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From the Director

Rolling Along Forward

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and that you have made it back safely and you are ready to complete what I also hope to be the end of a great semester. As we roll on quickly towards the end of the fall semester, I would not be a good director if I did not say a few words of encouragement and reminders. First, as you take in these next few weeks I want to push each of you to stay FOCUSED in each and every one of the courses you are enrolled this fall. Whether it's to raise that C to a B or to maintain that B+ or A grade, it is important that you remain focused and persistent between now and the end of exam week.

There are a few other items I want to make sure you are aware of between now and the end of the semester. I want to make sure each of you will be attending the EOP Holiday Celebration, which will take place on Friday, December 6, 2013, from 3 – 4:30pm, in the East end of the Ballroom.

Secondly, I want to encourage you to do your part to help out or give to the Seasons of Gratitude program to help make the holiday more joyful for others. Remember each of us is part of this program because of the opportunity fought for and obtained by many other people. Because of what was done for us, we ought to be glad to help someone less fortunate than ourselves especially during the holiday season. Always remember to give back for all you have received.

**EOP Holiday Celebration
will be held Friday,
December 6th
from 3-4:30pm in the
Seymour Union Ballroom.**

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Last check will be distributed December 5th



Financial Aid



The end of the semester is quickly approaching. Regarding the matter of your financial aid and student bill, there are tasks you need to accomplish before you leave for the winter break. Additionally, there are tasks you need to accomplish during the break.

YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING TASKS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE TERM

- Make sure you pre-register **and** affirm your enrollment. You will not receive your last EOP direct check otherwise.
- Make sure you carefully examine your Spring'14 student bill and financial aid award to ensure that both are accurate.
- Please review your remaining Dining Dollars balance. Always remember that any fall term balance carries over to the spring term. Any balance remaining at the end of the Spring term is forfeited.
- Make sure you address any holds on your account, prior to the winter break. Certain holds can impact one's ability to register and may impact your ability to remain at Brockport. If you have not yet done so, make sure you complete a Federal Title IV Authorization. This form allows federal aid to pay for miscellaneous account charges.
- Please review the financial aid checklist with your assigned EOP counselor

YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING TASK DURING TRHE WINTER BREAK

- Make sure you know your PIN for the financial aid application process. If you don't know it, you may request it by going to www.pin.ed.gov. Your parent must also request a Federal PIN.

As returning students, your FAFSA will be available starting on 1/1/14 at www.fafsa.gov. Don't forget that there is a link to TAP (NY state aid) when you reach the end of the FAFSA application.

- You and any appropriate parent(s) must start gathering the needed income documentation as quickly as possible in January. This task is separate from when you actually file your tax forms with the government.
- If you had a Dependency Override in the past, you must obtain and complete the Dependency Override Update Request Form (form I12). You can download the form from the Office of Financial Aid's web site.
- Make sure you bring a copy of your FAFSA signature page or confirmation page to your EOP counselor. You need to apply for financial aid by **3/15/14** or you will not receive your EOP direct check.
- If you and your parent(s) have filed their taxes by March 15, 2014, utilize the IRS Data Retrieval tool to input the income information on your taxes. This tool should be available approximately two weeks after you submit your taxes. This will eliminate the need to provide a copy of the tax documents to the Financial Aid Office if requested.**
- Pay close attention to your Bmail. A notification will be sent if you are in danger of not meeting Federal Academic Progress standards at the end of the Spring'14 term. If you receive this Bmail, please meet with your EOP counselor to develop a plan for success.

The Educational Opportunity Program Presents:
35th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Seymour College Union Ballroom

6:00pm-9:00pm



For More information Please Contact:

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G9C Rakov

Daneille Kruger, Graduate Counselor @ 395-5819 in
room G20 Rakov

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2013 Epsilon Rho Chapter Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction Ceremonies

On Friday, November 1, 2013, the College at Brockport's, Arthur O. Eve Opportunity Program's (EOP), Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society, Epsilon Rho Chapter inducted 18 chartering members. The inductees participated in a private induction ceremony earlier in day, with the assistance from the EOP Director; Honorable Gary Owens, EOP Academic Coordinator Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Counselor Honorable Latasha Craig, Graduate Counselor Terrence C. Harris, and current board members of XAE. Later in the day the inductees, family, friends and special faculty participated in the public ceremony.

