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A Brand New Year From Director Gary O. Owens

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of you for what I envision to be a most successful and enjoyable year. I hope your summer was productive as well as invigorating.

Now, in order for this year to be a successful one each of us has to do our part. Each member of the EOP staff stands ready to do his or her best and it is our hope that every student who is a part of our program is ready to do theirs.

Many of you are aware that at the close of the spring 2002 semester, EOP took on a new look with remodeled and refurbished offices. We also introduced a brand new student resource room. This came with the uncompromised support

of the College and in particular the support of Ray Di Pasquale, VP for enrollment management. The resource room is there for you, the student. It will be equipped with the best computers and services we can acquire. This year we will re-implement the Faculty Student Mentoring Program. We have also extended the hours the office and the resource room are available to you. We are open **Monday through Thursday from 8 am – 8 pm Friday hours are 8 am – 5 pm.**

We are seeking to strengthen all areas of the program to build the EOP FAMILY. To be successful we need your help. Tell

us what is needed. Utilize services that are available, to achieve the best you can. I look forward to hearing from each of you and to see you in the near future. Have a wonderful year.

Quick Quote:

Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life.

- Brigham Young

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EOP Faculty Student Mentoring Program



This year EOP will again sponsor a Faculty Student Mentoring Program. Contact your EOP counselor or Ida Rockwell as soon as possible.

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

FINANCIAL AID

By Dan Askey

As all of you are aware, financial aid is a very important part of your college experience, so it is important that you have a good understanding of all aspects of the process. The Financial Aid Office assigns a budget to all students based on whether they are dependent or independent. The term "budget" refers to the estimated cost of attending SUNY Brockport for an academic year. This includes such items as living expenses, books, fees, tuition, etc.

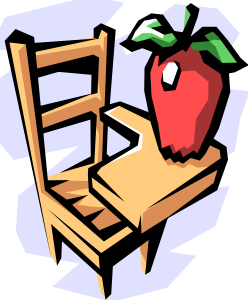
Early in the year you complete a FAFSA, either new or renewal. This process generates a TAP application, which you need to check for accuracy, make any necessary changes,

affix the appropriate signatures, and submit the document. You then provide the Financial Aid Office any follow-up documentation as requested by them. When complete, the student's file is put through the verification process and sent to be packaged.

It is a goal of the program that all EOP students be completely packaged. The amount and type of financial aid a particular student receives is determined by the policies of the college, and the policies of the various financial aid programs. All students must affirm their enrollment as part of this process. Students may need to sign promissory notes based on the components of their package. All applicable aid is then applied to the stu-

dent's account. If a student has less aid then the amount of the bill, she/he will need to make payment arrangements for the outstanding balance. If the student has more applicable financial aid then the amount of the bill, then the student is due a refund. It is required that this process is completed each year.

It is very important that your knowledge of the financial aid billing process be as complete as possible. Please see your counselor if you have questions on any part of this process.



Peer Tutoring Services Attention Students!

Did you know that the Educational Opportunity Program offers FREE individual peer tutoring services?

Now is the time for you to see your EOP counselor to request a personal tutor by filling out a Tutor Request Form. Tutoring is not just for students who are on probation, it is for any students who feel as though they need some extra help. If you're unsure whether you should get a peer tutor, speak to your EOP counselor for guidance. Remember, if you request a tutor, it is your responsibility to meet with your tutor at the agreed upon times and to attend each tutoring session prepared. This means completing your reading and other assignments prior to each tutoring session, so you can identify problem areas where your tutor can help you. Please feel free to talk to your EOP counselor for more information on peer tutoring.

Being prepared can turn C's to A's!

