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From The Director

Let me welcome all of you back to what I hope will be a happy new year. I hope each of you had a successful fall semester and a pleasant break. I just know you are ready for an even better spring. But that's not going to happen without hard work. Now let's see... how shall we start? First, let's make sure you make solid contact with your EOP counselor from the beginning. Establish a plan that is going to help you achieve the best grade possible in each course. Get tutoring

for every course you will need from the beginning. Finally, meet with your EOP counselor regularly so that they can assist in monitoring how well you are doing throughout the semester. If I can help you do not hesitate to see me. We look forward to doing our best to render those services that will help you to achieve your goals. So let's make a good start toward a great spring.

There are several items I want to mention and encourage you to be ready for. Financial Aid 2004-2005 is this is a very important item. Secondly, I look

forward to seeing you at the EOP 25th Honors and Awards Banquet. Finally, as in the past this is budget time. The governor of our state has recommended a 5% reduction in the EOP budget. We must work together to get not only this 5% restored but to convince our elected officials in New York state to grant a very needed increase. We will call upon you, the students, friends, and family to help in this effort. Have a wonderful semester.

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Spring 2004 Check Dates

January 26
March 9*
April 6*
May 5*

* The remaining checks will not be released without a FAFSA. See your counselor for details.

Attention Faculty and Staff...

The time has come for you to show your support for EOP. The "Sponsor A student" program allows faculty, staff, and/or anyone interested the chance to purchase tickets for the 25th Annual EOP Honors and Recognition Banquet for students, allowing them to part take in this rewarding event. Tickets will be available soon. For more information regarding the banquet, please contact EOP at x2547.

Honors & Award Banquet News

Q: What should all EOP Students be preparing for?
A: The 25th Annual EOP Honors and Recognition Banquet

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2004
Place: Seymour College Union

The 25th Annual EOP Honors and Recognition Banquet is approaching, so mark your calendars and come dressed to impress for the most important event of the year. All honorees and mentees will receive a ticket free of charge. If anyone is interested in showcasing his or her talent, or has any banquet related questions, please contact your EOP counselor.

Check out EOP online: www.brockport.edu/eop

Career Corner

Stop in the Career Services office and check out the new information available in the **CAREER LIBRARY FOR SPRING 2004**. Below is a list of the new books:

Careers:

- *Computer Careers*
- *I Don't Know What I Want to Do, But I Know It's Not This*
- *A Fork in the Road: A Career Planning Guide for Young Adults*
- *200 Best Jobs for College Graduates*

Job Search:

- *Finding a Teaching Job*
- *Dressing Smart for Men*
- *Dressing Smart for Women*
- *Ask the Right Questions, Hire the Right People*
- *The Hiring and Firing Question and Answer Book*
- *Best Keywords for Resumes, Cover Letters, and Interviews*

Internships and Graduate School:

- *Scoring a Great Internship*
- *National Directory of Arts Internships 2003-2004*
- *Game Plan for Getting into Business School*

Workshops for February

Wednesday, February 4

Resume Writing Workshop
2:30-3:30 pm, Rakov 101
Learn how to put together a job winning resume.

Interviewing Workshop
3:45-4:45 pm, Rakov 101

Build your interviewing skills to land the job you want.

Wednesday, February 11

M&T Bank On Campus Interviews
10am -3 pm

M&T Bank will be interviewing for the position of Retail Sales Development Trainee. Resumes due in the Office of Career Services by February 4. You must submit your resume before you may interview.

Thursday, February 12

Rochester Area Career Expo
1-5pm

Holidome, Rochester

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Bring resumes and dress professionally.
Prepare to be interviewed.

Wednesday, February 18

Job Search Workshop
1:15-2:15pm, Rakov 101

Learn techniques and strategies to help you find the job you want.

Tuesday, February 24 4:45-6pm

Wednesday, February 25 3:45-5pm

Thursday, February 26 1:15-2:45pm

Work Environment Workshop, Rakov 101

Mandatory for BCEC students. Discuss work ethics and what is expected of you as an employee.

Saturday, February 28

KAPLAN LSAT Prep Class
Seymour College Union

Pick up a registration bulletin at Career Services or call KAPLAN at 1-800-KAP-TEST and reference Class Code #LSR04008. Classes meet Saturdays and Thursdays starting 2/28/04.

