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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Just Around the Bend

Well! Here we are again, drawing close to the end of another semester and another academic year. As I get a little older the years seem to go by just that much quicker. Now I am sure in many of your minds that’s not the way you see it and you can’t wait until May arrives. Now let’s see, I of course need to encourage each of you to buckle down and really put forth your best effort in finishing this semester with “The Best Grades Possible.” Now that will require your attention and determination on every paper, exam, quiz or presentation in each class.

To all of our graduating seniors, it is my hope that each of you will meet with me before you leave. I am very interested in your future plans and maintaining a connection with you as you move forward. So please come in and speak with me.

Now to all of you who will be returning next fall, please make sure your financial aid is completed and you have your financial aid package before you leave in May. Also make sure it is complete and adequate to pay your Fall 2017 bill. In addition, remember you must pre-register. It is a requirement for each of you unless your graduation is confirmed by your EOP Counselor.

Finally, folks whatever you do, have a safe and purposeful summer.

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Spotlight Students

Anrisa Green
Major: Criminal Justice & Sociology
Status: Senior

Anrisa is a very determined student with a bright future ahead of her. She will be graduating in the summer of 2017. She is currently an employee for the school’s dining services and is an e-board member of the Caribbean Student Association. Recently, she has gotten accepted to study abroad at Dublin, Ireland where she will be interning all summer. As far as her future goes, she wants to pursue a Master’s degree at a school in Georgia, North Carolina, or South Carolina. She wants to study Psychology or Mental Health Counseling. Her ultimate goal is to become a counselor for those who are in need of guidance.

Levi Clarke
Major: Exercise Science & Kinesiology
Minor: Coaching
Status: Senior

Levi is currently working on landing a position as an employee at a hospital. He recently had an interview as a patient care technician at Rochester regional hospital, and he is not stopping there when it comes to looking for other positions. He got an opportunity through the Teacher Immersion Program affiliated with SUNY Brockport and received a recent interview to be a substitute teacher with BOCES 2 in which teaches Special Education children. In his free time, he is currently doing research as to how to run his own online business. He is interested in selling natural handmade products as an extra source of income. He believes that multiple sources of income are the significant factor to financial freedom and this is his goal.
This is a very busy time of year. There are very important tasks, related to your financial aid, which you need to accomplish prior to leaving for the summer. Make sure you are registered and have affirmed your enrollment by the time you leave for the summer. Don’t forget that in order to receive a full award, you must be registered for at least 12 credits. The release of your May 5th EOP check will be blocked, pending completion of these tasks. If you are not sure of what you need, please see your EOP counselor. Make sure you understand each item on your Fall ’17 student bill. It is critical that you submit all properly completed outstanding documentation to complete your financial aid renewal process. You are to submit all financial aid documentation to your assigned EOP counselor. YOU WILL NOT BE PACKAGED FOR NEXT YEAR UNTIL YOU SO DO. DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE SUMMER TO FINISH YOUR PROCESS!! Make sure you thoroughly understand each item of your financial aid package. Make sure you are packaged and accept your financial aid award ASAP. This is done through Web Banner. Prior to leaving for the summer, make sure any issues, or outstanding balances concerning your Spring ’17 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 ’17 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/finaid/forms_center.html or in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for this application is May 1, 2017. Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not already received the maximum of their 2016-2017 financial aid. In most cases, students will need to be enrolled in at least six credits to be eligible for Federal Stafford loans. For those of you with summer jobs, please consider using some of your funds to pay down your loans. You want to try and graduate with the least amount of loans that you can. Don’t forget that the EOP staff will be here all summer. If you have any questions, make sure you talk to your EOP Counselor.

EOP’s One-On-One Peer 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, and increasing your chances of academic success and obtaining a healthy GPA?

EOP’s One-On-One Peer Tutoring Program provides individualized academic 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 fellow 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. assistance in understanding how to work through solving problems, reviewing, test preparation, explanation of concepts, etc.).

To acquire this support service, see your counselor, complete a ‘Tutoring Request Form’ and submit it to Andrea Parker, EOP Academic Coordinator in Cooper Hall, Rm. C25A or email ajparker@brockport.edu
Career Services

Here at The College at Brockport, there are numerous career related services offered to students. The Career Center is one that can be very useful to you. At the Career Center, they are specialists who prepare you for the real world. The specialist help you build a strong résumé, make business cards, and the center also has a closet where you can pick out professional clothes for future interviews. It is important to prepare yourself for the career field and experience ahead of time, along with the expectations of what employers and graduate schools are looking for. Whenever you have a chance, check out the Career Center for questions regarding jobs and internships that are of interest. If you have any question, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Jonathan Santana at 585-395-5440.

Leadership Development Program

Are you looking for ways to deepen your understanding of what it takes to be effective in a role of leadership and experiences/opportunities that will assist you in acquiring the skills and knowledge that will make you stand out above the rest?

The Leadership Development Program offers students the opportunity to engage in a variety of experiences that have been shown to have a significant impact on students’ leadership development. The program utilizes the following methods to encourage leadership development in a diverse world:

- Engaging workshops and seminars
- Mentoring relationships with faculty, staff and students
- Ongoing opportunities for community service
- Discussions with peers about issues of diversity, privilege and social justice
- Social action projects within the community
- Annual leadership conference, planned by Capstone Certificate participants which allows students to develop relationships with Brockport alumni who serve as session presenters

Become a part of this dynamic program which engages nearly 400 students, 200 faculty, staff and alumni annually. Students who participate in the Leadership Development Program are shown to have significantly higher rates of experience with high impact practices and other indicators of student engagement, based on results from the National Survey of Student Engagement and Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership.

For more information and to register for the Leadership Development Program, please go to the Leadership Development Program’s webpage at www.brockport.edu/leadership
Women of Distinction

WE NEED YOU!

We are a women’s group sponsored by EOP dedicated to empowering women across the college campus.

As we plan for the fall semester, WE REALLY NEED YOUR INPUT.

We are taking this initiative to restructure and grow the EOP women’s group, Women of Distinction. We are open to suggestions for meeting times, dates, and themes.

- What do you want or expect from this group?
- How can we better serve you?
- What are your needs?

This group is open to all women not just EOP students. So feel free to tell a friend!

Please contact DaNeille Kruger at 395-5436 or Lisa Jones at 395-5433 for information and ideas. Thank you.

Ladies,

We cordially invite you to join the EOP women’s Group, Women of Distinction.

We are in the process of reworking and renewing our women’s group. We would like you all to join us and share your input. Women of Distinction was created for the empowerment and development of women socially and academically, therefore we need to know what works for you:

Days? Times? Topics for meetings? Guest speakers?

For information and input, please see DaNeille Kruger at 395-5436 or Lisa Jones at 395-5433
Greetings EOP Scholars and Current XAE Members!
For the spring 2017 semester we have fourteen eligible XAE inductee candidates! Congratulations!

The purpose of XAE 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

What are the eligibility requirements?
- 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

For more information contact Andrea Parker, XAE Co-Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or ajparker@brockport.edu

Also...
We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at www.xaehonor.com to learn information.

Be on the lookout in the Achiever Newsletter for exciting news regarding Spring XAE events and information for future potential XAE inductees!!!

Remember... The TASSEL is WORTH the HASSLE!!
38th Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet

Special thanks to President Macpherson, Dr. James Haynes, Dr. Katy Wilson, Dr. Karey Pine, BASC, the Seymour Union staff, Otega Robinson, Vashti Scott, and Kayla Duval!!
We appreciate you helping our banquet be the best one yet!!
Join EOP and College Suites for an Epic End of Semester Celebration!!