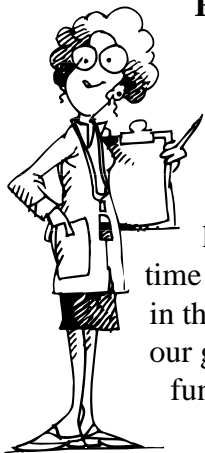


## St. Olaf Upward Bound Re-funded Until 2008!



**From The Director's  
Clipboard  
By Heather  
Campbell**

As many of you know, last year at this time Upward Bound was in the process of rewriting our grant for continued funding. As last school year came to a close, we received notice that our program was funded for another five years! Only the top grants submitted and evaluated by the Department of Education (those receiving the highest scores) are renewed for five years, so we are extremely proud to receive this honor. We are very appreciative of

all those from our target high schools of Central, Humboldt and Red Wing; the St. Olaf College community; mentors and other community supporters; and of course, our TRiO/Upward Bound family for writing letters in support of our continued funding. Our success is not possible without your help, and we thank you.

### More Good News!

Upward Bound recently received an initiative grant from the Department of Education to serve 20 students above the 67 we were funded to serve last June! So, we will be at 87 students in our UB family after this round of recruiting.

(COE) spoke on the re-authorization process, as well as the status of the legislation. We are currently in the first stage of the legislation process, which is the House Proposal (HR 3039). The proposal originates in the Education and Workforce committee, chaired by Rep. John A. Boehner. The current proposal contains some good news for TRiO programs: increasing the grants to five years, and raising the minimum amount each grantee receives.

However, there were two new items that could be potentially harm the effectiveness of programs and change the mission of others. One is the possibility of eliminating prior experience points as a part of the grant process. This is the only way that program effectiveness is considered for renewal. Without prior experience, program effectiveness would no longer be considered, and the distribution of grants would be based even more on the writing abilities of the grantee. While this was only in the draft version of reauthorization, there is a high probability that it could make its way into the proposal at a later date.

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## News From the Region/MAEOPP

By Ben Dieterich

The annual conference of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) was held from November 9-12 at the Abbey on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. This is an association of TRiO personnel in the midwest. It is a great opportunity for TRiO staff to meet other dedicated members of the TRiO community, learn about the

successes of programs throughout the midwest, and learn about the current legislation at the national level affecting TRiO. This year's theme was *Defining Success: Through Standards, Assessments and Accountability*.

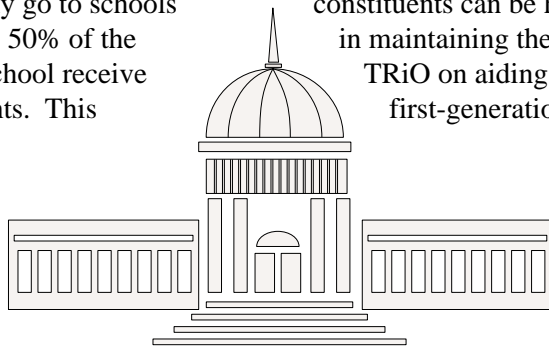
Every six years, the legislation funding TRiO is up for re-authorization, and the end of this six-year cycle is here. Dr. Arnold Mitchem, President of the Council for Opportunities in Education

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The second item that could harm TRiO is directed at Student Support Services (SSS), a program located at many postsecondary institutions that works directly with TRiO-eligible college students. Under the current proposal, new SSS programs and grants would only go to schools where more than 50% of the students at the school receive federal Pell Grants. This would mean that private colleges and even most public universities would no longer be eligible for SSS programs, directing most new programs to community colleges. In



effect, this would change the mission of SSS programs from supporting its students in attaining a four-year college education to attaining a two-year degree.

As this re-authorization is still in its early stages, any letters from constituents can be highly effective in maintaining the current focus of TRiO on aiding low-income and first-generation students in attaining higher education.

For more information on the Re-Authorization of TRiO,

please visit: <http://trioprograms.org/>  
Another speaker was Larry

Oxendine, who is the Director of the Federal TRiO Programs. He spoke on the mission of the department, “to ensure access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation.” His focus is on the accountability of TRiO Programs nationwide, ensuring that grant money is used appropriately in order to run effective programs.

This is always a wonderful and educational experience. It helps members feel connected to the TRiO community and reminds us that we are not on an island; there is support for all of us and we need to take advantage of the network available in order to make our individual programs the best that they can be.



Do you know where any of these UB graduates are? If so, send us their contact information, or have them contact UB.

