# Conference Schedule

| Sunday, February 15, 2026 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Conference Registration | Box Office |
| 6:00 PM | Opening Night Plenary<br>featuring Cole Blalock | Encore Room |
| 7:30 PM | Opening Night Reception<br>Guests of Honor: TRIO Alumni | West Pre-Function |

| Monday, February 16, 2026 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Newcomer's Breakfast | Invitation Only |
| 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Conference Registration | Box Office |
| 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Development and Silent Auction | Conference Lobby |
| 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Vendors Open | Conference Lobby |
| 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM | Morning Plenary | Encore |
| 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM | Conference Breakout Sessions | Session Information<br>Pages 18 - 20 |
| 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM | Conference Breakout Sessions | Session Information<br>Pages 21 - 23 |
| Noon - 1:45 PM | Award Luncheon | Ovation/Headliner |
| 2:00 PM - 4:15 PM | MEAEOPP Business Meeting and<br>Canidates' Forum | Ovation/Headliner |
| 5:00 PM | Dinner on Your Own | Explore Hanover, MD |

## Conference Schedule

| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Conference Registration | Box Office |
| 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Development and Silent Auction | Conference Lobby |
| 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Vendors Open | Conference Lobby |
| 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM | Conference Breakout Sessions | Session Information<br>Pages 24 - 26 |
| 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | State Meetings | MD - Spotlight<br>PA - Limelight<br>VA - Feature<br>WV - Act 1 &2 |
| 11:30 AM - 1:45 PM | Lunch on Your Own | |
| 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM | Conference Breakout Sessions | Session Information<br>Pages 27 - 29 |
| 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM | Conference Breakout Sessions | Session Information<br>Pages 30- 32 |
| 5:30 PM | Reception | Pre-Function |
| 6:30 PM | President's Banquet | Ovation/Headliner |

| Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| 8:00 AM | Breakfast Buffett | Ovation/Headliner |
| 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Closing Plenary featuring Installation of Officers, Evaluations, and Prize Drawnings | Ovation/Headliner |

