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A New Day

I am proud to welcome each of you joining us as The Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program embarks on a new beginning, completing its 50th year at The College at Brockport. It is a joy for me to have been one of the 19 students to enter the College the first year of EOP’s beginning. Yes I was part of the Summer Program in 1968! To be the Director of the EOP Program ushering in its 51st class this past summer is a great joy for me. I am not old, just been around a long time! I also want to welcome all of our new freshmen and transfers. It is the largest freshman class ever and a very successful transfer group.

Now, it’s time to get down to the business of getting good grades. Remember, we are about the business of Academic Excellence, “the best grade possible, right?” I cannot express enough to each of you how important it is to meet with your counselor regularly. You should be discussing your financial aid and making sure you UNDERSTAND your Financial Aid Package and your Student Account Bill. You should be continually discussing your career goals, major choice and requirements. You should Most Definitely be discussing your courses and any need for assistance such as tutoring or any other form of academic support. Remember it’s about, “The Best Grade Possible.” So let’s make this the best year ok? We need each of you to do all you can and to help each other. Remember we are the “EOP Family.”
Introducing the newest Graduate Assistant Counselor

Abdoulaye Sow

My name is Abdoulaye Sow. I am from Greenburgh, New York and have a little brother who currently is attending Cornell University. I received my bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice this past spring from the College at Brockport. I am now enrolled in the athletic administration graduate program here at the College at Brockport hoping to one day become an athletic director or coach. A fun fact about me, would be this past summer I was lucky enough to be able to travel to Dubai.
We are proud to announce that through the hard work, dedication and spirit of this year’s EOP Freshman class, we were awarded Best Overall Float in the Homecoming Parade!!! Below are pictures of our spirited freshman depicting a Black Panther Theme.
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 B+ or better 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 in their understanding the material for the specific content area, but may also assist in the acquisition and development of study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond. *Even tutors have tutors!!*

*Why are good grades important?* We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. 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.

Don’t settle for mediocrity. *Why settle for a ‘C’ or a ‘B’ if you can earn an ‘A’?* See your tutors as is necessary for the academic support you need to increase your chances of academic success and to end the semester with flying colors!!
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
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 are required to and must 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 of:
- Completing a major declaration form
- Submitting the form to the major’s academic department
- Receiving confirmation from that academic office
Then, the department will assign you an academic advisor within that department.

IMPORTANT DATES
Research & Internships Day (Union Ballroom)......09/28/2018
FAFSA Application Opens/Ends…….10/01/2018-12/01/2018
Hispanic Heritage Celebration.......................... 10/05/2018

MOTIVATIONAL CORNER

CHALLENGES ARE WHAT MAKE LIFE INTERESTING AND OVERCOMING THEM IS WHAT MAKES LIFE MEANINGFUL

- Joshua J. Marine

ATTENTION!!!!

Upcoming this October is our Hispanic Heritage Celebration which will be held to recognize the culture of various Hispanic nations and the success they have achieved throughout history. We welcome you to join us in celebrating and enlightening others on what you’ve experienced with Hispanic heritage. As we teach you some of the history and traditions we know about the culture please bring your own stories and knowledge to increase awareness on Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be a bounty of food, fun games, prizes and empowerment at this annual event, so join us as EOP, ALAS and the Diversity Office seeks to promote diversity and the love for all cultures.
This is a very busy time of year and a very important time regarding your financial aid and personal finances. As you know your financial aid package and your student bill are of vital importance to you. You always want to stay completely aware of all details of both, as well as staying on task on time with all of your process obligations and ‘knowing your own business’.

You must make sure that:

1. Provided all other required documentation.
2. Received your award letter/notification
3. Accepted your financial aid
4. Affirmed your enrollment
5. You have signed your promissory notes

Delaying the process can result in changes to your financial aid package and incurring late charges.

Sometimes new obligations arise as you work your way through the process. You must check with your counselor on a regular basis to make sure you understand your financial aid and all requirements.

Your student bill is another ongoing process. It is important that you understand all components of your bill. (Make sure you review your student bill with your EOP Counselor.)