EOP Faculty Mentor Program Update

The Faculty Mentor Program is Back! This spring 2004 semester there are 15 slots open.

If any faculty member or student is interested, please submit their applications in to Ida Rockwell as soon as possible. Applications can be obtained from your EOP counselor, the EOP Secretary, Terri Stymus, or Ida Rockwell. Deadline to return the applications to Ida Rockwell and be considered for the Faculty Mentor program is February 13.





Financial Aid



Welcome back! I hope you had a happy and safe vacation. As with the start of any semester, there are certain financial items to which you need to pay particular attention. Please make sure your Bursar bill accurately reflects your full/part-time status. Don't forget that your full/part-time status directly impacts both your bill and financial aid. As always, when you examine your bill pay particular attention to items such as; Easy Money, optional charges, meal

points, and past due balances. If you have meal points and/or Easy money left over from last semester, you should consider making adjustments to your spring account. Any Easy Money/meal points left over at the end of the year do not carry over in to the next academic year. It is of particular importance to pay attention to your TAP compliance status. If you have four or more semesters and your GPA is 1.99>, you will be out of compliance. If you have not earned the approved amount of cred-

its per the guidelines, you will be out of compliance. Being out of compliance will cause you to lose your TAP. If either one of these situations apply, you should contact your counselor ASAP to discuss your options.



The 2004/05 financial aid application season is in full swing. If you have not yet done so, see your EOP counselor for your EOP financial aid application checklist. It is a very important and highly useful document. By now you should have your FAFSA PIN. If you do not have it, log on to www.pin.ed.gov to obtain it. You and any applicable parental units should be in the process of obtaining your required financial/income documentation. All EOP students, except for those with independent overrides, are required to complete their financial aid appli-

cation (FAFSA) on line. The latter students need to contact the financial aid office to complete the paper process. Log on to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the process. Make sure that you use the link to the TAP site to complete that process. You are required to submit the signature page(s), or the confirmation page to your counselor. Your EOP checks will be blocked if you do not submit your FAFSA prior to check release. You should know how many semesters of projected financial aid eligibility you have left. This knowledge can directly influence

your academic plans. As you go through the process, make sure you know the status of your submissions. Never assume that a particular document was submitted. Always check to make sure that the financial aid office received it. Make sure you work closely with your EOP counselor to complete this process as quickly, accurately, and easily as possible.

Attention EOP Students!

There has been a major change in how the summer session is treated by the financial aid system. The academic year is now considered fall, spring, and summer terms. Most EOP students receive the maximum amount of financial aid for which they are eligible for the fall and spring terms. Under the new academic year configuration, a student contemplating summer school may not have enough financial aid available to cover their summer expenses. If you are contemplating a summer session, you should start planning a year in advance. You will need to carefully consider your expenses prior to the summer sessions. You should also look at adjusting your fall and spring term course loads rather than attending summer session. Please contact your EOP counselor if you have any questions.



EOP congratulates our fall 2003 graduates

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| Michael Brauen | Jodeya Jackson |
| Kimberly Cooper | Sabrina Jessmer |
| Ebony Crockton | Kimberly Johnson |
| Jonathan Dean | James Kates |
| Lamika Gamble | Esther Miranda |
| Lev Gelfand | Derrick O'Konski |
| Janis Graham | Karen Streeter |

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EOP Student Spotlight

Student: Jennifer Veras
Hometown: New York, New York
Major: History/Spanish
Career Goal: To earn her PhD in Spanish History and teach at a college.

Jennifer has made significant contributions to our students and the college through her work with the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS). She is currently serving as president of ALAS. Jennifer is a wonderful leader dedicated to serving others. Next time you see Jennifer say, "Hola a una gran lider."

Student: Dwayne Hayward
Hometown: Syracuse, New York
Graduate Program: Counselor Education
Career Goal: To be a counselor for inner-city high school students

Congratulations are in order for Dwayne, who completed his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice here at SUNY Brockport, and has been accepted into the SUNY Brockport Masters in Counselor Education program. Through his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, Dwayne is very involved in community service. He is currently participating as a crew member in Journey of Hope, a cycling event that begins at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA, and ends at the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Journey of Hope benefits P. U.S.H. America, a philanthropic organization established by Pi Kappa Phi that helps raise awareness for people with disabilities. This event will take place this summer, and Dwayne is fundraising for it, so please consider helping out!

For more information call EOP (585) 395-2547