FROM THE DIRECTOR:

We are Family

It is a pleasure for me to welcome each of you back for a new academic year. I especially want to welcome our new incoming freshman students, our new transfers and our readmits, to the Brockport EOP Family. Yes we are a family. It is our purpose to assist you in achieving your goals as a student here at The College at Brockport. We believe in helping one another as families should do. We also believe in enjoying each other’s company, as we celebrate and have fun together. I believe in pushing, pulling and doing whatever it takes to ensure that everyone succeeds. We invite you to join us. Make sure you see your counselor regularly. I have an open door policy. Of course as the director I can become very busy. If you come in and I am not available, please speak with the secretary and set a time to see me. You can trust that I will want to see you. Finally, I hope all of you will come join us for our opening of school picnic, and all of the other celebrations we will have throughout the year.

Now let’s have a great semester and remember, We Are Family!

Welcome Back!

FALL 2012 CHECK DISTRIBUTION DATES

October 11  November 16  December 7
The following is important information regarding your financial aid and student bill:

The regulations for both federal and state financial aid have dramatically changed. You need to make absolutely sure that you understand the terms Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and FAP (Federal Academic Progress). You need to be making acceptable academic progress in both your GPA and earned credits in order to continue to receive financial aid. Please work very closely with your counselor to ensure that you thoroughly understand the new rules. Failure to stay in compliance can result in a severe loss of your financial aid.

If you currently have health insurance, you must waive the college mandated health insurance ASAP.

Make sure you are aware of your TAP status. An estimated award will not be credited to your account.

You want to make absolutely sure that you have satisfied all of your process obligations. You must make sure that you have signed your promissory notes, accepted your financial aid, affirmed your enrollment, and provided all other requested documentation. Delaying the process can result in a changed financial aid package and incurring late charges. Sometimes new obligations arise as you work your way through the process. You should check with your counselor on a regular basis to make sure you know where you are.

Your student bill is another ongoing process. It is important that you understand all components of your bill. Do you have the correct meal plan for example? Do you have to pay anything, and how much? Is my refund correct?

Always remember that any charges you incur can impact any anticipated credit balance disbursements (refund) and/or personal liability for the charges. For those of you getting a refund, make sure you talk with your counselor about the refund and make sure it is accurate. Do you really need the whole thing? Should you use some/all of it to pay down your loans? Your financial aid and student bill are vital parts of your college experience.
Hello everyone. My name is Dianne Moultrie and I am currently on the Counselor Education college track here at The College at Brockport. I have recently been awarded a Diversity Fellowship here in the EOP department and I am extremely excited about it. I am looking forward to meeting those of you whom I have not come in contact with as of yet and also seeing those of you that I do know. I am grateful to Mr. Gary Owens for this opportunity as well as the committee that has so graciously bestowed me with this honor.

I am very fortunate to have been selected for the prestigious opportunity to serve as an EOP Counselor this year! My undergraduate degrees are in psychology and adolescent education (7th-12th Social Studies and Special Education), so you can count on me to be an asset to you both personally and academically. Additionally, I served five years in the US Navy and worked in the entertainment industry for fourteen. Together, we will accomplish a lot this year. I look forward to meeting and learning about you, your interests, and your goals. Helping you reach your full potential is my commitment to you!!! Even if I am not your counselor, please stop by my office and introduce yourself. Let's make this year great!
EOP’s Peer One-On-One Tutoring Program

EOP students - need a little help reviewing for a class, deepening your understanding of specific course content and/or improving your study strategies?

EOP’s Peer One-On-One Tutoring Program provides individualized tutorial support to students in their specific course content areas of study to assist in further expanding their understanding of the various processes, concepts and principles of the course material; as well as offer opportunity for students to practice their learning. The peer tutors are students, who have earned a superlative grade in the specific course of study and who are recommended by the professor.

Students in their one-on-one session(s) can expect the peer tutor to support them in addressing the particular academic needs specific to their course(s) of concern (i.e. reviewing, test preparation, explanation of concepts, etc.).