EOP would like to congratulate
 spring 2002 graduates
 And
 spring 2002 Deans List scholars



Graduates

Patricia Anderson	Jack Palmeri
Raymond Arias	Vy Panyasith
Regina Bailey	Amanda Polidore
Tawana Bain	Nora Powderly
Rachel Barais	Felicia Reed
Charles Brooks	Maria Rosario
Kiya Brown	Shamika Rutley
Carrie Carnesi	Amanda Rydznski
Nicole Chalker	Joanne Schmidt
Melissa Clark	Ayauna Scott
Yvette Cochran	Jennifer Scott
Latasha Craig	Athena Sease
Kelly Garlinghouse	Jonathan Seiler
Mary Gentz	Stephen Seitz
Shana Goodson	Tanisha Sewell
Michael Haas	Talauna Sims
Tara James	Tanya Slaght
Michael Kaufman	Tanisha Smith
Michelle Killings	Michael VanGelder
Barbara King	Mia Worth
Maria Kissoondath	Delores Wright
Jaqueline Mack	Lacyndra Young
Joel Oleshski	William Lozada

**Deans List 3.25
 and above**

Shaquana Armstrong	Melanie Melendez
Kerry Blocker	Anthony Mercado
Mandy Burke	Derrick O’Konski
Carrie Carnesi	Yanique Panton
Kimberly Cooper	Amanda Polidore
Amalia Dache	Michal Roberts
Brian Denea	Maria Rosario
Christopher Fairbank	Amanda Rydznski
Clarissa Fana	Vincent Schillaci
Jessica Ferguson	Joanne Schmidt
Jocelyn Fernandez	Ayauna Scott
Derrick Fontaine	Jonathan Seiler
Lev Gelfand	Anleel Shabdin
Carla Ginther	Samantha Sharkey
Shana Goodson	Javette Smallwood
David Hadden	Coriel Symister
Jessica Hamilton	Scott Taif
Doris Hernandez	Magdiel Tello
Shannon Hiscock	Nina Tendler
Neelofer Jaffery	Michael VanGelder
Tara James	Tabitha Vanskiver
Jeanine Jeudy	Annemarie Wynn
Robert Lainhart	

**EOP Check Release Dates
 Fall 2002**



October 2
November 14
December 4

Just a Reminder...

You must see your EOP counselor to receive a check release. There may also be programmatic and/or individual counselor requirements before you can receive your check release. Therefore, it pays to see your counselor to ensure all is in order for you.

EOP Staff



Gary O. Owens, Director



Daniel B. Askey,
Asst. Director of Student Services



Barbara LeSavoy,
Asst. Director of Academic
Services

**Introducing two new graduate assistants
to the EOP staff**

Latasha Craig, Graduate Asst. Counselor
Major: Master of Public Administration



I would like to welcome each student back and wish you good luck in you academics as well as college experience. I recently graduated from SUNY Brockport in the spring of 2002 with a degree in criminal justice, so I am not new to Brockport and encourage each student to take advantage of what SUNY Brockport can offer you. Please feel free to stop by my office, which is located in the lower level of the Rakov building, and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting with you. Have a good semester!

Shana Goodson, Graduate Asst. Counselor
Major: Master of Public Administration



I am truly honored to be part of the EOP program this semester as a graduate assistant counselor. I am a recent graduate from SUNY Brockport in the spring of 2002 with a degree in business administration with a concentration in management. I want to encourage you all to strive for excellence in all that you do and work diligently to achieve every goal that you set in life. My office is located in the lower level of the Rakov building in room G20. You're all more than welcome to stop in to visit me. I hope to meet you all. Good luck!

Fall 2002



Jackie Haircrow-Moore,
EOP Counselor



Ida Rockwell,
EOP Counselor



Terri Szymus,
EOP Secretary



Robin Felong,
Graduate Asst. Counselor



Sophy So
Work Study Student



Banke Oyewumi
Work Study Student



Shameka Cannon
Work Study Student



Alicia Porter
Work Study Student



Tara Dwyre
Work Study Student



Christie Sheffield
Work Study Student

Career Corner

By Shana Goodson

Skills are vital to Employment Opportunities!

