

# Honoring Our Own:

# Leaders in Service



Wichita State OSP staff have been involved in professional development and advocacy organizations since their inception.

These individuals have worked tirelessly on behalf of historically underrepresented students and have assumed the highest role of leadership positions within various state, regional, and national associations.



Keeping in mind the importance of the cause of low-income, first generation, and students with disabilities, my goal and mission is to ensure that opportunities are available to individuals who might not have had an opportunity to gain access. My life's commitment is to the success of individuals who are trying to better themselves and are committed to growth. - Deltha Q. Colvin



### Deltha Q. Colvin

MKN President, 1980-1981  
MAEOPP (EOA) President, 1982-1983  
MKN Hall of Fame, Spring 1990



### Grady Landrum

AHEAD President, 2003-2004  
Board of Directors, 1998-2001



### V. Kaye Monk-Morgan

MKN President, 2004-2005  
EOA President, 2014-2015  
MKN Hall of Fame, Spring 2011  
COE Board Chair Elect, 2016-2017



### Corinne Nilsen

MKN President, 2016-2017  
NCCEP Committee Member, 2015-2016



I enjoy working with diverse groups and bigger picture issues; this gave me the opportunity to deal with larger issues related to the organization. The biggest thing I walked away with was that every organization needs to have representation from as many different constituents as possible. Many voices are needed at the table to lead effectively and keep the organization moving. - Grady Landrum



Grady Landrum





Serving as the president of EOA provided many learning and growth opportunities, personally and professionally. I learned much about intergenerational networking and leadership. EOA is home to multi-generational professionals. Each has different needs and visions of our shared future. Balancing the needs of our veteran members and honoring our past while creating new opportunities to ensure our relevance in the future was my largest task. I think the boards of directors during my tenure were intentional about setting a course forward that is inclusive and progressive.

- V. Kaye Monk-Morgan



**Top:** Kaye Monk-Morgan  
**Bottom:** Deltha Colvin, LaWanda Holt-Fields, Sen. Jerry Moran, and Kaye Monk-Morgan



As a low-income, first generation college student and prior TRIO staff member, I am aware of the positive ways TRIO touches students. MKN has over 250 professionals who believe the way I do. Helping disadvantaged students is paying back the people who helped me obtain a college degree. When I moved to GEAR UP, I wanted to help more students statewide. I see TRIO, GEAR UP and MKN working together to help young people achieve their dreams. As MKN president, I hope to encourage other OSP professionals to come together to share our ideas and successes.

- Corinne Nilsen



**Top:** Corinne Nilsen  
**Bottom:** Deltha Q. Colvine, Grady Landrum and Corinne Nilsen



Deltha Q. Colvin and Arnold Mitchem, COE President Emeritus

I bring a diversity of experiences and I work with a unique group of individuals. I think these two things help me frame things differently for the group and this helps everyone gain new perspectives. - Grady Landrum

I hope my most important contribution to the TRIO cause is yet to come. My three year commitment to COE has just begun and there are projects underway that I want to continue to support. Building stronger partnerships, a focus of past chair Trent Ball and alumni relations, the charge of Michelle Danvers-Faust are both key to the survival of TRIO. - V. Kaye Monk-Morgan

I think the two most important daily contributions a person can make to programs like TRIO/GEAR UP or ODS is that of service and loyalty. You must want to serve the students who need your help, without regard to time, monetary pay or lack of resources. Know you are making a difference and be proud of what you do! - Corinne Nilsen

Many of the students served by the programs I work with have to fight for opportunities, and I want to ensure these are available to them. Receiving the Walter O. Mason Award has made me proud of the work and efforts I have pursued in life.

- Deltha Q. Colvin

- Council for Opportunity in Education (COE)
- Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) formerly Mid-America Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP)
- Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska Chapter (MKN)
- Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
- National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP)

