

DELTHA Q. COLVIN

Deltha Q. Colvin is the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Special Programs at Wichita State University (WSU). She was a graduate of the first TRIO Upward Bound fifty-one years ago. In essence she is living the TRIO experience starting as a first generation student to now being Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. She has dedicated her time and effort to provide opportunities to students. She was also director of the Upward Bound Program Wichita Prep. Colvin has been involved with TRIO Programs for 45 years. Her responsibilities include the Communication Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science Center, Student Support Services, Disability Support Services, Talent Search, the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Veterans Upward



Bound and Educational Opportunity Centers programs and Wichita State University's Office of Disability Services, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) statewide grant (Kansas Kids@GEAR UP), North Wichita GEAR UP and South Wichita GEAR UP Partnership Grants. She has been president of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) and the MO-KAN-NE Chapter of MAEOPP, serving on the national, regional and chapter TRIO board of directors. During her tenure she has chaired the regional and national conferences and served on numerous committees.

As a member of the US Department of Education's national TRIO ThinkQuest (TTQ) Advisory Committee and University of Washington Training, she has assisted in the

implementation of web page design competition for TRIO participants and promoting the importance of model curriculums. Her programs have been a part of the Microsoft TRIO Partnership since 1994, receiving software to assist TRIO students in their educational pursuits.

She is a national advocate, trainer and consultant in the development of proposals, program management and operations, and TRIO program reviews. Colvin has been a trainer for new directors and model programs for the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, SAEOPP Training Center, and Compliance Assistance Training for new directors with the Northwest Association of Special Programs (NASP). Currently she is a trainer with Sonoma State University TRIO Training Program. Colvin serves on the Board of Directors of the Harry Hynes Hospice and the Community Housing Services Advisory Board. She is an advocate and committed to supporting the advancement of young people with a focus on low-income and first generation students, and students in foster care. She did her undergraduate and graduate work at Wichita State University in Education.

She served as the eighth and first female president and the secretary of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP), serving on the board of directors of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations (NCEOA) representing federal regions V and VII. MAEOPP is the largest of the ten TRIO regional associations, representing ten states in the Midwest and has over 800 members. She is also former president and treasurer of the MO-KAN-NE Chapter of MAEOPP. Colvin chaired conferences, task forces and commissions for both MAEOPP and NCEOA.

Colvin is a life member of the NAACP, Wichita State University Alumni Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In January 2008, she received the University Recognition Award from the Wichita State University Alumni Association. Nationally, Colvin is very much involved in matters of diversity and general staff sensitizing and orientation. She is a national advocate for the kinds of students represented in the TRIO Programs. Deltha Q. Colvin has dedicated her professional career to working toward the success of TRIO Programs and assisting students and adults in gaining equal educational opportunity.

In the past four years, the Special Programs served:

2012-2013	-	6,011 students with \$6,270,076.00
2013-2014	-	5,717 students with \$6,060,989.00
2014-2015	-	7,840 students with \$7,696,523.00
2015-2016	-	7,804 students with \$7,383,927.00