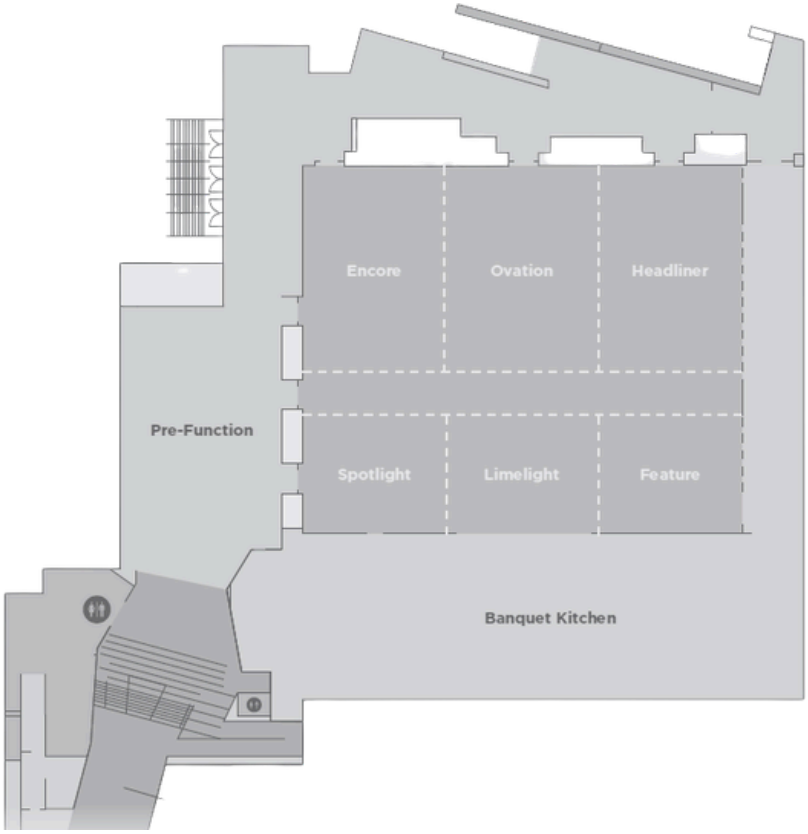
## Breakout Session Overview

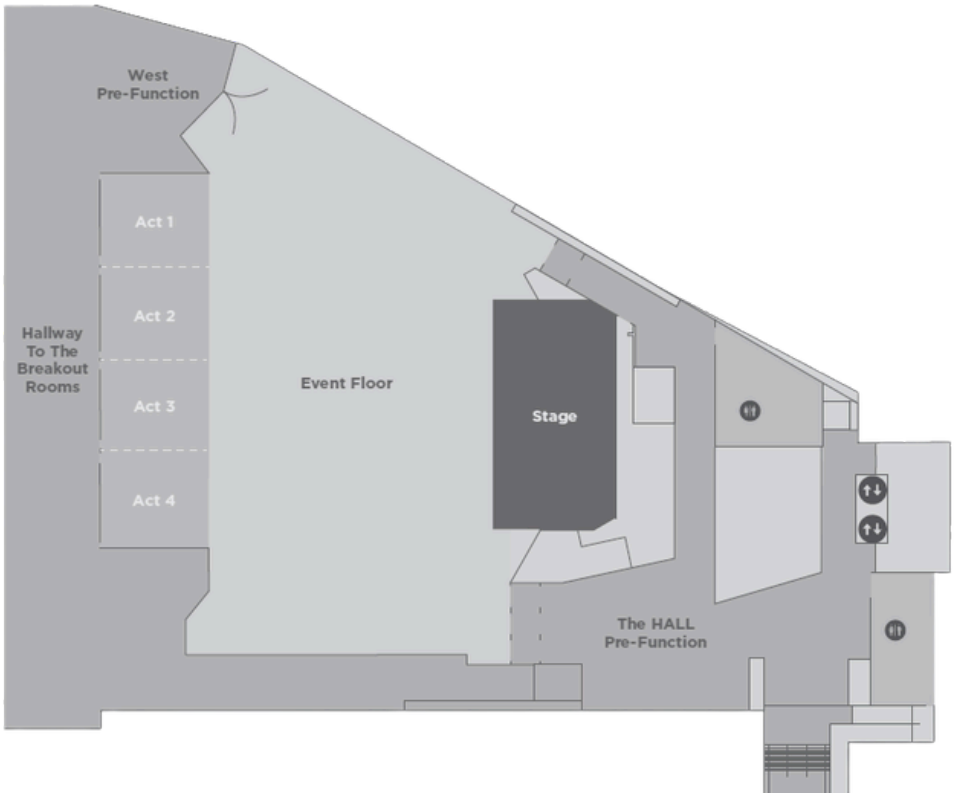
| Monday, February 16, 2026 | |
|---|---|
| **Time: 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM** | |
| Show Me The Money! Create Financial Literacy Experiences Your Students Will Never Forget | Spotlight |
| Modern SharePoint Workflows for TRIO: Behind the Scenes of Student Success | Limelight |
| Prepared For What? Defining College Readiness Standards in Upward Bound | Feature |
| Elevate Your Program's Impact: Maximize Student Engagement, Achieve Proven Results! | Act 1-2 |
| When the Work Changes Us: Resilience and Renewal in TRIO Spaces | Act 3-4 |
| Engaging Students in COE's Student Opportunities Programming: Strategies for Meaningful Participation | Encore |
| **Time: 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM** | |
| The Magic of Connection | Spotlight |
| The Hidden Barriers to Learning: ACEs and Student Achievement | Limelight |
| Why TRIO Burnout Hits Different: Supporting Students Shaped by Adversity, Instability, and Survival | Feature |
| More Than the Background: How Support Staff Power TRIO Student Outcomes | Act 1-2 |
| Mastering TRIO Data Like a Pro with StudentAccess | Act 3-4 |
| Know Your Authority | Encore |
| **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** | |
| **Time: 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** | |
| Meeting Students Where They Are: AI-Powered Tools That Transform TRIO Support & Engagement | Spotlight |
| Leading from Within: Discovering Your Authentic Leadership Identity | Limelight |
| Pathway to Professional Growth: Enhancing Micro-Skills for TRIO Administrators | Feature |
| Dialogue as Practice: Empowering Dreams and Transforming Lives Through Holistic Critical Mentoring in TRIO | Act 1-2 |

## Breakout Session Overview

| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | |
|---|---|
| **Time: 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** | |
| Bridging Two Worlds: Applying Social Work Practice in TRIO Programs | Act 3-4 |
| Succession Planning: Preparing the Next Generation of TRIO Leaders! | Encore |
| **Time: 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM** | |
| 60 Miles to the Next Service | Spotlight |
| Safety and Protection of Minors on Campus and Community Agencies | Limelight |
| Designing High-Engagement Activities for TRIO Students | Feature |
| Creating a 3D Interactive World | Act 1-2 |
| Making the Invisible Visible: Using Student Mapping to Empower Dreams and Transform Lives | Act 3-4 |
| Genius Engagement: Genius Engagement: How Hip Hop & Edutainment Boost Recruitment, Attendance, And Engagement For Grant Outcomes | Encore |
| **Time: 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM** | |
| *Sessions* | *Room* |
| Leading Multiple TRIO Grants in a Matrix Environment | Spotlight |
| BLUMEN SOFTWARE – Find out why it's miles ahead of other | Limelight |
| Empowering Learners with EdReady: Personalized Pathways to College and Career Success | Feature |
| Centering Student Voices: A Strategy for Stronger TRIO Engagement on Social Media | Act 1-2 |
| Leadership 101: Expectations of Leadership | Act 3-4 |
| Financial Foundations: Parents and Students Learning Together | Encore |

# Conference Center Maps



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**What is COE Fair Share?**
Fair Share is how the TRIO Community and fellow advocates support the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) in expanding college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Fair Share is key to COE's efforts to advocate for policies that affect low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities, to sustain current TRIO programs, and to obtain additional TRIO programs and appropriations.

**What makes up COE Fair Share?**
Fair Share is met through Institutional Memberships and Personal Contributions. Each state and region has annual goals, which run from July 1st through June 30th.

**How can I contribute to COE Fair Share?**
Great question! There are two ways that you can contribute. First, make sure your TRIO Program(s) and your institution/community organization are COE Institutional Members. Second, you can make a personal contribution to COE. You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation, which will be processed on the 1st or 15th of each month, for a set time frame.

Want to make an online donation? Visit www.coenet.org and click on "Support Us!" to contribute to Fair Share.

You can also stop by Development during the conference to fill out a paper donation form, and we will mail your donation to COE for you. Remember, every dollar donated makes a difference!

**Questions about COE Fair Share?**
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