To acquire this support service, see your counselor, fill out a tutoring request form and submit it in person to Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator, Copper Hall, Rm C25A.

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EOP’s Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program
(Starting Tuesday, September 11th)

EOP’s NEW Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program 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.

Any student enrolled in the specific class may attend the study group. You’ll find that this opportunity is not just for students having trouble. Successful students use this opportunity to maintain and increase their competence.

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

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:15pm – 11:15pm
(Starting Tuesday, September 11th)

Where: Drake Memorial Library (Keifer Room)

What subjects/courses:
Varies Math courses, PSH 110, PSH 202, BIO 111, pre-requisite nursing courses and writing
Is there a staff/faculty, alumni, or community member that has spiked your interest in a specific career?

If so, start the semester the right way, sign up to be a mentee!

Great news! EOP’s “G.P.S.” mentoring program is expanding and we have more available spots than ever before. DO NOT MISS OUT ON AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE YOUR CAREER. Speak with your EOP Counselor about the benefits of joining the “G.P.S.” program and get on the fast track to career success. Sign up to participate in the Educational Opportunity Program’s “G.P.S.” mentoring program by completing an application and submitting it along with your semester schedule. Build a lasting relationship with a knowledgeable faculty member who can help you better understand your desired career, share valuable insight about changes taking place in your career, and aid you in your growth and development on your journey to becoming a professional. Contact your EOP Counselor or Gabriel Marshall, Program Coordinator, by phone at 395-5434 or by email at gmarshal@brockport.edu if interested.
Upcoming Career Events

**Lunch & Learn featuring Kaplan**, September 27th, noon-1pm, Career Services workshop area

- Sign up online at www.brockport.edu/career

**Law Night**, October 1, 2012, 6-7:30 pm, University of Rochester

- Provides students from Rochester area colleges with an opportunity to meet with over 50 law school admissions representatives.

**Lunch & Learn featuring the Peace Corps.**, October 11th, noon-1pm, Career Services workshop area

- Sign up online at www.brockport.edu/career

**Graduate School Days**

- Provides an opportunity for students to meet with graduate and professional school representatives from across the North East.
  - SUNY Geneseo, October 23, 5-7pm
  - Rochester Institute of Technology, October 24, 11am-1pm
  - St. John Fisher College, October 24, 3-5pm

**Mini Conference for Future Educators**

Will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Nazareth Arts Center; student check-in will be at 3:30. Students choose two out of the three sessions.

Sessions choices are: Interviewing; Portfolios; and Managing Your Professional Presence

For more information on these events, please visit Career Services at www.brockport.edu/career or contact Dianne Moultrie at 395-5433

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Homecoming Weekend

**Information**

EOP ISN'T CLOWNING AROUND!!!!
EOP will be participating in SUNY Brockport's Annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 15th. Design and construction meetings will be held September 4th-6th, and 10th-13th in the EOP office starting at 5PM. Freshman participation is mandatory! Come out and show your support for EOP!!!
UPCOMING EOP EVENTS

EOP Family Welcome Back BBQ!

Join us in celebrating the start of another exciting school year! Come hang out with faculty and friends for food, music, and fun! Also taking place during the event is a faculty and student meet-and-greet as part of our GPS Mentoring Program. We hope to see you all there!

Place: Commissary Park
(Behind Briggs Hall near the basketball courts)
Date: Friday, September 7th
Time: 2:30-5:00

September Birthday Celebration

Come join the EOP family as we celebrate the September birthdays!

If you’re celebrating a birthday in September or not, stop by the EOP office for some fun!

Date: Wednesday, September 19th
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Location: EOP Office - Rakov G-20
The EOP family is very proud to shine the spotlight on the class of 2016! They had a very successful and exciting summer program. They worked very hard and we welcome them all. Make sure give a warm EOP hug and welcome to the sixty-seven newest members of the family.