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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is now the middle of April and the last day of classes is just around the bend and another academic year will have come and gone. It seems that they go by even quicker each year. My hope is that each of you are truly living up to our agreement, “that you will do everything you can to get the best grade possible,” this semester. Now I know that many of you may not read this but I am going to say it anyhow. We need you to check yourselves and each other. That is what families do for each other. This has been the strangest, most unusual year I have ever experienced as the director. Both positively - with the largest graduation class we have had in years, but also negatively - with the most student conduct cases I have ever experienced. Other positive were the wonderful EOP Annual Awards Banquet, and Dan Askey celebrating 25 years of service, as a counselor with Educational Opportunity Program. Congratulations Dan! Now to the business of ending the semester. Are you pre-registered? Are you packaged and have all your financial aid for 2018-2019? If yes you’re doing fine! If no then you should run to your counselor as soon as possible. Something is not right. To all our graduates, congratulations and best wishes. Please remember we are always, “EOP Family!” All of you have a wonderful, rewarding and safe summer.

THE POWERFUL PLAY GOES ON, AND YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE A VERSE

Next Check Disbursement Date:
May 4th
Welcome to the Family!!!

New Counselors/Staff

Regina Acciaio
Graduate Counselor

Hi everyone! I am Regina (Gena) Acciaio. I am one of the new Graduate Counselors in EOP. I am currently in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program at Brockport. In 2011, I started my college journey at MCC studying nutrition and psychology. I earned my bachelor’s degree from Brockport in 2017 where I majored in public health with a psychology minor. Outside of school I like learning about genealogy and personality development. I am originally from Rochester and would love to live somewhere warm someday. I have a strong passion for self-care. My hobbies include hiking, meditating, yoga, going to festivals, and shopping. I am looking forward to learning more about all of you and your interests and goals.

Michelle Thomas
Graduate Counselor

Hello Everyone! My name is Michelle Thomas, I am a new Graduate Counselor. I am also an alumnus of Brockport’s Educational Opportunity Program. I have completed an Associates in Human Services at MCC and a Bachelor’s in Health Science with the concentration of Substance abuse and Minor in African American studies, here at Brockport. I am now a graduate student here at my alma mater, pursuing a master’s in clinical Mental Health Counseling. I am excited to be a part of your success and I look forward to meeting everyone.

Chris-Dé-Vaun Parker
Graduate Counselor

Hello EOP Scholars!! I’m Chris-Dé-Vaun (I answer to Chris). I am excited to be a part of the EOP family and I look forward to interacting with and helping all of you in whatever I can. I am originally from Jamaica; July 29th will mark my ninth year in the US. Since I’ve been the country, I’ve surmounted some big hurdles, like most of you do or have or will, and I was able to accomplish a lot – two associates degrees, a bachelors and now working on my first masters. I also gathered a lot of information along the way and I’m extremely eager to share all that information and help you avoid my mistakes. Feel free to ask me anything if you see me in the office or around campus, even if I’m not your counselor. #WakandaForever!

Dan Kandris
Senior/Transfer Counselor

I am a forever student of the College at Brockport. I myself was an EOP student, and I attribute much of my success to the program and the values that it instills in each individual. I earned my Bachelor of Science in 2007 in English with a minor in Philosophy. I went on to earn my master’s degree in Counselor Education with an emphasis on College Counseling in 2010. Since earning my Master’s, I have held various positions in the mental health counseling field, and I have been fortunate enough to teach on campus for the Counselor Education department, as well as the Health Science department. I have also been involved with the Leadership and Development Program where I have had the opportunity of conducting the SMART Goals workshop for the past 2 years. I have also served as a mentor for McNair students, and have been involved with various committees on campus. I have a passion for this campus and all that it has to offer, but most of all, I am passionate about you - the student body. I look forward to working with all of you and watching you thrive as students and future graduates.
**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**GRADUATING SENIORS**
Make sure to complete the application for graduation ASAP!

To complete the online Application for Graduation:
1. Go to Brockport Website
2. Go to Quick Links and then Web Banner
3. Log in the Campus Information System
4. Click Student Services
5. Click Student Records
6. Click Apply for Graduation
7. Complete the application and Submit

If you are graduating at the end of this semester, confirm with Student Accounts that the commencement fee was already added to your bill and with your counselor and academic advisor to ensure your degree audit reflects all requirements completed.

