FROM THE DIRECTOR:

One Day at a Time

As we continue to roll along at what seems to be a very fast pace, quickly passing through this semester, I want to stop or at least slow all of us down, so that we take a look at what’s going on. For instance, what are my midterm grades and what do they mean for me? There are questions that each of you need to find answers to concerning the midterm grades you have received among other things. Questions like, do I need tutoring or basically what can I do to improve my grade, even if it’s a B? Another question you should be asking, has my FAFSA been completed and have I submitted everything I need in order to get my financial aid package for 2012 – 2013? Another question worthy of consideration is, do I know when I am supposed to pre-register for the fall 2012 semester. Then finally, have I met with my academic advisor about the courses I should take next fall?

If you are graduating this year, then the questions go like this: Have I applied for graduation with the Registration and Records Office? Have I applied for graduate school or prepared a resume or even applied for a J-O-B? Well all of these questions are important in some way for each of you. Now, I encourage each of you to consider which ones apply to you and find an answer.

As March walks out the door and April rolls in please plan on attending our wonderful banquet. Get your tickets early. Make sure your counselor is aware of your activities and involvements at the College or your talent to ensure you are recognized for your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing you there.

Now let’s get cracking! There are six weeks remaining for you to get the “Best Grade Possible!” Six weeks of hard work, then time to rest and enjoy. If there is anything we can do let me know.

It is our pleasure to congratulate those of our students who have been accepted into the nursing program for the Fall 2012 term. It is an honor to know all of you and to recognize the hard work each of you have put into preparing yourselves and I am sure each one of you will be successful!

Fall 2012 nursing program accepted students:
Elizabeth Bradtke    Shaton Brown
Elizabeth Lara      Sharlyn Rios
Daisy May

Quick note:
Action without planning is the cause of all failure. Action with planning is the cause of all success.
- Brian Tracy
IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to all our students who will be graduating this year! There are several very important matters that you will want to check into before leaving Brockport.

° Please make sure that you have a zero balance with the Office of Student Accounts. You want to graduate with a clean slate. If the college sends your delinquent account to the Attorney General's office, it will have severe repercussions on your personal financial life.

° If you have taken out Federal Stafford, Perkins and/or Nursing loans while attending Brockport please make sure you complete an online exit counseling session. This is a federal requirement for all students separating from the college. You can go to The Financial Aid Loan Page for instructions or contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@brockport.edu or (585) 395-2501. The Financial Aid Office also has staff willing to help you complete this process in their office.

° You are obligated to pay back all outstanding student loans you have acquired. Once you leave school, your one-time six-month grace period starts for Federal Stafford Loans and your nine-month grace period for Federal Perkins and Nursing Loans begins. Federal student loans give you the option to consolidate your loans. Consolidation means that you can combine all of your federal loans into one loan. Your interest rate would become a fixed rate based on your outstanding loan amounts and the current interest rates of the loan(s) selected for consolidation. To complete the consolidation application, go to www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov or call 1-800-848-0979. If you have questions, consult with Direct Lending or the Financial Aid Office.

° All of these steps are necessary to prevent negative consequences on your credit score and personal financial history due to missing payments of your student loans. Remember that there are no processing fees or penalties for prepayment. However, if you fail to repay your loans in a timely manner your account will become delinquent. If you continue to be delinquent you may go into default on your loans. You want to avoid going into default because you will be ineligible for further student loans. A negative history will prevent or delay you from developing good credit for the future. Always work with your loan servicer if you get into financial trouble.

° Before you leave the College at Brockport, make sure you talk with your counselor about the graduate tuition waiver as well as graduate school financial aid options. Please remember that you will always be a part of the EOP family. We will need your support in helping the next generation achieve success as you have. As you progress through life, please consider contributing to the EOP family at the College at Brockport. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations.
Financial Aid News, Continued....

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS 2012-2013 FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

As all of you should know the process for 2012-2013 Financial Aid has begun. The program’s goal is that each of you is packaged, aid accepted and everything complete before you depart at the end of this spring semester. You should have completed your online FAFSA renewal by now. You should have also received a finaid renewal check sheet from your counselor. March 1, 2012 was the deadline. **You will not receive your next EOP check until you have completed your FAFSA.** Please don’t forget to ensure that your TAP renewal was properly completed. Please remember to always use accurate and timely information in completing all documents related to your financial aid process. Also, you will need to understand what supplemental documentation you might be required to provide and provide them in a timely fashion. Please work with your EOP counselor to ensure that you get things done correctly.

