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The Achiever

THE ARTHUR O. EVE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The College at
Brockport
Division of
Enrollment and
Student Affairs

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Spring On the Way

As our semester rolls along it is important that I continue to encourage each of you to pay close attention and remain intense on achieving academic excellence in each of your courses this spring. Now academic excellence means in my mind, for you to do all you can to get the best grade possible. It also means using all of our services, tutoring, seeing your counselor, etc. So stay at it! Those of you, who are returning next fall, remember our goal is to have a financial aid package, accepted all aid, pre-registered and verified enrollment before the end of the semester. This all starts with filing an accurate and complete FAFSA by the end of February. Believe me you will be glad you did.

To all of our graduating seniors, file your application for graduation, on-line, as soon as possible. I am also asking each of you to meet with me before the semester ends. Finally, did you mark your calendars for the EOP Honors & Awards Banquet April 13, 2013? And don't forget the Afro-American Celebration on Thursday, February 28, 2013. I will look forward to seeing you there.

Spring Check Release Dates



March 8

April 12

May 7



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Financial Aid News

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS 2013-2014 FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

As all of you should know the process for **2013-2014 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 financial aid renewal check sheet from your counselor. February 15, 2009 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. **You must always be aware of your academic progress with your GPA and your accumulated credits. Not meeting the guideline for satisfactory academic progress can result in a serious lack of financial aid!** Please work with your EOP counselor to ensure that you get things done correctly.

INFORMATION FOR EOP 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 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.

We want you to perform at the banquet

AUDITIONS!!

March 13th 4p-5:30p
March 15th 2:30p-3:30p
Student Union Gallery



SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Come Audition!!

Do you sing, dance, write poetry, or have other talents ?

Please sign up in advance either with Terrence or Debra Joseph- McEwen, or a work study student in the main office.

The sign up deadline is Friday, March 8th.

Questions? Debra Joseph-McEwen at X5411 or Terrence Harris at X5433

BE A STAR OF EOP

The Educational Opportunity Program Presents:

34th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Seymour College Union Ballroom

6:00pm-9:00pm



For More information Please Contact:

Debra Joseph-McEwen, Academic Coordinator @ 395-5411 in room C25A, Cooper Hall
Terrence Harris, Graduate Counselor @ 395-5436 in room G9b Rakov
Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs



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!

Future meetings

5:00pm to 6:00pm

EOP Conference Room

3/6	4/3
3/13	4/10
3/27	4/17
	4/24
	5/11

Join E.O.P. & A.S.U.



Don't miss out on the wonderful cultural experiences, with great food and activities we have during the year. You do not want to miss the special performances and fun. Our next celebration will be the 84th annual EOP Honors and Recognition Banquet. Saturday, April 13, 2013.

For more information contact:

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For more information contact:

Latasha Craig, Senior Counselor @ 395-5437 or stop by room G11 Rakov

In Honor of Black History Month

Arthur O. Eve Opportunity For Higher Education Program History



Founder of the Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program, formerly known as the Educational Opportunity Program, Arthur O. Eve spearheaded legislative acts with the mission to promote equal access to higher education for those who are academically and economically disadvantaged by providing supplemental academic services and financial assistance for students to be successful in college. Eve is a retired American politician who served as a Democratic member of the New York State Assembly from 1967–2003 and Deputy Speaker of the Assembly from 1979–2003 representing districts in Buffalo, New York. He was the first African American to win the Buffalo Mayoral Democratic Primary. Assemblyman Eve's advocacy on behalf of the disadvantaged has opened doors to higher education for thousands of New York State residents. Special thanks goes out to Assemblyman Eve for his dedication and commitment to so many of us!

G.P.S. Mentoring Program is Leading Students in the Right Direction

At this time in the semester, the G.P.S. Mentoring program has matched 32 student mentees with 26 faculty/staff mentors in 21 different academic disciplines. Mentees have shared how much they appreciate the academic guidance, the career advice, and the relationships they are forming with members of their major department. Mentors have expressed how much they have enjoyed working with their mentees and teaching them more about their career interest as well as their desire to help students build lasting relationships with members of their major department. We would like to match more mentees with mentors in the fall semester, so please complete a G.P.S. application with your EOP Counselor or see Gabriel Marshall, G.P.S. Program Coordinator, for an application.

