

OAEOPP News

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OAEOPP, 2000

The Annual OAEOPP Conference will take place on April 16 – 18, 2000 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus, OH. The conference theme is *Making Preparations for the New Millennium*. A call for proposals has already gone out and the Student Leadership Conference April 14 – 15, 2000 (see article in this issue of OAEOPP News) is one of the best we have ever planned. We hope to see you in Columbus!!!

University of Cincinnati Upward Bound honored with Imagemaker Award

Phil Cathey
Upward Bound Program, University of Cincinnati

The University of Cincinnati Upward Bound Program was recently honored with a Special Recognition Award for the Year 2000 Imagemaker Awards. The program received the award as a result of voting by the Imagemaker Awards Selection Committee, an esteemed panel of Cincinnati's most distinguished leaders.

The Imagemaker Awards, instituted in 1989 by Applause! Magazine, recognize the outstanding achievements of Greater Cincinnati's African-Americans.

The University of Cincinnati Upward Bound Program and other award recipients will be honored at a black-tie Aronoff Center gala on Saturday, February 19, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. Congratulations Phil, Cynthia, Brinson, and Eleonor.

Dr. Joseph Lewis honored by 20th Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club of Xenia, Ohio, one of the oldest women's clubs in Greene County, hosted its second annual awards luncheon recently and Dr. Joseph Lewis was one of the ten honored for his contributions. Dr. Lewis, the namesake behind our Joseph D. Lewis Trail Blazer Award has made a difference in the lives of many young people and professionals.

Congratulations, Dr. Lewis!

Scholarship offered by the Joseph D. Lewis Family

A scholarship in the name of Iris Jean Lewis, the daughter and CSU graduate (deceased) has been established with the following guidelines:

- Recipient must have been in an Upward Bound Program NATIONWIDE.
- Recipient must have completed 100 quarter Hours of Instruction at Central State University with an overall GPA of 2.75.
- Recipient must be a major in either: History, Math, Political Science, or Computer Science.
- A member of the Joseph D. Lewis family will participate in the final selection.
- In the event of a stalemate in the selection process, the person adjudged as having the MOST documented evidence of Community Service and Support of The Unequal population will become the Selectee.
- Scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$500 and must be used exclusively to meet the Direct Costs of their education at Central State University.

Note: Ms. Iris Jean Lewis graduated from Central State University Class of 76'.

University of Akron Upward Bound Math and Science Program receives grant renewal.

Five-Year Grant Renewal

John Vesalo

The University of Akron's Upward Bound Math and Science Regional Center was awarded a five-year grant renewal with funding of \$258,736 annually from the U. S. Department of Education. Five-year grants are given to those programs that submit proposals and that are ranked in the top 10 percent of the national competition. "Receiving this award indicates that the quality of what we're doing is being recognized on the federal level," says John Vesalo, coordinator, Upward Bound Math and Science. The program was initially funded in September 1992 for three years and refunded in September 1995 for four years.

Academic Achievement News –University of Akron Math and Science

Upward Bound students have whale of experience

When they returned to their home schools in the fall of 1999, six high school students from Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina were able to say they spent their summer vacations trying to figure out ways to attach tracking devices to whales. The Upward Bound Math and Science students participated in WhaleNet, a Massachusetts-based marine research project that studies how marine animals live by using electronic devices to track whales and other marine animals.

Back in the labs at the Goodyear Polymer Science Building, the students spent six weeks testing polymer adhesives, namely vinyl, as a means of attaching the devices to the whale blubber. Currently, scientists attach the devices by partially implanting a barb into the blubber layer. In the end, they found that one type of commercial glue seemed to work but recommended that more research was needed.

The Upward Bound Math/Science Program was highlighted in The Akron Beacon Journal, July 22, 1999, B1, B2.

SSS Mentoring Program

The Student Support Services Program and Hispanic Steering Council at Cuyahoga Community College have collaborated to begin a mentoring program. Over forty students, faculty, and staff are participating in this new initiative. On January 28th the group met for a Kick-Off Orientation, which gave mentors and mentees the chance to become acquainted. The mentoring program is designed to provide a support system for SSS participants. Mentoring activities will give students the opportunity to define academic and career goals, build self-esteem, discuss current events, attend cultural events, and develop leadership skills. The SSS Program has also been collaborating with the College's Black Caucus for the past several years in a successful mentoring program.