Fall Career Workshops and Seminars

On Campus Recruiting

On October 22-24 local businesses from the Greater Rochester area will be on campus seeking diligent, reliable and self-motivated individuals to become part of their team. The corporations are:

The Sherwin Williams Company	Resume Due 10/9/02	On-Campus Recruiting 10/22/02
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Resume Due 10/9/02	On-Campus Recruiting 10/22/02
Mutual of Omaha	Resume Due 10/9/02	On-Campus Recruiting 10/23/02
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network	Resume Due 10/9/02	On-Campus Recruiting 10/24/02

Interviewing Workshop

The Career Services center offers interviewing workshops to help equip students with interviewing skills such as: appearance, questioning, follow-up and essential interviewing tips.

For anyone interested, the dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday	10/1/02	9:45 am-10:45 am
Friday	10/18/02	3 pm-4 pm
Monday	10/28/02	2:30 pm-3:30 pm
Wednesday	11/20/02	2:30 pm-3:30 pm
Thursday	12/5/02	7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Attention Juniors and Seniors

Graduate School Day

When: October 23, 2002

Where: Seymour Union Ballroom

For more information visit www.brockport.edu/career

Also if you're unsure about choosing a graduate school you're welcome to attend the

"How To Choose a Graduate School Workshop."

Career Services has designed this particular workshop to assist students in selecting a graduate school and program that's best suited for each student. This workshop also provides vital information such as searching for grants and scholarships, as well as writing personal statements. The dates for the workshops are:

Thursday	9/26/02	3 pm-4 pm
Monday	10/21/02	10:45 am-11:45 am

Quick Quote: "Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success."

- Dr. Joyce Brothers

The Student Spotlight

In each newsletter, at least one EOP student will be given the spotlight to allow everyone to know a little more about what makes our students shine. To receive this profile, an EOP counselor must nominate the student for "The Student Spotlight." No established criteria exists to receive this profile other than being an all-around great student.

Student: Lev Gelfand
 Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
 Major: Business Administration
 Career Goal: Real Estate
 Counselor: Shana Goodson

Lev is in his junior year here at SUNY Brockport. He wants to one day own his own real estate company. In his spare time he likes to go to the driving range and golf. Lev also is a member of the SUNY Brockport Finance Club. He currently works in the Developmental Math Lab. He wants to go to graduate school at Columbia University to study business and earn an MBA. Lev is a very friendly and outgoing person. The staff here at EOP wish him all the success this semester. Keep up the good work! Lev has these words of wisdom for his fellow classmates, "Stay focused and remember four years of success here at SUNY Brockport means 40 years of success afterwards."

EOP Summer Program is a Success!!

On July 7, 2002, EOP welcomed seventeen incoming freshmen to SUNY Brockport's campus. The summer program is designed to give accepted freshmen the opportunity to participate in a four-week summer program. The summer program allowed accepted freshmen to stay on campus during the summer and provided meals and books free of charge to each student.

The main focus of the summer program is to offer students an opportunity to get a head start in their preparation for the college experience. The pre-freshmen summer program included courses in writing, mathematics, computer skills, history, library skills and self-exploration. The EOP summer program gave students the chance to complete computer skills competency requirements

and the foreign language competency test, which are required for all incoming freshman students. During the summer program students got to experience area attractions such as: Darien Lakes, Laser Quest, Brockport Bowl and other exciting places. Evidence shows that students who attend summer program are more successful in college!

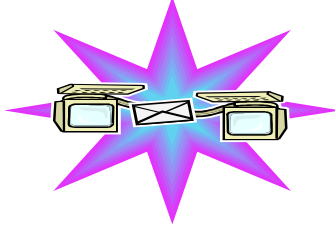
Quick Quote:

When you come to the edge of all that you know, you must believe one of two things: There will be earth upon which to stand, or you will be given wings to fly.

- Unknown

For more information call EOP (585) 395-2547

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday 8 am-8 pm
Friday 8 am-5 pm



Come check out the
EOP
Student Resource Center

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