A Message from the Director
VERONICA AMERSON

Greetings! It gives me great pride to serve as the director of the EOP program. Many of you are the first in your families to go on to college; like you I was the first in my family to attend a university. So, I know the power and purpose of programs like EOP. It is important that you take advantage of all the services we have to offer.

It’s hard to believe that we are already at the end of the fall quarter. One down, two to go! As you can see, the quarter system goes by really fast and before you know it you will be preparing for final exams. Now that you know how quick time passes, it’s time to start preparing for the winter quarter. Please take the time to read through our EOP Newsletter. We’ve filled the pages with exciting news from our department and with helpful tools to assist you in becoming a successful college student. EOP is committed to your success. Best wishes on your upcoming finals and have a safe holiday break!

Sincerely,

Did you know?

CSUSB offers 200 plus on- and off-campus scholarships totaling over $2 million annually! The CSUSB Financial Aid Office is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2011-2012 academic year. Plus, you only have to apply once to be considered for all scholarships you are eligible for! The deadline to apply is Feb. 4, 2011, so complete your application now!
Staff Spotlight: Anita Barragán
EOP COUNSELOR

Why did you become a counselor for EOP?
As a former EOP student I wanted to give back to the organization that played an instrumental role in my own success as a student and as a professional. I’ve been blessed to come back and help other students succeed just as my counselors helped me succeed.

What did you do before EOP?
Before joining the EOP team, I worked for a short time with San Bernardino County, and before that I worked as a middle school counselor.

What are some of your hobbies and interests?
I love to go to Disneyland and Disney’s California Adventure. I can never get enough of the Hollywood Tower of Terror and the Haunted Mansion. When I’m not at Disney I like to read and hang out with my friends.

If you could pick anywhere, where would you pick as your next travel destination?
I’d love to go to Central America, especially El Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala. These are countries filled with a rich history and culture, beautiful beaches and lots of sun! I’d love to experience it firsthand.

What would you like our students to know about you?
I’m a down to earth person who is willing to help others be successful in life.

If you had one piece of advice for our students, what would it be?
Don’t ever let fear paralyze you from pursuing your dreams. Convert that fear into courage to fulfill your dream. Never give up, study hard, ask for help, and never stop learning.

What is your favorite quote?
“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”
– Mother Teresa

“I would rather die on my feet than live a lifetime on my knees.”
– Emiliano Zapata

School got you stressed out?
THERE ARE VALUABLE RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The university has many support services available to help you be successful in your studies, figure out your major, or help you decide what career you want to pursue. Check out the great links below!

Need tutoring, but do not know the Learning Center’s current tutoring schedule?
Consider enrolling in a SAIL Adjunct Course, a supplemental instruction course designed to help you succeed in your General Education courses. Check out the current schedule!

Feel like your study techniques just don’t seem to be working? Try out these study tips.

Having trouble figuring out the right major, or what career is best for you? Let DISCOVER guide the way!

Use on–campus computer labs? Did you know there are seven labs located around campus?

Need to learn how to better manage your stress? Attend a Stress Management workshop with the Psychological Counseling Center.
Money Management: Avoid the pitfalls!

Every quarter, many of you come to see us because you have expenses that you can’t cover and you don’t know what to do. Yet, when we review your financial aid package, you received substantial refund money that is now gone. For many of you, when you enter college and receive offers of grants and loans, you have thousands of dollars at your disposal for the first time in your life. Thoughts start racing through your head about the millions of things you could do with this money.

However, it is important that you spend your money wisely. Here are some tips to help you survive CSUSB without going into debt:

1. **Accept loans as a last resort!** Seek out grants, scholarships, and work study first, as you don’t need to pay these back and do not build debt.
2. **Save your refunds** for a rainy day! Don’t go on a shopping spree; be smart and stash away your refunds for those school emergencies that WILL come up.
3. **Avoid credit card solicitations!** The average credit card debt of college students is staggering; avoid getting a credit card even though it can be easily tempting.
4. **Be textbook smart!** Get your textbook list early so that you have time to shop around for the best prices!
5. **Budget.** When money is tight, you have to learn to budget. You must plan for meals, school-related expenses, transportation, entertainment and emergencies. Also, avoid eating out for the convenience factor and you will be amazed at how much you save.
6. **Complete your FASFA in January!** Don’t get blinded by the March 2 priority deadline! By March 2, many scholarships, grants, and work study awards are already gone!
7. **Ask for help!** Your counselors have a lot of experience in this area, so don’t be afraid to ask.

For more tips, click [here](#)!

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Graduates often look back at their time with CSUSB and EOP with fond memories and a great appreciation for the quality education they received. In an effort to continuously support EOP and its efforts, a group of EOP alumni joined forces in 2004 to form the EOP Alumni Chapter.

The mission of the EOP Alumni Chapter is to enhance the success of current and future students, by supporting program development and advocating for legislative issues pertaining to EOP. Additionally, the EOP Alumni Chapter continuously strives to establish a network that EOP students and alumni can turn to for personal, educational, and professional support.

The EOP Alumni Chapter works tirelessly to raise money for EOP students in the form of book awards and scholarships for graduating students entering graduate school at CSUSB. Just this quarter, the EOP Alumni Chapter has facilitated two events to support their fundraising efforts.

On Aug. 20, 2010, the Inland Empire 66ers hosted the EOP Alumni Chapter, as well as family and friends of EOP, for a fun game of baseball.

