

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 featuring Cole Blalock	Encore Room
7:30 PM	Opening Night Reception 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 Pages 18 – 20
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Conference Breakout Sessions	Session Information Pages 21 – 23
Noon – 1:45 PM	Award Luncheon	Ovation/Headliner
2:00 PM – 4:15 PM	MEAEOPP Business Meeting and Candidates' Forum	Ovation/Headliner
5:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own	Explore Hanover, MD

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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 Pages 24 – 26
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	State Meetings	MD – Spotlight PA – Limelight VA – Feature 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 Pages 27 – 29
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Conference Breakout Sessions	Session Information 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 Drawings	Ovation/Headliner

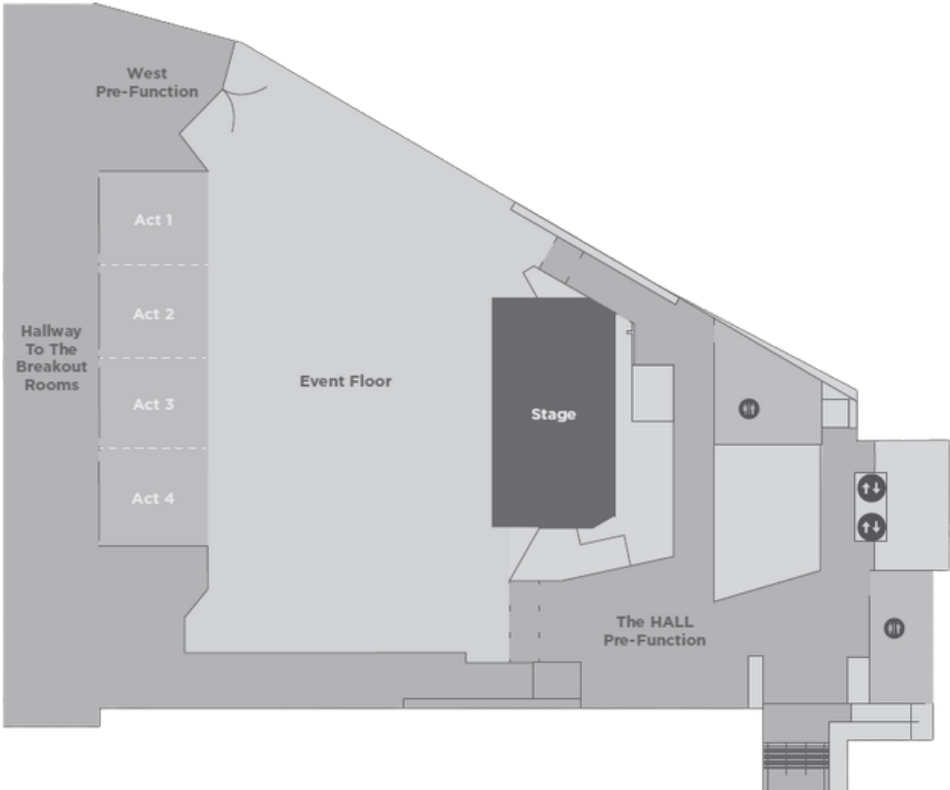
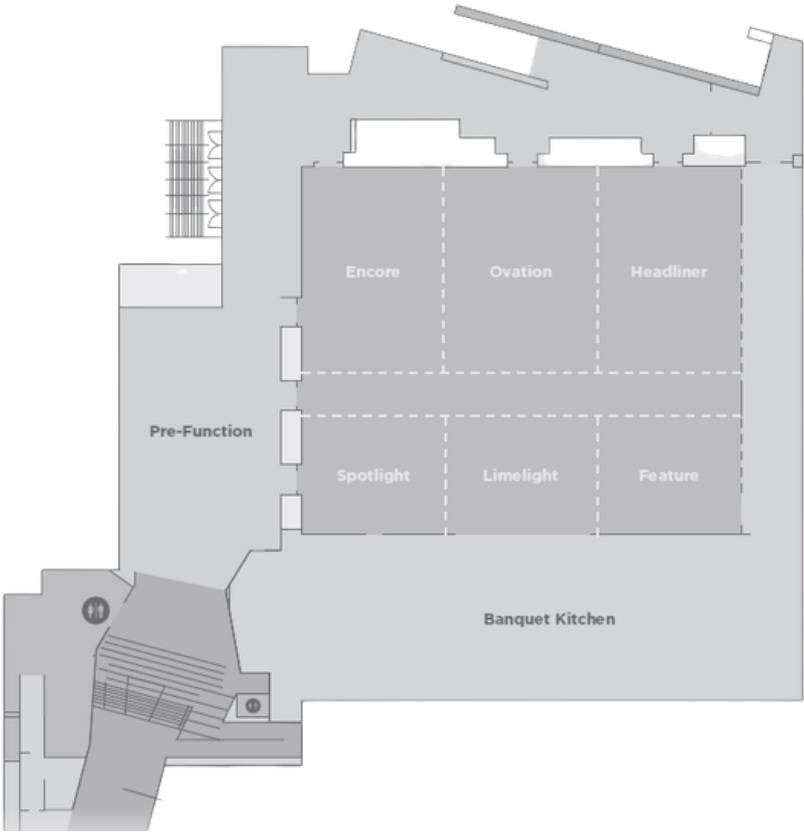
Breakout Session Overview

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

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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	
<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Room</i>
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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COE Fair Share

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?

Reach out to your MEAEOPP Regional Presidents or email Vanessa Ramirez, COE Director, Human Resources and Memberships Services at vanessa.ramirez@coenet.org. She can also be reached by phone at (202) 347-7430, ext. 349.