**DECLARE YOUR MAJOR**
Students should declare a major no later than the end of their second year and before they have completed 54 credits. To formally declare a major, you will need to complete a major declaration form and submit it to the academic department of your intended major. Once you have completed the major declaration process, the department will assign you an academic advisor from that department.

**IMPORTANT DATES**
EOP End of Semester Celebration: ......... 05/02/2018
Final Exams: ...................................... 05/07-11/2018

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**MOTIVATIONAL CORNER**

**INVICTUS**
Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley (1875)

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**A LEGEND IS HONORED**

Dr. Arthur O. Eve – the founder of EOP - and other leaders of statewide Opportunity Programs, were honored on April 14th, 2018, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of Educational Opportunity Programs across public and private institutions of higher education. This year’s celebration was held at SUNY Buffalo State College – one of the first colleges to host EOP in 1967.
THE EOP NURSING SUPPORT GROUP IS UP AND RUNNING

Please join us for our final meeting of the year.

YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS THIS INFORMATIVE MEETING.

- Learn about what it takes to apply to the nursing program from already accepted students.
- Nursing department staff, advisors, and students will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.
- Attendance in the nursing support group is mandatory for all nursing majors and will be taken into consideration when applying to the nursing program.
- Light refreshments will be served.

**Date:** Friday April 27

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm

**Location:** Lathrop G32

The objectives for the Nursing Intent Student Support Group are:

(a) Encourage students to integrate themselves into the academic and social life of the college.

(b) Increase the number of EOP students entering and graduating from the School of Nursing.

**ALL EOP NURSING MAJORS AND INTENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**

Contact: Lisa Jones, EOP Academic Coordinator

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2018 PRE-FRESHMAN SUMMER PROGRAM

**We Need You!!!**

We are currently looking for:

Peer Tutors (Evening) & Classroom Assistants

Experienced in the Content Areas of:

History, Math, Writing Composition, Chemistry, & Computer Sciences

Students interested in being a part of this unique educational experience must have earned an excellent grade in the subject for which they are interested in providing assistance.

To be considered for an interview you must have a resume and a letter of recommendation from a professor.

**To schedule an interview please contact:**

Lisa Jones, EOP Academic Coordinator at ljones@brockport.edu /585-395-5433, or Terri Stymus, at 585-395-2547.

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

This is a very busy time of year. There are very important tasks, related to your financial aid and student bill, which you need to accomplish prior to leaving for the summer.

- You must be registered and have affirmed your enrollment before you leave for the summer.
- Don’t forget that you must be registered for twelve credits to be considered and packaged full time.
- Less than twelve credit hours is considered part time.

YOUR MAY 8TH EOP CHECK WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THESE TASKS. Please see your EOP counselor to review all tasks.

Make sure you understand each item on your Fall ’18 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. Pay close attention to all emails this summer.

YOU WILL NOT BE PACKAGED FOR NEXT YEAR UNTIL YOU DO. DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE SUMMER TO FINISH YOUR PROCESS!! THIS COULD COST YOU.

Make sure you thoroughly understand each item of your financial aid package and your student bill. 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 ‘18 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 ’18 semester or cause your registration to be cancelled.

If you are planning on taking any summer classes, and are applying for financial aid, remember to complete a summer financial aid application which is available from the Financial Aid Office. Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not already received the maximum of their 2017-2018 financial aid. Please review your financial aid with your counselor.

Also, contact your assigned counselor if you are considering taking summer classes at another institution. There have been significant changes to this process. 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.

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. Please read all emails from the college.
SCHOLARS DAY 2018:
The family was well represented at the recent Scholar’s Day 2018! The following EOP students gave presentations or performed during the event:

**Savannah Allen**  *Closing the Golden Door: Why the United States Refused Jewish Refugees from the Holocaust during World War II:*
This presentation discusses America’s restrictive policy towards European Jewish refugees trying to flee the Holocaust and come to the U.S. during World War II.

**Estelle Zovedi**  *Leadership Development through Community Engagement:*
students in the Presidential Leadership Certificate will share their experiences completing their Practical Leadership Experiences.

