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FROM THE DIRECTOR, GARY OWENS:

Rolling Along

Whether you were freshman coming into your first summer program or transfers who have come into the college for the first semester, each of you can remember that I told you that the time would really roll by very quickly and indeed it has. It probably went much faster for some than for others. The obvious question is how did you use your time and how well you are ending your semester? I hope you have focused on the priority of achieving the best grade possible. I want to encourage each of you to focus, work on achieving the best grade possible as you head towards exam week.

Now there are a few things I need to remind each of you who are returning. Please, please pay attention to making sure your financial aid is complete before you leave for the summer. Also please review your financial aid package with your counselor as well as your course registration for the fall semester. I hope to see each and every one of you at the End of Year Celebration on Friday, May 9, 2014. I want to again thank everyone who attended the EOP Honors & Recognition Banquet. It was great!

Finally, congratulations to all of you who will graduate this May and those of you who will complete graduation requirements this summer. Please remember EOP is your program and we are here to assist you in every way possible. May all your goals be achieved!
Hey EOP family. We have a world-class fashionista among us. Curtis Manson has officially launched his “NosVies” clothing line. Let’s all make sure we start sporting his designs. Best of luck to Smoothy in this wonderful endeavor!

Name: Carissa Cromwell
Major: Physical Education
Expected Graduation Date: May 2014

Carissa is a senior majoring in Physical Education she will graduate in May of 2014. Carissa’s goals include becoming a physical education teacher and a motivator. Carissa desires to give back to her community. Carissa is currently student teaching in Queens, NY; she enjoys what she does and loves her students. Carissa has worked on and off campus in various capacities. Carissa has volunteered for J.E.E.P and Camp abilities; she has also participated in Cancer Doesn’t Fly with Eagle, and is a member of the Physical Education Club and Caribbean Student Association. Carissa has done observation and practicum hours at five different schools in the Rochester, NY, City School District. Carissa decided to do her student teaching in New York in an effort to broaden her connections. Her plans are to return to New York and work in the education system. Carissa has recently been selected to participate in the COE 2014 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program in Salamanca, Spain.
The end of the year is quickly approaching. The following is a list of tasks for your 2014-2015 financial aid renewal and your forthcoming Fall '14 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 8th EOP check will be blocked, pending completion of these tasks.

Make sure you have submitted all supplemental documentation required 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 '14 student 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. Some of the financial aid budgets have changed this year. 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 '14 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 '14 semester.

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/financialaid/forms_center.htm or in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for this application is May 1, 2014. Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not already received the maximum of their 2013-2014 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 "Hola," please contact us. Please have a happy and successful summer!

IMPORTANT TAP INFORMATION

As you are aware, as EOP students you are entitled to ten semesters of TAP. A number of our students have received emails stating that they are no longer eligible for TAP after eight semesters. If you receive such an email, immediately contact your counselor so the issue may be resolved.
Looking for answers to your questions regarding XAE?
Look no further….here are your answers!!!

What is XAE?
The Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Epsilon Rho Chapter is an Honor Society at The College at Brockport that was char-tered in 2008

What is XAE’s purpose?
XAE’s purpose is to...
- Promote continued high academic standards
- Foster increased communication among its members
- Honor academic excellence achieved by those students
- To promote civic engagement through community involvement

Why should I become a member of XAE?
To have your outstanding academic achievements formally recognized and honored
To motivate current and future EOP students to strive for high academic goals

How can I become a part of XAE?
Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters

Who can I talk to if I have further questions about XAE?
Feel free to contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, XAE Co-Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or djosephm@brockport.edu

ALSO....
We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at [www.xaehonor.com](http://www.xaehonor.com) to learn information about this organization.

Now that you have answers to your questions regarding this awesome honor society....
We challenge you to strive for academic excellence
AND....
We are looking for more active involvement from our EOP students!!!