1. Do you have the correct meal plan for example?
2. Do you have to pay anything, and how much?
3. Is your refund correct?

Always remember that any charges you incur can impact any anticipated credit balance disbursements (refund) and/or personal liability for the charges. EASY MONEY IS NOT FINANCIAL AID, IT IS A CHARGE TO YOUR BILL. For those of you getting a refund, make sure you talk with your counselor about the refund and make sure it is accurate. Do you really need the whole thing? Should you use some/all of it to pay down your loans?

4. Please talk with your counselor if you are contemplating obtaining a part time job. Remember that your academic success is of the utmost importance and there are serious pros/cons to this decision. Make sure your personal budgeting skills are helping you make smart and careful decisions. Always look at need vs. desires when it comes to spending your funds. Please remember that there are financial consequences to your actions. Never assume, always ask.

* If you ever have questions about the information above it is your responsibility to seek out your EOP counselor to ask questions and become more knowledgeable about the financial aid process.

“REMEMBER: KNOW YOUR OWN BUSINESS”
Lunch with a Career: Digital Media
Friday, September 21st 2018, 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm EDT
Career Services Workshop Room- Rakov 101

Fall Internship Day
Career Services welcomes you to join them to learn about applying for internships and student research projects as it will lead to finding a career path in your future.
Friday, September 28th 2018, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm EDT
Seymour Union Ballroom

For more information on upcoming events, go to: https://brockport.joinhandshake.com/schools/489

**WHY STUDY ABROAD?**

**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.

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
Dear Nursing Intent and Nursing Students,

Welcome to the fall 2018 semester. We hope you have begun to settle in and become familiar with campus and your course requirements. We know transition is not always easy. Keeping this in mind EOP has designed a group just for you, The Nursing Support Group. The Nursing Support Group is designed to provide EOP nursing intents and current students an opportunity to meet and build new relationships, meet some the 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.

As a nursing intent or nursing student in the EOP program, you are required to attend Nursing Support Group meetings. Attendance is mandatory and will be taken into consideration when applying to the nursing program. We work very closely with faculty and staff in the nursing department to create an atmosphere where you will have every opportunity at acceptance into the nursing program and becoming a successful nurse. However, this cannot happen without you becoming a part of The Nursing Support Group. We also welcome your input as a student and want to find out your needs!

As a reminder, attendance at the EOP Nursing Support Group meetings is MANDATORY, and we are looking for EVERYONE to be at future meetings to continue building a solid support group and relationship with the faculty and staff of the Nursing Department.

Nursing support group meeting dates for fall 2018 are as follows: September 14, October 5, October 26, November 2, November 30, all meetings will be held in Hartwell 122 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Attendance will be taken at each meeting and reported to the Director of EOP, and the Chair of the nursing department. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at Nursing Support Group meetings.

Sincerely,
Lisa Jones
EOP Academic Coordinator
Nursing Support Group Coordinator
The EOP Nursing Support Group is up and running:

Join Us Fridays
September 14
October 5
October 26
November 2
November 30

Meetings will be held in
Hartwell 122 from 3:30-4:30pm
*all meetings are mandatory

Topics to include:
♦ Pre-registration/prerequisites
♦ Advisement
♦ Applying to the Nursing Program
♦ Alternatives to Nursing

Faculty and current nursing students will be on hand to provide information and answer questions!!!
*Refreshments will be served

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Contact: Lisa Jones, Academic Coordinator, EOP, lijones@brockport.edu
Women Empowering Women

Calling all EOP Women

Get Connected

Events coming soon

Contact DaNeille Kruger X5436 with questions
We are seeking **students** to provide **tutorial support** for the **One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program**.

**The Purpose of a Peer Tutor is to:**
- Assist college students in content comprehension
- Enhance student’s knowledge of the course

**Undergraduate and Graduate students** are encouraged to apply!

**Paid Positions!!!**

**Flexible Hours!!!**

**For more information, please contact:**

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GET INVOLVED!

Critical Thinkers are In Charge of Their Lives