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## Together...We THRIVE!

2025 Ohio TRIO Professional Conference

April 9-11, 2025

The Capital Suites Hotel | 50 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215

### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Finance Committee Meeting - <b>Buckeye Boardroom</b>
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Ohio TRIO Board and Committee Chair Dinner Meeting - <b>Cardinal</b>
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Conference Registration Opens / Hotel Check-In - <b>Lobby / Cardinal</b>
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome & Networking Reception - <b>Wobst North and South</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hors d'oeuvres &amp; Limited Open Bar</li><li>- Games / Music / Raffles</li><li>- Pinot's Palette Paint &amp; Sip (30 seats available) - <i>6-8 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)</i></li></ul>
7:00 PM - Until	Your Time: Explore Downtown Columbus - <b>Dinner on Your Own</b>

### Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Conference Registration is available in the conference area - <b>Cardinal</b>
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast (Continental Buffet) <b>Diana Peterson</b> , 2025 Ohio TRIO President - <b>LeBistro (Pub)</b>
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Welcome / Government Relations - <b>LeBistro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Vanessa Ramirez</b>, Director of Membership Services, The Council for Opportunities in Education (COE) - <b>Zoom Link</b> - 829 7440 2718 PW: 09102025</li><li>- <b>Carlos Bing</b>, Senior Director, College Access Programs &amp; GEAR UP Ohio, Ohio Department of Higher Education</li></ul> Breakout Session Overview
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	BREAK / TRANSITION
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Concurrent Ohio TRIO Academy Breakout Sessions - <b>A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- "3 C's to THRIVE in Chaos" <b>Dr. Parris Carter</b> - <b>Scarlet &amp; Gray</b></li><li>- "Innovation Meets Compliance: Crafting TRIO Magic Within Federal Regulations" <b>Kenny Brown</b> - <b>River</b></li><li>- "GPS to Success as a Professional" <b>William Peterson II</b> - <b>Cardinal</b></li></ul> MILE PROGRAM Part 1 - Ohio Past President/EOA President-Elect <b>Leroy Burroughs</b> - <b>Boardroom</b>

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM 12:30 PM–1:45 PM	Lunch - <b>LeBistro &amp; Pub</b>  Fireside Chat: “How to THRIVE as a TRIO Professional on Your Leadership Journey” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Diana Peterson</b>, 2025 Ohio TRIO President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognition: Bonnie Monguia, Ohio TRIO Past President</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Leroy Burroughs</b>, Ohio TRIO Immediate Past President/EOA President-Elect</li> <li>- <b>Adam Cinderich</b>, Ohio TRIO Past President/EOA Immediate Past President</li> <li>- <b>Louis Brownlowe</b>, Ohio TRIO Legend</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Christopher Welch</b>, Ohio TRIO Past President</li> </ul>
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	BREAK / TRANSITION
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Concurrent Ohio TRIO Academy Breakout Sessions - <b>B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Innovation Unlocked” <b>Gernisha Parnell</b> - <b>Scarlet &amp; Gray</b></li> <li>- “Unbreakable: The Power of Resilience in Transforming Lives” <b>Tova Rose</b> - <b>River</b></li> <li>- “GPS to Success as a Professional” - <b>William Peterson II</b> - <b>Cardinal</b></li> </ul> MILE PROGRAM Part 2 - Ohio Past President/EOA President-Elect <b>Leroy Burroughs</b> - <b>Boardroom</b>
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	BREAK / TRANSITION
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Plenary Session - <b>LeBistro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ronald C. Todd II</b>, Chief, Social Impact and Opportunity External Operations</li> </ul>
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM	THRIVE: Time Your Way Your Time - Explore Columbus
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	President’s Ball - “Let’s THRIVE Together” - <b>LeBistro &amp; Pub</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remarks / Recognition</li> <li>- Dinner / Live Music / Dancing / Photo Booth / Cash Bar</li> </ul>
10:30 PM - Until	Ohio TRIO Hospitality - <b>President’s Suite</b>

Friday, April 11, 2025	
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast (Continental Buffet) - <b>LeBistro (Pub)</b>
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) Presentation - <b>LeBistro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President <b>Karen Smolarek</b>, 2025 EOA President</li> </ul>
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	BREAK / TRANSITION
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Keynote Presentation & Workshop - <b>LeBistro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “From Surviving to Thriving” <b>Dr. Patrice Buckner-Jackson</b> (aka Dr. PBJ)</li> </ul>
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch - <b>LeBistro &amp; Pub</b>  General Assembly Ohio TRIO Business Meeting (Ohio TRIO Members)
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Conference Conclusion and Evaluation  Closing Remarks  Thank you for THRIVING with us!