FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Now as we quickly come to the close of this spring semester and the academic year, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who participated in making this years' annual awards banquet a tremendous success. I was very impressed. I would also like to compliment Tiffany Bradley for a great job in the coordination of this years' banquet, along with all the EOP staff that assisted her. I also want to thank Mr. Clyde Morgan and the Sankofa Dance group for joining us, as well as all the other entertainers that contributed their talent to make this years' banquet a wonderful success. My hat goes off to Nicson Martinez and that wonderful hip hop group of students. You were great!

Now as we come to the end of the year I need to remind you, as you work hard towards completing those courses you are presently taking, to give it your best shot. Don't let anything distract you.

To those of you who are returning, remember your obligations and responsibilities for next year, like pre-registration and your 2012-2013 financial aid. Know your own business. To all of you who are graduating this spring or summer, please make sure you speak with me before commencement. Also remember, that we are here to help you as you move forward. Finally, as you become alumni, don’t forget where you came from. Reach back and give help to someone else.

Quick note:
Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant - Robert Louis Stevenson
The end of the year is quickly approaching. The following is a list of tasks for your 2012-2013 financial aid renewal and your forthcoming Fall ’12 student bill.

- Make sure you are registered and have affirmed your enrollment by the time you leave for the summer. The release of your May 3rd EOP check will be blocked, pending completion of these tasks.
- Make sure you have submitted all documents requested of you by the Financial Aid Office to your assigned EOP counselor. If you are not sure of what you need, please see your EOP counselor.
- Make sure you understand each item on your Fall ’12 student bill. Please remember that the alumni charge is optional. Make sure you avoid Easy Money whenever possible and agree with any Easy Money and/or meal plan charges on your bill.
- Make sure you are aware of your status and options regarding the mandatory health insurance. You should make the appropriate arrangements prior to going home for the summer.
- Make sure you thoroughly understand each item of your financial aid package. If you have any questions, the Financial Aid Office is happy to answer them.
- Make sure you are packaged and accept your financial aid award ASAP. This can be done through Web Banner.
- Prior to leaving for the summer, make sure any issues, or outstanding balances concerning your Spring ’12 student bill have been resolved. Unpaid balances can result in holds being placed on your account and will potentially result in your outstanding balance being turned over to collections. Holds will also prevent you from registering for classes for the Fall ’12 semester.
- Make sure your living arrangements for the 2012-2013 academic year are all set prior to leaving for the summer.
- If you are planning on taking any summer classes, and are applying for financial aid, remember to complete a Summer Application for Financial Aid available at: http://www.brockport.edu/finaid/forms_center.htm or in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for this application is May 1, 2012. Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not already received the maximum of their 2011-2012 financial aid. In most cases, students will need to be enrolled in at least six credits to be eligible for Federal Stafford loans. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office. Prompt, accurate completion of your financial aid renewal is critical. Delays in the process can result in you not receiving the proper financial aid to which you are entitled. Don’t forget that the EOP staff will be here all summer. If you have any questions or just want to say "Howdy," please contact us. Please have a happy and successful summer!
Come and join the EOP family for our End of the Year Celebration/ Final Birthday Celebration. The event will be located in Commissary Park and will feature food, friends, and fun! Stop by from 3-5:30pm on Wednesday, May 2nd to celebrate the end of the school year style! May and summer birthdays will be recognized and prizes will be awarded! Hope to see you all there.

See the back of the newsletter for photos from the event!
G.P.S. IS HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The G.P.S. Mentoring Program is concluding another successful semester of students working with their mentors in various capacities and I want to thank all participants for their hard work and dedication to the program. I'm happy to say that we have 12 seniors in the program that will be graduating in either May or August. Some will be continuing their education and attending graduate school in the fall, while others have decided to enter the workforce or join AmeriCorps. With that being said, we will have numerous openings for the fall 2012 semester and NOW is the time to complete applications and submit them to Gabriel Marshall, Program Coordinator. I am asking that all applications be submitted by Friday May 4, 2012 if you are serious about participating in the fall 2012 semester. Speak with your Counselor about the benefits of joining the “G.P.S.” program and get on the fast track to career success. 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.

Looking for a summer job?