**NURSING SUPPORT GROUP — ONLY TWO MORE MEETINGS LEFT!!!!!**

Wednesday April 30, 2014 & Wednesday May 14, 2014 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Location: CSTEP/McNair Study Area, Rm C18

The semester is almost over! I want to thank the nursing faculty of the Nursing Department of the College at Brockport for their support and encouragement in our endeavors to provide EOP nursing intents and current students of the Nursing Program with accurate and timely information and opportunities to assist in their academic success and preparing for the exciting experiences and challenges met with becoming a caring committed, competent and compassionate nurse. Please come be with us for our last two meetings ESPECIALLY our last one, as we celebrate YOUR accomplishments and discuss what you would like to see incorporated the next academic year’s meetings regarding the Nursing Program and pertinent issues in the field of nursing. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, Academic Co-ordinator for EOP at (585) 395-5411 or djosephm@brockport.edu
Hard work and tutoring pays off!!! This semester, 102 students (32%), received academic support in 148 courses!!

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 in many instances has had the same professor, and who has received a superlative grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful, but also in acquiring and developing study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond.

Many of you have attested to the impact tutoring has made in your academic performance this semester, and also in how your approach your studies.

Why are good grades important? Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing or being accepted for admittance into the graduate program and graduate school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest.

Please continue to see your tutors as needed to finish out the semester strong, and many of you have already let me know you will be looking for support from your current tutors for your courses for the 2014 fall semester!!!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU’RE HEADED?

NEED GPS?
GROWTH . . . PURPOSE . . . SUCCESS (GPS)

GPS MENTORING PROGRAM

Are you a first year freshman, or sophomore, who has not declared a major? Get connected with knowledgeable faculty/staff, alumni, and community professionals in your career area to help you gain a better understanding of your desired profession. Benefits of the program include support for our students in building long lasting relationships with faculty/staff, alumni, and community professionals in their desired career in an effort to gain more knowledge and experience. G.P.S. will challenge every student to become cognitive thinkers and decision makers for their future. You should want to build those types of relationships throughout your career; this program gives you a head start.

Spaces are limited for Fall 14 so apply now!

FIND YOUR WAY!
PLEASE CONTACT
TERRENCE HARRIS, PROGRAMCOORDINATOR AT
X 5434 OR BY EMAIL AT THARRIS@BROCKPORT.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION

STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR TOP PRIORITY
Congratulations to all of the EOP Honorees!!

Fall 2013 & Spring 2014 Graduates

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Hugo Avalos
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David Babb
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Charlana Fraser
Reymy Gerez
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Eliah Golding
Rafael Gomez
Matthew Goodfellow
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Nicole Harris
Michele Harris-Semple
Leon Jackson
Melissa James
Tianna Johnson
Aaron Koutsoukos
Nico Kurdziel
Brandon Leisten
Curtis Manson
Annette Manu
Alexis Martin
Angela Matthews
Nikisha Matthews
Erin Matuszak
Ellen McCarthy
Shantel Merritt
Ryan Misurda
Andrea Moore
Daisy Moy
Samantha Neil
Olivia Pacheco

Prachi Patel
Valerie Pruner
Laquasia Richardson
Katherine Rivera
Daisy Ruiz-Marin
Colton Seeberg
Ricardo Serrano
Daniel Shaw
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Laurence Sterling
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Greetings EOP Scholars,

My, my, my… We are coming to the end of the semester and many of you are ending it strong. I applaud your efforts and pursuit of academic excellence! Final exam week will be here before you know it so please use all the academic supports (EOP Tutorial Supports, Student Learning Center, Professor’s Office hours, study groups, etc.) at your disposal to increase your chances of earning the best grade possible and boost that GPA or maintain the “healthy” one you worked so hard to obtain! The PAL Program will be in operation until May 13, 2014. Please use this additional layer of supports to increase your course success rate. Here are a few more study tips I would like to provide you with from Scholarships.com:

**Study Smart**

**Give Yourself Time**

Avoid Cramming, Review notes (yes take notes!!) after each lecture or reading assignment, Study in blocks of 45 minutes or less, Schedule studying time each evening