With over 100 guests in attendance at the public ceremony, Mr. Randall Langston, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs welcomed the crowd with words of encouragement. The Honorable Gary Owens gave his own words of encouragement along with striving students to continue their hard work and efforts. Debra Joseph-McEwen served as Master of Ceremony and had the task of introducing the 18 students being inducted along with their pinners.

Each inductee was called up to the stage so that they could participate in the "induction ceremony and pinning." Pinners included parents, grandmothers, best friends, the EOP Director and staff; and faculty, who traveled from various places within the New York State region to show their support and acknowledgement of the inductees' academic accomplishments.

Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society is a national organization founded at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, and was organized in 1989. XAE at The College at Brockport was recently chartered in 2008, with two primary goals: to formally recognize the outstanding academic achievement of EOP students; and to motivate current and future EOP students to strive for high academic goals.

Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges and universities through non-traditional criteria. Its purposes are to promote continued high academic standards, to foster increased communication among its members, and to honor academic excellence achieved by those students.

Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters.

We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at www.xaehonor.com to learn information about this organization. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, XAE Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or djosephm@brockport.edu.

Acknowledgements

EOP & the Epsilon Rho Chapter of XAE National Honor Society would like to thank the EOP staff, especially XAE Co-Advisors, Honorable Gary Owens and Debra Joseph-McEwen; Graduate Counselor, Terrence C. Harris, XAE National Honor Society Vice President of Membership, Honorable Chrystle Green; XAE Officers, Honorable Eboni Carman, Honorable Shantell Merritt and Honorable Hope Watson; for their assistance in making this event a success. Special thanks to President John Halstead, Dr. Kathryn Wilson, Mr. Randall Langston, family and friends of EOP for your continued love and support.

2013 Epsilon Rho Chapter Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society Inductees

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| Maame Esi Aggrey | Rokia Gittens | Arlene Perez |
| Jennifer Banker | Teyanee Harewood | Rachel Phelps |
| Eemane Boadu | Stephanie Hernandez | Jessica Thomas |
| Julio Cedeno Jr. | Jeanelle Lambre | Xavier Thomas |
| Felicia Diaz | Shawn Lantz | Shakela Wesley |
| Shoshana Fox | Zachery Marcellus | Bria Wilkins |





EOP Nursing Support Group...

This semester's sessions have been quite informative, and the support group has experienced participation from EOP students, CSTEP/McNair students and even nursing students not affiliated with either program. The sessions have been inclusive of input from nursing faculty such as Dr. Tamala David, who shared her background and academic experience in the field of nursing, as well as her current work. The participants received important information on when and how to apply to the Nursing Program at the College at Brockport and getting those nursing prerequisites completed in a timely manner, information regarding other accredited nursing programs in New York State and the pros and cons of applying to them; study tips and strategies on how to succeed and thrive in the Nursing Program at the College at Brockport; how forming strong relationships with the faculty of the Nursing Faculty aids in academic success, the importance of forming strong and positive support systems to increase their academic success and how to overcome the not so perfect grade. We have one more meeting left, which is scheduled for Dec. 4, 2013. We are looking for **EVERYONE** to be at this meeting to celebrate your accomplishments and discuss what **YOU** would like to see incorporated in next semester's meetings. Refreshments will be provided, and yes, Ms. Debbie is going to include some treats from her kitchen. Looking forward to seeing you all there...

EOP Nursing Support Group—12/4

CSTEP/McNair Office, Rm C18



Women's Support Group

The EOP Women's Support Group facilitated by Latasha Craig was established to offer a support system where women can come together to discuss in a safe space what is on their minds. The support group is also a way to network, build relationships and share similar experiences with one another. The Women's Support Group also provides a learning experience for members and is an opportunity for growth and reflection. Various topics are explored throughout the semester and it is a wonderful opportunity to challenge one's self. In the past, collaborations with other clubs and organizations have occurred to support relevant topics relating to women. Currently, the Women's Support group in collaboration with the The College at Brockport Women's Step Team has partnered with Brockport High School Step Team to establish a mentoring program. I would like to encourage women to get involved with the Women's Support Group and speak with the facilitator about ideas for programming, collaboration, the needs of the female college student and how this group can grow stronger. Please contact Latasha Craig, Senior Counselor at 585-395-5437 or lcraig@brockport.edu for more information.