**Class of 2001**  
Pa “Kristy” Yang

**Class of 1996**  
Derrick Montgomery  
Lo (Halena) Moua

**Class of 1995**  
Zahilya Austin  
Patrick Eide  
Leti Fuentes  
Tabitha McDonald  
Ker Moua  
Gabriela Romo  
Angelica Ruiz  
Malee Vang  
Jackson Vu

**Class of 1994**  
Elise Clemens (Langner)  
Kristina Dupris  
Adama Hicks Wagner  
Richard Reeves  
Leondra Slaughter  
Ron Staples  
Nhia Thao  
Jenne Wroge

**Class of 1993**  
Marissa Branch  
Adrian Contreras  
Antonio Contreras  
Amara Forrest  
Xiomara Garcia  
Toya Hodges

Kou Lee  
Uyen (Vicky) Nguyen  
Shawn Stites  
Lauhn (Pao) Thao  
Jamila Thomas  
Tyce Traxler

**Class of 1992**  
Carrie Benedict  
Sue Cha  
Toria Collins  
Shelly Dow  
LaTonju Edwards  
Tawana Holtz  
Yolanda Lolar  
Lucy Lozano  
Tran (Sarah) Nguyen  
Alicia Ramos  
Aaron Robinson  
Jason Whitney  
Bao Yang

**Class of 1991**  
Harvey Hammick  
Shadee Hardy  
Tomas Silva  
Patricia Swan (Wooten)

**Class of 2000**  
Nick Geer  
Matt Sumter

**Class of 1999**  
Belen Cabrera (Tellez)  
Shanta Thomas

**Class of 1998**  
Nelson Lo  
Joey Mendoza  
Toyia Mills  
Stephan Weissmann

**Class of 1997**  
Carlos Fuentes  
Ying Lee  
Tyshanna McKamie  
Xeng Moua  
Gina Robinson  
Brenda Valentine

# UB Alumni News and Notes

Hello, St. Olaf UB Graduates!  
Welcome to another edition of the *St. Olaf TRiO Upward Bound Graduate Messenger*, a newsletter dedicated to our graduates. We want to keep you informed of St. Olaf UB events, activities or legislation affecting our program on the local and national level, and keep you connected to your TRiO peers. If you have suggestions about the newsletter's content, or would like to contribute articles, let us know!



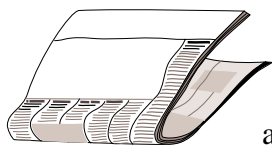
## UB Holiday Party, 2003

**When:** Saturday, December 13th, 12-3 pm

**Where:** Humboldt High School, 30 E. Baker Street, St. Paul

**What:** A potluck and carnival celebration with food, games and activities!

Grads, if you'd like to attend, or need more information about the potluck celebration, contact Ben Dieterich at: [dieteric@stolaf.edu](mailto:dieteric@stolaf.edu)



**Beth Bremer** (Red Wing, 1998) graduated from Minnesota State College/Southeast Technical and is working as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Hi-Park Care Center and Hiawatha Homecare.

**Neal Speetzen** (Red Wing, 1999) graduated from Hamline University

in St. Paul, Minnesota. Neal majored in Physics and minored in Mathematics. He writes in his *UB Graduate Update*, "During the 2003-2004 academic year, I will be attending classes at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. I have been given a research assistantship to do research on Si-doped Co/Pd Multilayers on ITO seed layers for perpendicular magnetic recording media. I'm starting out working on my Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering, but I may end up going for the PhD."

**Mao Lo** (now Mos Prestwich, Humboldt, 1999) graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (*Editor's note: Mao actually completed her degree in December, 2001. She finished early because of her participation in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options program*). Mos majored in Journalism and minored in French. She resides in Utah and works as a Marketing Administrator.

**Yang Lor** (Humboldt, 1999) graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

**Abe Garcia** (UWRF and Concordia; Humboldt, 1999) recently served as Assistant Coach for Humboldt's football team.

**Jonathan Tischler** (St. Olaf College, 2006; Humboldt, 2002) was elected as Co-chair for the Student Support Services Advisory Board.



As you know, UB must follow-up with its program graduates. We must account for the numbers of UB students who have graduated or dropped out of high school, and those who have pursued education after high school, including the military, college or vocational school. UB must update this information for a least six years from the time of your graduation.

To make the follow-up process easier, we encourage you to keep us informed about changes in address, phone number and e-mail. You can send changes to us via our website, [www.stolaf.edu/services/upward](http://www.stolaf.edu/services/upward), and clicking the "Graduate Update and Current Student Address Corrections" link.

Remember, UB loves to hear from its graduates. Although you're no longer an active participant in UB, we can still help you sort through financial aid, scholarship applications and other college-related things.

You can find us at your old high schools on the following days and times:

**Humboldt:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; (651) 293-8600, x2251

**Central:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; (651) 632-6000, x5530

**Red Wing:** Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; (651) 385-4600, ask for the CFI

Be sure to call first so we know you're coming (and to be sure we're at the school)!



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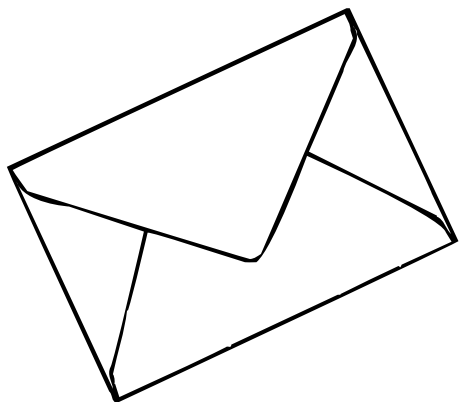
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