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**Maisha Beard-Johnson**  *The Long and Winding Poem: A Reading*
10 poetry students feed a roll of adding machine tape into a 50-60-year-old manual typewriter and spend half a semester clacking away. No screen, no pop-ups, no guidelines.... just a long spooling roll of a blank page. What creative synapses might start to crackle?

**Woodjy-Naud Etienne**  *Bankart Lesion Repair:*
This presentation is on a musculoskeletal injury known as an Bankart Lesion. Student discussed the statistics associated with such injury; and the chances of anyone in the athletic community or the general population getting this injury.

**Shanelle Oduro**  *Zika Virus:*
The purpose of this research is to understand the meaning of what Zika virus is and the causes of this virus. This research also focuses on the symptoms of Zika Virus and how it is diagnosed.

**Cedeance Hyde**  *Use of Volunteered Geographic Information for Natural Disaster Mitigation:*
In this presentation, students demonstrate a system for Web-based collection of volunteered geographic information VGI that could bring the power of crowdsourcing to the collection of natural hazard risk data.

**Will Dillard Jackson**  *A Year of Collaboration: A Symphony, Seven Composers, Musicians, Dancers and Designers:*
Mariah Maloney engaged in seven collaborations with composers during her recent sabbatical. In this presentation she shares the rich investigations and cultivations that developed inside each collaboration. Featured works include Dance Artist, Will Dillard-Jackson

**Sheiling Valerio**  *The Historiography of Spanish Witch Persecution:*
This paper discusses how Spanish witchcraft persecutions were used as a way to secure political and social control.

**Hortensia Morillo**  *El Desarrollo De La Masculinidad En La Película Hermanos:*
An investigation of masculinity was made in the Caribbean (Spanish) and Latin America using the Venezuelan film “Brother”, made by the film director Marcel Rasquin in 2010.

**Kevin Ko**  *Climate Change Impacts the Maple Syrup Industry:*
The focus of this study is to determine how climate change has impacted the Maple Syrup Industry, and how this will change the way syrup is produced in the future.

**Breanna Griffith**  *Income Gap In America:*
This project explores the idea of global wealth and capital distribution, highlighting the concept of "the top 1% compared to the bottom 99%". It illustrates what policies are in place to assist low-income and high-income people as well as suggesting why this type of distribution is happening.
GET YOUR BALL GOWNS READY
Brockport Women of Distinction

WDKX and Mayor Lovely Warren invite you to participate in “Inspiring Beauty, Empowering Young Women: The Mayor’s Red-Carpet Affair”

@ The Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center on June 2, 2018, from 5 to 7 p.m.
Please see DaNeille Kruger for application details.
(585) 395-5436
dkruger@brockport.edu

WHY STUDY ABROAD?
There are many personal benefits of studying abroad, and ways to grow both professionally and personally

Personal Growth

GLOBALIZE YOURSELF
Take this opportunity to expose yourself to the world. Branch out and learn about different places, different cultures and people.

BROADEN YOUR EXPERIENCE
You will learn how your home country fits into humanity, and through the eyes of a different culture, you can more precisely reflect upon your own culture.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE
You’ll most likely return home a wiser individual and ready to face any future challenges head on.

Professional Growth

LOOK GREAT IN AN INTERVIEW
Employers are often looking for students who challenge themselves and learn from their experiences.

DISCOVER A NEW CAREER PATH
The experiences you take advantage of abroad can influence a newfound passion; which could influence your major or career path.

GAIN INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
Employers may be interested in your personal growth and interpersonal skills, so do not discount your abroad experience.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE COST? ASK YOUR COUNSELOR ABOUT THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- David L. Boren Scholarship

Additional funding is available to all EOP students! Take the next step! Speak to your EOP counselor and contact the office of International Education today! 585-395-2119
1. **Build your professional network**  
   - Start by linking to classmates who are in your major. While they are friends and classmates now, in the future they become business referrals. Linking to professors ensure that you will stay connected to them after you graduate.

2. **Check out career paths**  
   - Find people who are in LinkedIn who are already employed in your desired profession. Check out their profiles to see what they have done to become successful.

