



MI-CAPP Recap

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IT'S A NEW YEAR!



On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, EOA Past President Ngondi Kamatuka administered the oaths of office to incoming MI-CAPP President Robert Ross and President-Elect Melissa Merkel. At the Chapter meeting, President Ross observed that MI-CAPP's future is here in the active professionals and now in the TRIO-eligible populations we serve. He challenged

TRIO/EOP professionals to answer our calling to facilitate educational opportunity access by committing to serve the Chapter thereby keeping it strong and moving forward. The goals for his administration include:

- Engaging and Empowering Committees to carry out their work
- Increasing Members and Improving Communication with Members
- Moving Forward with the MI-CAPP Strategic Plan

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2017-2018 MI-CAPP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Back Row: Secretary Ava McDowell, President-Elect Melissa Merkel

Front Row: Treasurer Jill Martin, President Robert Ross,
Immediate Past President Rhondo Cooper



BAY de NOC SSS OPENS FOOD PANTRY

Bay College Student Food Pantry Now Open

Submitted by **Jill Martin**

Adapted from Bay de Noc Community College Press Release

Dated November 16, 2017



TRIO WORKS!



Past President & ELI Alumna
Geri Graham
Congratulates
Ava McDowell (r),
2017 EOA ELI Graduate.
As a result of receiving MI-
CAPP financial support, Ava
will be giving back by serving
in a leadership capacity for at
least one year as
MI-CAPP Secretary

The shelves are stocked, the fridge is full, and the freezer's loaded: the Bay College Student Food Pantry is now open and available for current Bay students. "We wanted a place on campus that was easy for students to access. Many students at Bay don't have reliable transportation, or, with the added constraint of schoolwork, even the time or opportunity to visit a community food pantry. We thought by creating a food pantry on campus, we could help aid in our peers' success and eliminate a real barrier to education: hunger," says TRIO Peer Mentor Samantha Woehlert.

With the support of Bay College, including pantry supervisors TRIO Executive Director, Jill Martin, and Executive Vice President of Student Services, Travis Blume, the peer mentors, TRIO students, and the BPA students were able to make the pantry a reality, just in time for the Holiday season. The Bay College Student Food Pantry is funded by private donation and already has received support from community members, the Bay Faculty Association and generous weekly donations from Escanaba's Aldi's. The pantry is an agency partner with the Feeding America West Michigan program and is currently staffed by TRIO peer mentors as well as members from the Bay College BPA organization.

For more information about the Bay College Student Food Pantry, TRIO Student Support Services, or to volunteer goods or services to the pantry, please contact Jill Martin at 906.217.4133 or martinj@baycollege.edu.



EOA GIRLS IN STEM CONFERENCE:

Adapted from Information Submitted by
Primavera Jimenez

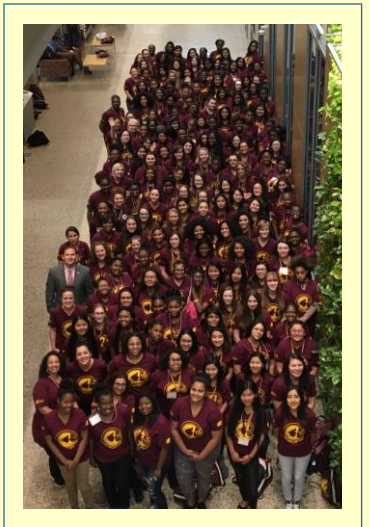
The 2017 Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) Girls in STEM Conference took place on the campus of Central Michigan University, May 19-21, 2017. Based on evaluations, it met its mission to foster enthusiasm for STEM careers in young ladies from underrepresented groups in grades 9 through college. The evidence? After attending the conference, 85% of participants stated that they would pursue careers in STEM!

Detroit TRIO Director and MI-CAPP Member Primavera Jimenez chaired this year's conference which was attended by 206 individuals representing all 10 states in the EOA Region. TRIO Programs represented included Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services.

Participants engaged in sessions that included hands on learning opportunities, leadership development, a STEM panel, networking with STEM professionals, and much more all facilitated by CMU female faculty. In addition, 11 successful and accomplished female STEM professionals served as speakers throughout the weekend event. These included Ford Motor Company Information Technology Professional Lara Lane, and Fortune 500 Global Diversity and Inclusion Officer Marlin Williams.

The 2017 GIS Conference was a success in more ways than one. In addition to the positive participant evaluations, it exceeded the EOA Board's revenue-over-expenses goal! Thank you MI-CAPP Board for authorizing a \$1,000 conference sponsorship and MI-CAPP members for attending and supporting this exceptional conference!

CMU TRIO Students
With Keynote Speaker Marlin Williams



Students engage in hands on
Chemistry Lab learning
experiences



Congrats to Immediate Past
President **Rhondo Cooper**,
a 2018 Grand Rapids
Community College "**Giants
Award**" Honoree
recognized with the Phyllis
Scott Activist Award!

YOUR MI-CAPP BOARD HARD AT WORK: DECEMBER TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING

On December 8, 2017, the outgoing and incoming MI-CAPP Boards of Directors came together to facilitate a smooth transfer of documents and knowledge between the two groups. Chapter history, Board hierarchy and etiquette, service, and teamwork were all central themes.



Above & Below: MI-CAPP Committee Chairs Take Oaths



The Board met at, toured, and gave final approval for the site of the 2018 Student Leadership Summit, the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan.

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MI-CAPP Elder Glenda Hammond (center) administers oath of office to Secretary Ava McDowell (l) and Treasurer Jill Martin (r)

IMPORTANT DATES

MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit
 February 23-25, 2018
 Battle Creek, MI
 "Rise Up"

Annual COE Leadership Summit
 Sunday, March 19, 2017

Annual USED Seminar
 March 20, 2017
 Washington, DC

Annual COE Policy Seminar
 March 13-14, 2018
 Washington, DC
 (Not an Allowable Grant Expense)

MI-CAPP SPRING CONFERENCE
 APRIL 9-11, 2018
 Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
 "Engage, Empower, Energize"

COMING SOON: DATA SURVEY

PLEASE RESPOND when it comes so that MI-CAPP can document evidence of the success of Michigan TRIO Programs!