OAEOPP Oral History

Dr. Joseph D. Lewis, Chair of the Oral History Committee

The OAEOPP history gathering Oral History committee is busily involved with two major activities: (1) We continue to interview former Upward Bounders enrolled from 1965 to the present and (2) we are interviewing primarily urban secondary students (at-large), parents, teachers and other adults to discover their perceptions of their public school districts. School districts represented in this investigation include: Cleveland, OH, Dayton, OH, Springfield, OH, Xenia, OH, Youngstown, OH, and Chicago, IL. We are also comparing and contrasting American perceptions with those of individuals from Dakar, Senegal, Accra, Ghana, Khartoum, Sudan, Lagos, Nigeria, and Nairobi, Kenya. (We are finding that African students (secondary) pay for their books and supplies plus a

modest tuition amount). OAEOPP staff and students as well as regular members of the Wittenberg University and Central State University student bodies are serving as interviewers. Upward Bound and Talent Search staff involved include Cuyahoga Community College, Sinclair Community College, the University of Cincinnati, Central State University, Ohio Wesleyan, and Case Western Reserve University. Committee members who remain actively involved include Brenda Payne, Monica Coker, Regina Holly, Robert Patterson, Phil Cathey, Cynthia Partridge, Michele Franklin, Maryama Kamara, Eddie Chambers, Carrie A. R. Reeves, and Deborah Lipscomb. All participants are urged to send tapes and transcriptions to Joseph Lewis as soon as possible, as they are completed because we are making a presentation at the Annual National Black Family conference, University of Louisville on March 10, 2000.

Bowling Green State University College Access Programs hire new staff

Mr. George Rice, III has joined Bowling Green State University as the assistant Director for the Upward Bound Program. Mr. Rice was employed as a part-time mathematics instructor with the Upward Bound Program during the academic year and summer component. He previously taught mathematics and science at Robinson Junior High School in Toledo.

Congratulations, Mr. Rice!!!!



2nd Annual Kujichalugia Ujima Student Empowerment Conference

February 25-26, 2000 in Toledo, OH

Pamela Rogers
Upward Bound Program, Univ. of Toledo

The University of Toledo Upward Bound Program is hosting its 2nd Annual Kujichalugia Ujima Student Empowerment Conference, February 25-26, 2000 at the Wyndam Toledo Hotel, Toledo, OH. The Conference is held to highlight National TRIO Day. Participants attending the conference will spend the day in workshops aimed at raising their self-perception, consciousness, leadership and motivation for continued academic achievement to assist them in overcoming class, social and cultural barriers. Dr. Naim Akbar, who had been acclaimed by Essence Magazine as "one of the world's preeminent psychologists and a pioneer in the development of African-centered approach in modern psychology will be the keynote speaker for the dinner program. Dr. Akbar is a professor in the Department of Psychology at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida and is director of his private consulting firm, Mind Productions and Associates, Inc.

Dr. Akbar will also be one of the panelist for the Teen summit Friday evening. The conference will end on Saturday morning.

City of Cincinnati proclaims National TRIO Day

Saturday, February 26, 2000 proclaimed National TRIO Day

Phil Cathey

The honorable Mayor Charlie Luken, Mayor of the city of Cincinnati has issued a proclamation for National TRIO Day.

Oberlin TRIO Programs Celebrate TRIO Day/Week

TRIO Programs and college community come together to celebrate National TRIO Day

Sammie Davis-Dyson

The departments of Student Academic Services, the Center for service and Learning, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the Upward Bound Program are all coming together in an effort to produce a first-time campus-wide celebration of programs designed for students who are in the First Generation and/or Low Income demographic and are already in college or are high schoolers thinking or planning toward college.

This will encompass a series of events, some at the local Oberlin High School and others on the campus of Oberlin College. The events that will take place at Oberlin High School will be a panel discussion, financial aid presentation, and admissions presentation.