3. **Prepare for interviews**  
   - When you have a job or internship interview, review the profile of the person who will interview you. Having this background knowledge during the interview will help impress the interviewer.

4. **Get referrals**  
   - Networking is all about who you know and who those people know. If there is someone in LinkedIn that you would like to meet, ask a mutual acquaintance to for an introduction.

5. **Land internships or jobs while in school**  
   - LinkedIn can help you find a common connection to someone at a company that you would like to work for or an internship that interests you.

6. **Gain connections from conference attendees**  
   - When you meet new acquaintances at a conference that you attend as a student, chances are you do not have a business card to share. LinkedIn is the perfect place to maintain a connection to those people.

7. **Share updates with others**  
   - When you update your LinkedIn profile or experiences, your network is automatically informed about these changes. You don't have to send out individual e-mails to everybody. A nice side benefit is that this automatic notification brings you to their attention and awareness.

8. **Extend your resume**  
   - Many companies prefer receiving one-page resumes. That's not room for a lot of information. LinkedIn provides a place to have more in-depth information than what a short resume can ever hope to provide. Put your LinkedIn profile URL on your resume (and business cards).

9. **Join a group**  
   - LinkedIn automatically shows you groups you may like to join based on the information in your profile. As a member of the group, you have access to thought leaders and experts in your industry. Read their posts and post thoughtful comments so group members can get to know you.

10. **Research a company**  
    - LinkedIn provides information about different companies. This information helps you determine whether or not you would like to work for that company. It also shows how many current job openings that company has and how many people in your network are employed there.

11. **Search for jobs**  
    - You can use LinkedIn to help you find a job. When you click on the Jobs link, it shows jobs that are compatible to your profile. You can also search for additional job openings.

12. **Build Your Brand**  
    - You can use LinkedIn as a way to develop and showcase yourself as a current or budding professional. Build the image that potential employers would take notice of and appreciate. Take professional headshots for your profile photo, list research experience, academic honors, clubs and organizations, languages, volunteer experience, etc.; anything that would set you apart from anyone else who might be looking to enter the same career field.
Maame Esi Aggrey
Priscilla Alba
Charles Alford
Jonathan Alicea
Shakeel Armstrong
Joel Baque
Maisha Beard-Johnson
John Benicasco
Tatyana Benoit
Sam Bindler
Alexander Boston
Anya Boyd
Damon Bradford
Kellsea Bronson
Fred Brown
Cynthia Burgess
Levi Clarke
Chaynna Colon
Tamara Concepcion
Diana Confesor
Dalton Cooley
Diamond Cotton
Cordell Cumming
Xiomara Davila
Ruby Davis
Tyshon Davis
Kevin Delacruz
Will Dillard-Jackson
Andreena Dixon
Nastacia Downs
Nahailia Dubrey
Xia Edwards
Tajay Evans
Keeley Ferguson
Dana Fink
Vilma Herring
Nickeisha Hinds
Ladaisia Holly
Amber Hooks
Jason Howard
Deja Jackson
Cynisha Johnson
Emmanuel Kobi
Ajibola Kutti
Ashley Leonardo
Shanick Milord
Hortensia Morillo
Alesha Newbill
Shanelle Oduro
Abigail Ogunwale
Jamela Ollivierre
Jasmine Owusuah
Oscar Pecci Perez
Lorraine Pemberton
Daekwon Ruffin
Sarah Sanchez-Anderson
Jasmine Santiago
Nicholas Schroeder
Sachel Scott
Paola Severino
Brian Sevilla
Samantha Sims
John Sosa
Jarell Stewart
Leanna Straus
Mark Sylvia
VinNachea Taylor
Khaddra Townsend
Sheiling Valerio-Sanchez
Karem Villafuerte
Kelly Wall
Lascelles Williams
Diamond Winfield
Estelle Zovedi

Congratulations
Special thanks to Vice Provost Dr. James Haynes, Dr. Katy Wilson, Dr. Karey Pine, BASC, the Seymour Union staff, Otega Robinson, OSAD “DREAM TEAM,” and the rest of our EOP staff!! We appreciate you for helping our banquet be a success and memorable experience for our students!!

↑ Special congratulations to Jasmine Santiago; this year’s Senior Scholar!

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