2012 Pre-freshman Summer Program Needs You!!!

We are currently looking for:

Peer Tutors (Evening) & Classroom Assistants
Experienced in the Content Areas of:
History, Math, and Writing Composition

Students interested in being a part of this unique educational experience must have earned a superlative grade in the subject for which they are interested in providing assistance.
To be considered for an interview you must have a resume and two letters of recommendation from professors.

To schedule an interview please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djosephm@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.
Study Tips for Finals

It is best to review the material right after class when it’s still fresh in your memory.

Don’t try to do all your studying the night before the test. Instead space out your studying, review class materials at least several times a week, focusing on one topic at a time.

Have all of your study material in front of you: lecture notes, course textbooks, study guides and any other relevant material.

Take notes and write down a summary of the important ideas as you read through your study material.

Test yourself or have someone test you on the material to find out what your weak and strong areas are. You can use the review questions at the end of each chapter, practice tests that the teacher may give out or other pertinent materials.

Careers

The Office of Career Services is available for your convenience anytime to help with resume writing, job searches, career advisement, and internship placement. Unfortunately, with the semester nearing an end Career Services does not have any more workshops going on, but it is not too early to think about the fall semester. Over the summer it is essential for you to be thinking about what is the next step in regard to your desired career. Take advantage of this time and communicate with your Counselor about what help you need in regard to your focus. Remember to be on the lookout for workshops and other services offered by Career Services in the fall and check out the Career Services board in the EOP Office for any current information.

Please work with your counselors to complete the EOP Questionnaire (for all students) and a Tutor Survey for those of you who participated in our Peer Tutor program this semester. Your feedback will allow us to make any necessary improvements to these programs in order to ensure continued student success and satisfaction. Thank you for your time and participation!
The Student Leadership Awards Ceremony was held on April 23, 2012 in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. Many of our students were recognized for their participation in leadership activities throughout the year, and received certificates pertaining to their current level of involvement in campus and community-wide service. Congratulations to those who were involved and received recognition, awards, and certificates!

- David Bulos
- Rayleen Fergen
- Nayeri Jacobo
- Keisha Terry
- Amisail Perez
- Kala Rounds
- Katherine Feeney
- Saphira Ballah-Harewood
- Carissa Cromwell
- Joshua Glick
- Romina Owolewa
- Mary Clark
- Francisco Tapia
- Andy Ayala
- Laquanda Onyemeh-Haywood
- Helem Fabre
- Nicole Harris
- Renae Pink
- Jeiri Flores
- Hope Watson
- Stephanie Russo

On Wednesday, April 11, many of our students participated in the college’s annual Scholar’s Day event. These students shared the research, ideas, and concepts they have created throughout the year through the use of presentations, poster sessions, and demonstrations. Great job, everyone! Your academic successes have contributed to the expansion of knowledge amongst both faculty and peers.

- Merida Rodriguez
- Stephanie Russo
- Yokastheline Alejo
- Mary Clark
- Jeiri Flores
- Sherly Urena
- Maatthaas Holmes
- Anilsa Paredes
- Deanna Platt
- Christina Valentin
- Francisco Tapia
- Andy Ayala
- Gregory Beauchamp
- Tyshon Davis
- Alesha Newbill
- Alise Underwood
- Amisail Perez
- Hope Watson
- Chelsie Angelo
- Racheal Adenegan
- Katherine Feeney
- Gurpreet Singh
- Kathleen Washington
- Kala Rounds
- Craig Spencer
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

On May 19, 2012 our very own Corey Lauth will be competing in the first sanctioned MMA event in New York State. Let’s all wish the Brockport Badass the best of luck!

Congratulations to the newest XAE Inductees! These individuals have met the requirements for induction into the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society and will be graduating this spring/summer. Congratulations on your accomplishments and good luck to you all in the future!

Lance Bridges             Laura Gallagher
Vanessa Moreira            Alise Underwood
Laquanda Onyemeh–Haywood   Sherly Urena

We would like to take one more opportunity to thank all of the students who served as tutors for EOP’s Peer Tutor program. Your time and dedication allowed many students to achieve success in courses that would have been difficult for them to complete without your help and support. Thank you!!
Highlights from our most recent EOP event:

EOP Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet Ceremony