EOP's 1st Annual Athletes Support Group

EOP's Athlete's Support Group had its inaugural meeting on Monday February 11, 2013 and it was great! We currently have 10 members participating and will have other student-athletes joining us in the upcoming weeks. Through intentional conversations with peers and guided reflection activities, EOP student athletes will become a support system to one another and build a sense of community that will further connect them to the College at Brockport. Our group meets on a bi-weekly basis from 6:15 until 7:30 with meetings on Mondays February 25th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, and May 6th. If you are an EOP student-athlete on a team or participate in another rigorous performance activity (dance), please join us to help lay the foundation for a much needed group.

EOP Tutorial Supports

EOP’s One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a peer fellow who has received a superlative grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help to not only be academically successful, but also to acquire and develop study skills , strategies and techniques to employ throughout their academic experience. Please see your counselor to fill out a tutoring form.

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 and study strategies 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. Please check announcements for times.

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)

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Thursdays 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Rakov, EOP Conference Room)

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

Need To Perfect Your Resume?

Hello EOP Family,
On behalf of the staff in the EOP department I would like to make you aware of an upcoming event that many of you have stated that you need and would be interested in attending. A date has not been set as of yet but there will be a resume/cover letter workshop for our EOP students. It will be during the week of March 25, 2013 so keep watching for emails, posters, and of course your newsletter for the date.

Thank you,
Dianne Moultrie
EOP Graduate Counselor

Study Tips from EOP's Tutoring Program!!!

As you are settling into this semester, hopefully you've developed some great organizational strategies and study routines. Here are some tips that are guaranteed to improve your GPA:

Stay organized. Everyone is different. Some people prefer to use binders, others prefer folders. Whatever your method, keep the materials from each course together and organized.

Review material after class. When you get home, spend 20 minutes reviewing your notes and/or your teacher's power points from class.

Make a calendar. Write down the dates of every assignment for each course on a calendar (blank ones can be found both online and in Microsoft office)

TURN OFF YOUR PHONE!!!! Your text messages and face book will still be there when you're done studying. Even if you think you're a great multi-tasker, commit a certain amount of uninterrupted time to your studies.

Ask questions. Advocate for yourself. If you don't understand something, speak up in class. If you're not comfortable speaking up, see your professor during their office hours. Many professors also have student TA's (teaching assistants) who can answer your questions.

Make flashcards. Even for math and courses that doesn't require definitions, flashcards can still be beneficial. They are portable so you can pull them out on breaks or when you have a few minutes of down town. Once you learn a concept, remove that card from the stack and watch your stack get smaller as your knowledge increases!

Get a tutor. EOP provides **FREE TUTORING SERVICES** to EOP students. See your counselor, or contact Debra Joseph-McEwen (585) 395-5411 or Stephanie Kula (585) 395-5440 for more information.

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Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Applications Are Due!

EOP students who have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher over two consecutive semesters are eligible for membership to the EOP honor society, Chi Alpha Epsilon. Please see your counselor or contact Debra Joseph-McEwen (585) 395-5411 or Stephanie Kula (585) 395-5440 for an application. Informational meetings will be held for eligible students on Monday March 11th at 5:30pm, and Wednesday March 13th at 2:30pm in the EOP conference room located in the basement of Rakov. *Applications and fees must be submitted by Friday March 15th, 2013.*

Welcome Back!!!!



EOP kicked off a great spring semester Thursday, February 7, 2013 with a celebration in the gallery of the student union with music, pizza, and prizes!!! Thank you to everyone who shared in this event with us. Please check your student email account, the EOP website, and the flyers surrounding the EOP office for future events.

Nursing Support Group

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: CSTEP/McNair Office, Rm C18

Meeting Schedule

3/6 & 3/30

4/3 & 4/17

5/1 & 5/15

This support group is designed to provide nursing intents and current students of the Nursing Program an opportunity to meet and build new relationships, meet some of the faculty of the Nursing Program gain and discuss information regarding the nursing program, discuss various careers in nursing and to share their experiences regarding issues in the field of nursing. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Student Spotlight



The EOP family was represented in Albany by two of our best and brightest. Daniela Bulos and Nayeri Jacobo on February 11, 2013 spent the day in Albany representing the college as part of the annual SUNY advocacy day. Both students got to interact with SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, Assistant Provost Joel Frater, President John Halstead, along various state representatives and students from across the state. Please congratulate our stars of whom we are very proud.

Attention EOP Writers and Artists

Do you love to write? Do you have artistic talent? We would like to celebrate your talents and publish your work in our EOP newsletter. Please submit your articles or artwork to DaNeille Kruger at dkruger@brockport.edu



February Masterpiece



*Painting by
Jasmine Brunson*

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Romina Owolewa! On Friday 2/15/13 she won the 2013 Black and Gold Pageant. Her talent, style and grace won the day.

