

## **Patricia A. Marshall**

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**Patricia A. Marshall** holds a B.A. from Colby College and a Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies from Brown University. She participated in Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search at the University of Maine from 1986-1990 and was the 2014 recipient of the New England Educational Opportunity Association's Achiever Award. In 2013, the Council for Opportunity in Education invited Dr. Marshall to testify before the U.S. Congressional TRIO Caucus in Washington, D.C. to generate support for and awareness of the importance of TRIO programs in rural areas ("Meeting the Needs of Rural Low-Income Students"). Dr. Marshall has spearheaded student success initiatives at WSU for the past three years, serving as the PI on the Vision Grant and working closely with the Director of Retention. She has co-presented on the work being done at WSU at the AAC&U, the New England Conference for Student Success (UMASS, Amherst), and the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association Annual Conference. Dr. Marshall is also a founding board member of MassEdCO, a statewide network of service sites that works with economically and educationally disadvantaged students.