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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

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

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