Women's Support Group—12/4

EOP Conference Room from 5-6pm

EOP's NEW Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

PAL offers students another opportunity to practice their learning. We offer guided study groups for specific classes. The groups are facilitated by peer fellows, a student who, like our peer tutors, has earned a superlative grade in the class and is recommended by the professor.

Students attending can expect the peer fellow to support them through the material they want to practice, helping them not just understand challenging content, but also realize that they have been learning better skills as they practice.

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djoeshephm@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.

EOP's Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

Tuesdays/Thursdays
9:15-11:15pm in the Keifer Rm of the Drake Memorial Library

EOP's One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a peer fellow who in many instances has had the same professor, and who has received a superlative grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful, but also in acquiring and developing study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond.

The tutorial supports of this program are designed to address the academic needs of the student and tailored to accommodate both the schedules of the student and tutor, thus allowing for the student to meet their assigned tutor(s) as needed to maximize on their learning potential within the sessions and their academic success within their courses.

Why are good grades important? We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing or being accepted for admittance into the graduate program and graduate school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest. Don't settle for mediocrity. Get the supports you need to be all you can be academically. See your counselor, read and complete that tutoring form, submit it in person to your Academic Coordinator (Debra Joseph-McEwen).

EOP SPORTS CORNER...

In Football News...

- *Dan Andrews and Cortland Haines earned NJAC Rookie of the Week Awards for the second time.*
- *Johnathan Ivy received Pre-season All American*
- *Levi Clarke was noted in a sport picture on the 11/20/13 Daily Eagle webpage*

EOP Academic Spotlight...

In honor and recognition of her academic achievement, Adwoa Opoku-Nsiah, an EOP Freshman, has been accepted into the Delta College Program. Congratulations!!



FAREWELL GABE MARSHALL!

EOP would like to congratulate Gabe Marshall on his new job as HEOP Director at Nazareth College. We know you will be loved and respected by the staff and students there as much as you are here. SUNY Brockport's loss is Nazareth's gain.



Student Spotlight

Casey Medina

MAJOR: Physical Education/Teacher Certification

HOMETOWN: Miller Place, NY

CAREER GOAL: Teach and Coach

We have a true renaissance individual in the family. Casey is presenting a workshop on the Nike Trainer App (ipad or Android) at the American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance conference. The conference is at Turning Stone. Best of luck to one of EOP's best.

Jess Giglio

MAJOR: Interdisciplinary Arts

HOMETOWN: Rochester, NY

CAREER GOAL: Work with children in art therapy

We have a budding Ansel Adams in the family. Jess is having a photo she took of her son Antonio displayed at the SUNY Fall 2013 Student Exhibit in Albany. Kudos to a wonderful art-

Jennifer Banker

MAJOR: Environmental Science

HOMETOWN: Morrisville, NY

CAREER GOAL: Work with Koala Bears

The EOP family has a genuine equestrian in our midst. Jennifer is a member of the college's equestrian team. Her team was recently featured in a recent issue of the "Stylus." She and the team are in training to enter various completions. Jennifer was also recently inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon. Kudos to one of the family's brightest stars.

EOP would like to recognize Business Major, **Prachi Patel** for being promoted to Assistant Manager at Macy's. Prachi began working at Macy's in 2009 as a temp and climbed through the ranks of sales associate and bridal consultant before beginning training as an ***assistant manager***. Among several other accolades, Prachi earned the distinguished honor of ***Employee of the Year in 2010***. Prachi loves working in customer service and sincerely enjoys helping people. She is currently enrolled in ***seven classes*** at SUNY Brockport and will graduate in December 2013. Her future plans include working full-time at Macy's, studying for the GMAT, and applying to MBA programs for fall 2014 admission. GOOD LUCK PRACHI!!! EOP will miss you (especially your counselor !!!)

EOP Student Shane Wright gives back by DJing at a local charity event to raise money to benefit children with life threatening medical conditions.



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Hispanic Heritage Celebration



Thank you to everyone who joined us at the EOP Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration!

For more information call EOP (585) 395-2547