On Oct. 27, 2010, the Alumni Chapter collaborated with Quiznos, located on University Parkway. Students, staff and family were invited to enjoy lunch or dinner at Quiznos and a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Alumni Chapter to support EOP students.

Please look out for future fundraising notices in your email and partner with us to support current EOP students!

For more information regarding the EOPAC, contact Anita Barragán, EOPAC Advisor, at 909.537.5042.
When Justine began attending CSUSB in September 2006, she had absolutely no interest in being involved in student organizations or the campus community; she simply wanted to earn her degree. However, she soon realized that since she was going to be here for awhile, she wanted something more. Since 2006, Justine has been involved in the campus community in a variety of ways. She has participated in student employment on campus, was the chair of the Recreational Sports committee for two years, is a sister of Alpha Delta Pi, and is a part of the Lambda Pi Eta (an honor society for Communication Studies). Additionally, Justine became a committee member for Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) during her sophomore year, shortly thereafter became a board member, and is now serving as the ASI president.

Justine began her term as president of ASI on July 1, 2010. This was a huge accomplishment, as ASI has not had a female president for the past 11 years and she won the election as a write in candidate, which is a very rare feat. Justine describes her experience as president as "very busy, but very good." She stated that her executive team has worked extremely hard to affect change on campus, and is very proud to have created a better rapport between ASI and the campus community at large. Overall, she feels that her positions have truly helped prepare her for life after graduation. Justine stated that her involvement on campus “has made campus a place I want to come to, not I place I have to come to.”

When asked about advice she would like to share with fellow students, “Get involved because you will be here for 4-6 years and you might as well get comfortable. If you see something you don’t like, take the initiative to change it, because talking about it alone is not going to do anything.” However, Justine did caution that students should not get involved too soon. She recommends that students be sure that they know how to balance work, grades, and extracurricular activities, because without this balance, the extra stuff can quickly drown students.

Justine’s major is communication with emphases in mass communication and human communication. She has a 3.6 GPA, is graduating in spring 2011, and is currently applying to graduate schools. Justine’s goal is to become an educational counselor for an Educational Opportunity Program and she also has aspirations to eventually become the director of EOP. Justine is very proud of her accomplishments at CSUSB. “I’m living proof that you can do it all! You can get good grades, have a great social life, and be a good leader on campus too!”

Join the EOP Student Association (EOPSA) today!

Peer Support
Community Service
Campus Involvement
Networking Opportunities

For more information, contact Mario Garcia, EOPSA Advisor, at 909.537.5042 or mbgarcia@csusb.edu
EOP Scholars are EOP students that completed a minimum of 12 units and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in the previous term

Keep up the great work!
CONGRATULATIONS EOP GRADS!

EOP would like to congratulate our EOP students scheduled to graduate during the Fall 2010 term! You have worked very hard to get to this day and we wish you nothing but success!

Nikia Alexander  
Monica Alvarado  
Francisca Alvarez  
Benito Alvarez  
Eliza Antunez  
Melinda Arellano  
Ronesha Biggs  
Yvette Bojorquez  
My Bui  
Omar Carlos  
Chanel Castro  
Juan Castro Villalobos  
Jose Corrales  
Ngozichukwuka Eboka  
Jasmine Frazier  
Earline Glover  
Efrain Guerrero-Jimenez  

Luis Gutierrez  
Peggy Harris  
Sabrina Hartshorn  
Ely Jauregui  
Mary Kornele  
Rosalba Martinez  
Ashley Medina  
Chin Mgbafilike  
Raymond Mitchell  
Viridiana Morales  
Howard Nakagawa  
Esmeralda Nolasco  
Marciano Ortega  
Scout Parker  
Sandi Parra  
Wendy Perez  
Breonna Perkins  

Melinda Pitts  
Brandon Powell  
Ariana Prado  
Osiel Ramirez Lopez  
Angel Robles  
San Juana Rojas  
Janecia Rolland  
Keirra Rolland  
Jessica Rosales  
Monica Salazar  
Brenda Sanchez  
Azizat Sanni  
Takeshia Simmons  
Ashley Strange  
Jacqueline Suarez  
Little Valle

IMPORTANT DATES

Thanksgiving Holiday observed—campus closed  
Nov. 25-28, 2010

Last day of fall classes  
Dec. 4, 2010

Fall 2011 final exams  
Dec. 7-11, 2010

Commencement  
Dec. 11, 2010

Winter break  

Fall 2010 grades available  
Dec. 20, 2010

Winter 2011—last day for full refund of fees  
Jan. 7, 2011

First day of winter classes  
Jan. 10, 2011

Last day to add classes via MyCoyote  
Jan. 14, 2011

Martin Luther King observed—campus closed  
Jan. 15-17, 2011

Census—last day to drop via MyCoyote  
Jan. 31, 2011

EOP Mid-Quarter meeting (1st year students only)  
Jan. 31, 2011

EOP Mid-Quarter meeting (1st year students only)  
Feb. 1, 2011

EOP Spring 2011 priority advising  
Feb. 2-11, 2010

Last day of winter classes  
March 21, 2010

Winter 2011 final exams  
March 22-26, 2011

Spring break  
March 28-April 1, 2011

FINANCIAL AID: Get the most

The FASFA becomes available on Jan. 1, 2011. Although the priority deadline is March 2, 2011, to be eligible for CSUSB need-based scholarships, you must complete your FASFA by Jan. 21, 2011.