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Come and join the EOP family as we celebrate our students’ birthdays. Whether it’s your a birthday or not, stop by the office for some fun. Come and enjoy the celebration while making your own ice cream sundae and enter the raffle to win prizes.

**Dates:** March 28th & April 18th

**Time:** 12-1:30pm

**Location:** EOP Office- Rakov G20
EOP’s Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

EOP’s 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.

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
9:15pm – 11:15pm
Where: Drake Memorial Library (Keifer Room)
What subjects: MTH, BIO, CHM, PSH, all pre-requisite nursing courses and help with writing

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djose1@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.

EOP Writing Workshops

Do you need help with improving your writing skills and technique? Having a little difficulty formulating a thesis statement or structuring your writing?

When: Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Cooper Hall, Room C-25A)
&
Thursdays 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Rakov, EOP Conference Room)

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djose1@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411
Meetings are on Mondays from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm in the EOP Conference Room

Are you interested in joining a group of supportive women and gaining a support system during these stressful times or looking to build positive relationships and have a place to come and discuss your frustrations? If so, please join the Women’s Support group!

For more information, contact:
Latasha Craig, Senior Counselor @ 395-5437 or stop by room G11 Rakov

Future meetings
4/2
4/9
4/16
4/23
4/30

BE A MENTEE IN FALL 2012

Are you serious about having a meaningful career after graduating from college? Is there a staff/faculty member that has spiked your interested in a specific career? If so, take advantage of the career opportunity of a lifetime. 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 professional development. Sign up to become a mentee in the Educational Opportunity Program’s “G.P.S.” (Growth . . . Purpose . . . Success) mentoring program and learn from an expert. The number of spots is limited so don’t waste time in contacting Gabriel Marshall, Program Coordinator, by phone at 395-5434 or by email at gmarshal@brockport.edu to set up an appointment. You can also speak with your EOP Counselor about the benefits of joining the “G.P.S.” program and get on
Annual EOP Banquet Information...Save the date and participate!!

33rd Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet Performances Auditions

Are you a singer?
Are you a dancer?
Are you a poet?

Then we would like for you to audition for our Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet.

*Group or Solo performances are welcomed**

For more information please contact:
Tiffany Bradley 585-395-5433 G9A Rakov
Latasha Craig 585-395-5437 G11 Rakov

For the last 33 years, we have been successful in honoring and recognizing students of the Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program for their academic excellence and outstanding service to the college community. The 33rd Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet will be held on April 14, 2012, at 6pm, in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. This year represents 43 years of student success at The College at Brockport. Your presence at the banquet will be a great honor to our program and will speak volumes of the support the college continues to provide. It is imperative that you are in attendance.

We are asking you to set aside April 14, 2012 and hope you will make a commitment to attend. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Tiffany Bradley at 395-5433 or Latasha Craig at 395-5437.
Student Spotlight

Student: Nicson Martinez  
Hometown: The BX  
Major: Business Administration  
Minor: Dance  
Career Goal: Dance and Dance Coaching  
Counselor: Dan

We have a true renaissance person in the family. In addition to founding the Hip Hop Club and serving as its current president, Nicson was recently inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He also recently won the res hall talent show. Next time you see Nicson make sure you shake the hand of a gifted individual.

Student: Moniqua McLaughlin  
Hometown: Brooklyn  
Major: History  
Career Goal: Teacher  
Counselor: Dan

Moniqua was recently inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society. Watch her love of History to stay. Make sure say congratulations to a very historic member of the family. Good Job!!!!!

Elizabeth Lara  
Hometown: Bronx, New York  
Major: Health Science  
Career Goal: Registered Nurse or Licensed Nurse Practitioner  
Counselor: Gabriel Marshall

Senior Elizabeth Lara, Marketing Director, for the Association for Latino American Students (A.L.A.S.) has made significant contributions to the EOP program and The College at Brockport as a whole. As a member of several honor societies (Eta Sigma Gamma, Chi Alpha Epsilon), Elizabeth places high expectations on her academics and works hard at achieving her goals. To maintain a balance with her academics, Elizabeth has served as a Resident assistant and a Resident Manager in the dorms and the College Suites. In addition, she volunteers her services at the Evangelical United Church in Bronx, NY assisting with youth groups and clothing drives. She has also participated in the Model Senate Project, OSAD fashion show, Brockport’s International Festival, and the East Avenue 5k Grocery Run with all proceeds going to feed the hungry in Rochester, NY. Elizabeth’s positive attitude, delightful personality, willingness to help others, and passion for life makes her a pleasure to be around. She was recently accepted into the Nursing Program at The College at Brockport and she will begin her studies in the fall of 2012.
Highlights from our most recent EOP event:

2012 Black History Month Celebration