On Friday, the 25th, on campus at Oberlin College, from about 8:45 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m., the joint departments (Upward Bound, Student Academic Services, the Center for Service and Learning, and the Office of Undergraduate Research) will host Upward Bound students from around Lorain County. The day's activities will include the students' being escorted to class by an Oberlin student and the class will be within their area of interest; a panel discussion and group interaction segment that will focus on real life issues and concerns of preparing for college; video presentation regarding financial aid; and admissions office presenters from Oberlin. Lunch will also be included with students in the regular dining area so that they can be among Oberlin students. Students will always be in the escort of an Oberlin student. The day will begin with welcome address by the Dean of Students, Peter Goldsmith and it will end with the pairing or grouping of Upward Bound students with student mentors.

The purpose of this entire week of events is to encourage, motivate, or excite high school students about college life.

Celebrating TRIO at COSI

The College Access Programs at BGSU will be celebrating National TRIO Day on March 31, 2000 at COSI Toledo. The even is open to program participants and family members.

Come to Columbus –



OAEOPP Student Leadership and Professional Conference

Great Student Leadership Conference Planned for Columbus

Making Preparations for the New Millennium: Mind, Body, and Spirit

On Friday and Saturday, April 14 through the 15, over 150 TRIO students from across the state will travel to Columbus, Ohio for OAEOPP's 18th Annual Student Leadership Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Making Preparations for the New Millennium: Mind, Body, and Spirit." The conference will be held downtown Columbus at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Co-chairs for this event are Monica D. Coker (CWRU), Amanda C. Downey (OWU), and Deborah B. Lipscomb (OWU).

Derek Clay, State Director for the Al Gore campaign, will give the opening plenary. Some of the workshops topics scheduled for Friday include: *"Put Your Best Foot Forward: What You Don't Say May*

L. Aaron
Assistant City
Prosecutor
*"What Are You
To Prepare
Leadership*
(Presenter

"We've planned a student leadership conference that will not only be educational, equipping students with leadership building skills, but it will also provide your students with accurate information about their mental, physical and spiritual health which

Hurt You,"
Granger,
Attorney,
(Presenter);
*Doing Today
For
Tomorrow"*
TBD); "All

You Need Is 15 Minutes? Your College Preparation Will Take More Than That!" Jason Lee, Academic and Student Services Coordinator, OWU UB (Presenter); *"Who is Robert...And What Are His Rules?"* (Presenter TBD); *"Taking Care of Business First"* (Presenter TBD).

Also on Friday night, students will be given the opportunity to experience the electrifying dance company out of Philadelphia, Rennie Harris PureMovement. This hip-hop dance company combines an array of dance forms. The company has performed all across the world, including Paris, St. Thomas, Holland, and Helsinki. The performance will take place at the historic Southern Theatre in downtown Columbus, just minutes from the conference hotel.

Saturday will be yet another unforgettable experience; students will travel to Columbus State Community College to be exposed to both local and national speakers—as well as hearing from city and state legislators.

The day will open with a dramatic lecture presentation on substance abuse, performed by actor Scot Anthony Robinson. Workshop issues to be addressed during the Saturday sessions are numerous and diverse. Some of the topics and presenters include: 1) Youth Violence & Crime, Sergeant De Lacy Davis (East Orange Police Dept & founder of Black Cops Against Police Brutality); 2.) Music, Media & its Influence, Alfred "Coach" Powell (Alcohol and Drug Prevention Specialist & Author); Self-Acceptance/ Self-Esteem and How to Handle Stress, Gloria Long Groves (Professor, Wilmington College) Teenage Pregnancy & its Effects, Kenyette Barnes

(Educator, Philadelphia American Red Cross) and Drug Use/Abuse & the Effects, Dr. Lewis Dodley. Other issues to be addressed will be Parent/Teen Relationships, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Peer Pressure.

Much like in the years past, this year's student leadership conference is one you won't want your students to miss. We've planned a student leadership conference that will not only be educational, equipping students with leadership building skills, but it will provide your students with accurate information about their mental, physical, and spiritual health, which will enable them to make more informed decisions.

