Maxine McLinnahan-Broadway, VP for Academic Affairs, Livingstone C.  
Awards: Grace Edwards, Honors of the Council  
Rube Reid, Honors of the Executive Board  
Five year grants (NC State Talent Search, Fayetteville State EOC, Piedmont C. C.  
EOC, Piedmont Center for Educational Excellence Talent Search, Surry  
Community College EOC, College of the Albemarle EOC, Halifax Community  
college EOC).

### **Spring Conference**

Date: April 4, 2003  
Place: Johnston Community College, Smithfield  
Co-Chair: Jennifer Latino

Co-Chair: Elizabeth Baucom

### **Highlights and Accomplishments**

- The Regional Representatives implemented the communications network via e-mail.
- The Development Committee sponsored the First Annual TRIO Contest (scholarship fundraiser) at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Over \$5,000.00 was raised. Over \$3,000.00 was raised the next year at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.
- The President developed a Handbook for the Spring Conference Chairs.
- The application for 501(C)(3) was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.
- New SSS Programs were funded (Davidson Community College, Carteret Community College, Winston-Salem State University, Barber-Scotia College, Johnston Community College, Sandhills Community College). None were defunded.
- Joyce Clayton was elected president of SAEOPP (2001- 03).
- The First Annual High School Student Leadership Conference was held at the Spring Conference, Pembroke State University on April 26, 2002.
- Rubye Reid co-chaired the 2002 (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) SAEOPP Conference.
- New EOC's were funded (Halifax Community College, Surry Community College, College of the Albemarle).
- New Talent Search Programs were funded (Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Piedmont Center for Educational Excellence, Wilson Technical Institute).
- The Joe Dempsey/Donald Armstrong Scholarship was initiated by Prince Teal.
- The president wrote an in-depth history of NCCEOP in response to the SAEOPP history project that was coordinated by Irma Burkes and Clara Hewitt.
- The outgoing president developed a Transition Guide with information for the incoming NCCEOP President.