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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Mid-term break has come and gone and midterm grades should have given you some idea of where you stand with each of your courses. Now we are headed on what I call the downhill side of the semester. Now as in real life, when you come down the hill the trip is much faster. Well it is the same for each academic semester. Before you know it, it will be December 18, the end of the semester.

In other words, it will go very quickly. Your first responsibility is to UNDERSTAND where you are in each of your classes and to know exactly what you must do to achieve/obtain the BEST GRADE POSSIBLE. Then you need to set a plan of action and stick to it. I am counting on you. Also remember, pre-registration for Spring 2016 and everyone must pre-register. Be pro-active and don’t wait until the last minute to see your academic advisory. Now Thanksgiving is in a few weeks, so enjoy since I won’t write to you before then. Be safe and thankful!

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The 37th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2016, in the Seymour Ballroom from 6:00PM – 9:00PM.

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Check Dates!

November 19th

December 8th
Deanna Hutchison was chosen to serve as a digital blogger and youth reporter for the Social Good Summit, part of the United Nations. She is part of a group called “Girl Up” that provided her the opportunity to be invited. She was 1 of 2 people chosen to go to NYC to participate in the summit. She also started the Eagles for Global Solidarity here at Brockport. EGS is a leadership club that combines leadership skills and workshops with a UN campaign supporting adolescent girls in developing countries. The club also provides the opportunity to talk with policymakers, educate others, and host fundraising events. You can find more information about the club here https://my.brockport.edu/organization/EGS/about.

Hello Scholars,

Did you know the Career Center at the The College at Brockport can help you with resumes, business cards, professional clothing for interviews and job searches, interview preparation and a host of other matters related to getting your career started? But this can only happen if you utilize the services being offered. Please take time to visit the career center for questions about internships and job searching. We at EOP are also planning a resume workshop. Anyone may attend but we are specifically seeking out seniors to participate. Stay tuned for further details. Remember you have suggestions, comments, or questions regarding careers please do not hesitate to contact Latasha Craig at 585-395-5437 or Lisa Jones at 585-395-5819.

Lisa Jones
EOP Counselor
This is a very busy time of year and a very important time regarding your financial aid and personal finances. Be aware of any charges you have incurred on your student account. If you incur charges before you get a refund, they'll be deducted from the refund. If you incur charges after you receive your refund, you must pay them. Charges such as parking tickets, dorm damage, book store charges, late charges, easy money etc., will impact your refund status. Always monitor your meal plan usage. This is particularly important when many students’ refunds have been delayed. Do not assume that just because you got a refund last term means you will get a refund this term. For those students thinking about moving off campus please remember that the budget for living off campus is different than the budget for living on campus. Do yourself a huge favor and know your anticipated funds prior to making the commitment to move off. Do you really need that new Apple watch? Your personal funds need to last. Choose wisely.

If you get a refund check, PLEASE VERIFY THAT THE AMOUNT IS CORRECT! Always consult with your EOP counselor before you spend the funds. You will be held accountable for any funds to which you are not entitled. Make sure you understand all components of your financial aid award and your student bill. NEVER ASSUME, ALWAYS ASK! Make sure you fully understand the pros/cons of getting a credit card credit card. Misusage can have serious financial and personal consequences. Do you really need all of your refund? Paying down your loans is always a smart play. Start your advanced planning for potential winter break and summer break jobs. Saving your earnings can reduce your loans even further. Please think long and hard about the pros/cons of getting a part time job while in school. You need to concentrate on getting good grades. There is a major difference between financial need and financial desires. Know the difference between short term sacrifice vs. long term gain. Don’t forget that your cumulative GPA and amount of earned credits can have a direct impact on you receiving your full financial aid. You must stay aware of your status. Please consult with your counselor to help ensure your complete and detailed understanding of these important matters.

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GPS Mentoring

Growth...Purpose... Success

Are you a second semester 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 and the opportunities that exist within that career. Spaces are limited so apply now!

For More Information speak to your Counselor!
For additional info: DaNeille Kruger X5443 or dkruger@Brockport.edu
EOP Nursing Support Group

ONLY TWO FRIDAY MEETINGS LEFT FOR THE FALL SEMESTER!!! DON MISS THEM!!!
Location: Lathrop, Foundations Lab Room 206
Meeting Schedule (same location and time)

11/13 & 12/11

The EOP Nursing 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, acquire and discuss information regarding the Nursing Program, discuss various careers in nursing and to share their experiences regarding issues in the field of nursing. Attendance is MANDATORY. Refreshments will be provided.

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

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 Contract Form’ and submit it in person to Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator, Copper Hall, Rm C25A.

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djosephm@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.
XAE (CHI ALPHA EPSILON) Honors Society

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 chartered 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 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!!!

***We cordially invite you to attend our 8th Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, November 13, 2015, at 3:00 pm, in the New York Room of Cooper Hall***
The College at Brockport

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/.
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? EOP Writing Workshops are designed to assist you in acquiring the essential writing skills to help you be successful across subject content areas and beyond the classroom setting!

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Cooper Hall, Room C-25A) & 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

EOP’s Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

(Starting Tuesday, September 8)

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 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.

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm (Starting Tuesday, September 8)

**Where:** Drake Memorial Library (Keifer Room)

**What subjects/courses:** PSH 110, Various Math courses, BIO 111, CHM 205, and pre-requisite nursing courses

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djosephm@brockport.edu or 395-5411.
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are unique! You
mean something
to me!