Look for registration materials soon! For more information, contact one of the co-chairs listed below:

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Student Leadership Conference – Tentative Schedule

18th Annual Student Leadership Conference
***"Making Preparations for the New Millennium:
Mind, Body, and Spirit"***
April 2000

Friday, April 14

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Registration

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Welcome and Orientation

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Dinner

5:15 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. Opening Speaker

- Derek Clay, **State Director, Al Gore Campaign**

6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

- "Put your best foot forward: what you don't say may hurt you,"
**Aaron L. Granger, Assistant City Attorney,
Prosecutor**
- "What are you doing today to prepare for leadership tomorrow,"
**Charles Shahidd, Program Coordinator & Vernita
Johnson, Program Counselor, ETS, ODC**

- "All you need is 15 minutes? Your college preparation will take more than that!" **Jason Lee, Academic and Student Services Coordinator, OWU**
- "Who is Robert and what are his rules?" **Dr. Patricia Black-Clay, Assistant Principal, Southeast Christian Academy**
- "Taking care of business first" **Anthony BoBo, Educational Specialist, AU**

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7:35 p.m.	Depart for Southern Theatre
8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.	Rennie Harris PureMovement, Southern Theatre
10:00 p.m.– 12:00 a.m.	Reception (Ice Breakers, Open Mic, Board Games)
12:30 a.m.	Lights Out!

Saturday, April 15

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet/Registration
8:00 a.m.	Board Vans/Buses & Depart for Columbus State Community College (CSCC)
8:20 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Pick up THF & S Packets
9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Opening Program
9:30 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Opening Presentation, Scot Anthony Robinson Nestor Auditorium, CSCC
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Cafeteria, CSCC
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Youth Violence & Crime, Sergeant De Lacy Davis (NJ)

2:00 p.m. – 3: 00 p.m.	Teen Pregnancy & its Effects, Kenyette Barnes (PA)
3:15p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Music, Media & its Influence, Alfred "Coach" Powell (OH)
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Rap Session/Wrap-up Nestor Auditorium, CSCC
5:30 p.m.	Students Depart for Hotel

Professional Conference – Tentative Schedule

Ohio Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel: Making Preparations for the New Millenium – 26th Annual Professional Conference – April 16th through April 18th

Sunday, April 16th

Registration	12:00 to 4:00 pm	
Opening Plenary	4:00 to 5:00 pm	Who Are TRIO Personnel? Let's Get Acquainted
Dinner On Your Own	5:00 to 7:00 pm	
Session	7:00 to 8:00 pm	OAEOPP:Creating Partnerships With State Government – Panel Discussion with Representative Ray Miller, Ohio Board of Regents, and Viola Gray – COE President

