SHIRLEY CHISHOLM AWARD Nomination

Angelica is the Senior VP of Programs and Professional Development for COE. She has worked for the council and been a champion of TRIO for many years. She has provided support to NEOA in the realm of professional development, grant preparation for all programs, and assistance with critiquing grant proposals. Geli has been a key figure in the shaping of COE as she has been there through all 3 of their leadership changes and the trajectory of where the council has been growing. Geli is also the boots on the ground with the Dept of Ed and meets with Gaby Watts (Senior Director for Student Service)bi-weekly to ensure the DOE is informed on what is happening in TRIO programs not just for NEOA but the country and US Territories that have TRIO grants. Geli is the go to when dire concerns/questions arise related to TRIO programming (on all levels) and never hesitates to answer the calls, emails, texts. Geli is professional, supportive, kind and truly understands the value and mission of TRIO and is a committed, national advocate of TRIO just as Shirley Chisholm was. I highly recommend Angelica Vialpando for this award and honor.

Submitted by Lindsay Carpenter