**Remove Distractions**

Study in a quiet and well-lit setting with ample space and few distractions, Turn off your TV and your phone while studying and refuse to let anything less important interrupt until you’ve completed your homework, Take breaks

**Take Care of Yourself**

Don’t study immediately after a huge meal or immediately before bed, Don’t skip meals, Get adequate rest and eat good “brain food”, which can help you learn more easily

**How to Prepare for a College Exam**

**Exam preparation begins on the first day of class**

Everything mentioned in class is fair game and may appear as an extra credit question on an exam
When answering an essay question, information that you may have considered irrelevant can be used to support your thesis and to demonstrate that you have been involved in the class
The more involved you are in lectures the less information you will have to cram the day before the exam.

**What topics does your professor appear most enthusiastic about?**

Keep a list of topics that your professor spends an excessive amount of time exploring; this will help you remember the important highlights of the class when the time comes to prepare for an exam
Hold on to your syllabus
A syllabus will help you organize the information as you take it in and give you an idea about what topics will be emphasized on the exam
Your syllabus will create a study guide for you, to which you can, add a few notes to
Circle books, topics, and themes which are likely to appear on an exam.

**Participate in class**

Participation helps you get closely acquainted with the material, and also shows the professor that you are interested in his/her class
Participating in class can ensure that your involvement and commitment to the course is recognized

**Keep copies of quizzes, essay questions, papers etc.**

Store handouts in a folder or binder to help you develop an effective study routine
Quizzes test your knowledge of a topic that the professor really thinks you need to know
If the topic is significant enough to show up on a quiz it will certainly appear on your exam
2014 Pre-freshman Summer Program
Needs You!!
We are currently looking for:
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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.

**Please note that attainment of position is contingent upon budget approval***

Dear EOP Students,

As your career liaisons Latasha and I are interested in what you have to say. We are reaching out to YOU for your input on how to better meet your needs. Tell us your career needs, what kind of workshops you would like, resume, mock interview, professional dress, internships, etc? What would be the best time for you to attend? The EOP staff will be working closely with the Career Center to help ensure that our student’s needs in relation to career goals are met. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. Please feel free to stop by the office, call, or email, and let Latasha or myself know of any suggestions you have so that we may put plans into action.

Thank you for your participation,
Lisa Jones

A FAREWELL FROM STEPH……

Dear students,

Two years ago, I was honored to be awarded the Diversity Fellowship and begin working at EOP as a counselor. Today, as I approach the completion of my masters degree and reflect upon the personal journey that I’ve traversed here at Brockport, it is with bittersweet emotions that I say goodbye. Although I am happy to complete this personal milestone, I will miss you all!! The EOP staff has guided my progress and professionalism as a counselor, and my students are a daily reminder to persevere, despite frustration and setbacks. You have done more for me than I could ever do for you. Thank you. Your struggles keep me humble and your successes give me strength by reminding me that dedication and hard work pay off. You will forever be in my heart. Thank you for all the laughs, tears, and lessons. Best of luck to you all!!!
35th Annual EOP Honor’s Recognition and Award Ceremony

Congratulations EOP students on another year of academic excellence!
The EOP family celebrated student success and its 45th program anniversary on April 12th in the Seymour ballroom. The program Director, Gary Owens, and EOP staff gleamed with pride as we acknowledged the many achievements of our amazing students. Congratulations to all that were honored. Outstanding performances by the Hip Hop Club and Eagle Steppers wowed the crowd and enhanced the celebratory atmosphere of the event.

The EOP family would like to thank the over 200 attendees including students, families, alumni, and college dignitaries. A special thanks to BASC and Campus Events for your hard work to make the event a huge success.
Date: Friday, May 9th     Time: 2pm until 4pm  
Location: Commissary Park  
(Rain Location: The Gallery in the Seymour Union)  
The event will feature food, friends, and fun to celebrate the hard work, successes, and accomplishments of our EOP family! May and summer birthdays will also be recognized and prizes will be awarded!  
Hope to see you all there!!!