President's Reception

Monday, April 17th

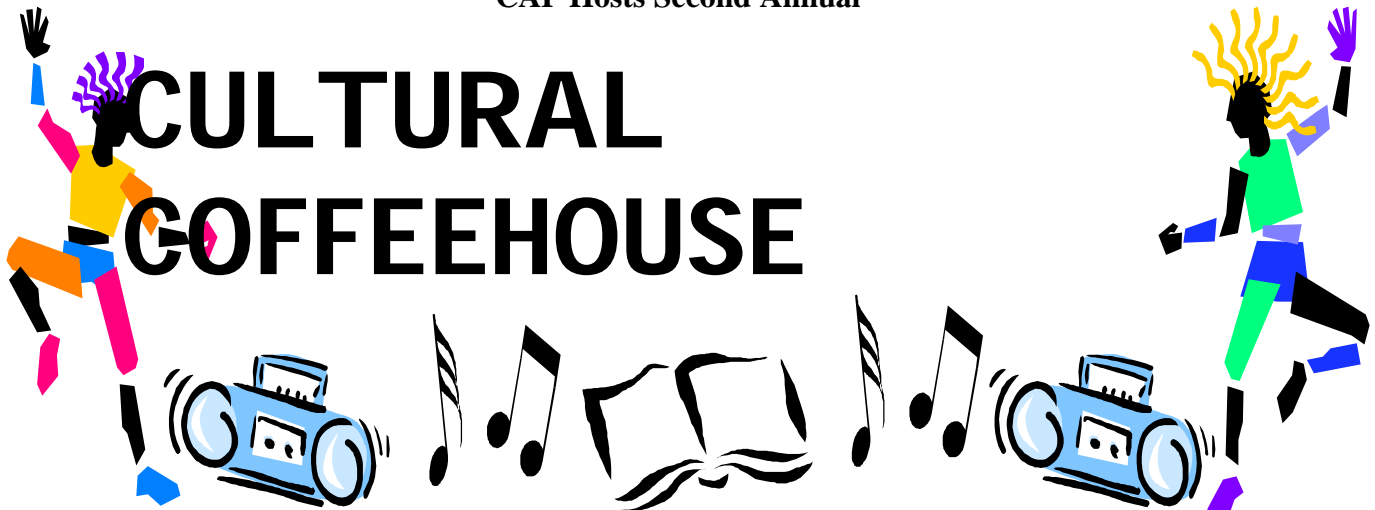
Registration	8:00 to 9:00 am
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Breakfast Plenary	8:00 to 10:00am	Rev. Timothy J. Clarke, Pastor First Church of God – Chairman Of Columbus Urban League
Sessions	10:00 to 11:30	<p>Session 1: Integrating Your TRIO Program through Cyberspace – Chris Mathis</p> <p>Session 2: Establishing a Mentoring Program, Miriam West, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative</p> <p>Session 3: Icebreakers & Team Builders – A Hand's On Approach – Pat Melton</p> <p>Session 4: SSS Proposal Writing Workshop – Richard Frye</p>
Awards Luncheon	12:00 to 2:00 pm	Gloria Long Groves, Professor Wilmington College
Sessions	2:00 to 3:30 pm	<p>Session 1. Gloria Long Groves</p> <p>Session 2: Career Development 2000 – The Middle School Student – Anthony Bobo</p> <p>Session 3: New OAEOPP Web Site – Dan Schneider & Eddie Chambers</p> <p>Session 4: SSS Proposal Writing Workshop – Richard Frye</p>
Special Session	4:00 to 4:45 pm	MAEOPP Presentation- President Marc Malone
Sessions	4:45 to 5:30 pm	Program Roundtables

Free Time	5:00 to 7:30 pm
President's Dinner	7:00 to 8:30 pm
Funtivity	9:00 to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, April 18th

Breakfast Buffet	8:00 to 9:00 am
Business Meeting	9:00 to 12:00 am
Conference Ends	12:00 Noon



Students, faculty and staff filled the lower level of David N. Myers College on Friday, November 19, 1999 as CAP hosted its second annual Cultural Coffeehouse Program. The Cultural Coffeehouse features poetic, vocal, and musical talents of the Myers community.

Proceeds for this year's Coffeehouse were donated to a book scholarship for CAP students. The program raised over two hundred dollars from raffle ticket and refreshment sales, doubling last year's proceeds, which were donated to the Louis Stokes Scholarship Fund. Many generous individuals and local businesses contributed to the success of the Coffeehouse by donating raffle prizes, door prizes, and baked goods. Contributors include: The Great Lakes Science Center, Ferris Steakhouse, Café '56, Rathskeller Bar and Restaurant, 2nd Street Diner, Karen Chavez, Mildred Williamson, Cynthia Edmondson, and the David N. Myers College Alumni Association.

This year's Coffeehouse M.C.

was freshman Lakisha Rouse. The program featured the poetic talents of Myers students Keaon Giles, Demetrius Belcher, Jalanda Edwards, Dawn Stoutamire, and Adam Conley and his poetry group, Nu Urban Soul Essentials. Freshman Christian Eaddie displayed her vocal talents, performing songs by Yolanda Adams and Mary J. Blige. An open mic session at the end of the program provided the opportunity other people from the Myers and local community to show off their talents.

The Cultural Coffeehouse is one of several annual events that CAP offers to encourage students' social involvement in the College. The Cultural Coffeehouse gives students the opportunity to show off their talents in an informal, encouraging, non-competitive environment, adding to the appeal of the program. Contact the CAP office for a list of upcoming educational and social programs.