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A Message from the Director

VERONICA AMERSON

Some of you may be exploring the San Bernardino area or the CSUSB campus for the first time; others may be returning after a summer break. Whether you are a brand-new freshman or a returning undergrad student, EOP welcomes you to a great fall start! It is important that you take advantage of all the services EOP has to offer. I encourage you to visit our website at www-ugs.csusb.edu/eop. On our webpage, you will find our annual EOP calendar and academic handbook. These two items provide you with a variety of dates, policies and procedures that are important for you to be aware of. The academic handbook also shares details on ways to get involved on campus and support services that are available for you to participate in. It’s hard to believe that we are already midway through the fall quarter. The quarter system goes by really fast and before you know it you will be preparing for final exams. Be sure to visit the Learning Center and Writing Center. They offer tutoring and assistance with writing assignments and have a great team of folks ready to help you be successful. Best wishes on your upcoming finals and have a safe holiday break!

Sincerely,

VERONICA AMERSON

New in this issue...

Look for this graphic throughout the newsletter and click the links or images for interactive features!
FAREWELL...

Anita Barragán

EOP says farewell to EOP counselor Anita Barragán. “This has been a very difficult decision for me but one that I know in my heart is the right one. Although I was only here at CSUSB for a short time, I take with me many valuable experiences. I wish you luck and many blessings on your journey through CSUSB and beyond. Always remember that EOP is here to help you be successful.” We wish her all the best!

WELCOME...

Michael Edwards
EOP Counselor and Foster Youth Program Coordinator

Michael was born and raised in the city of Pasadena. He graduated from Blair High School in 1998, and the following fall quarter began attending Cal State San Bernardino. He received a full athletic scholarship to attend the university, and was a member of the men’s basketball team from 1998 to 2002. In 2002, he graduated with a bachelor’s of science degree in health administration and planning. After graduation, he decided to enter into a completely different field than what he received his undergraduate degree in. He knew he loved working with youth, and decided his passion was working with at-risk youth. He became a correctional officer with the Riverside County Probation Department. After working in this position for three years, he returned to CSUSB in 2005 and enrolled in the master’s of social work program. After receiving his M.S.W. degree, he transferred from Riverside County Probation to Riverside County Child Protective Services. He worked as a social worker for Riverside County for four years. Michael says, “All of my work has led me back to CSUSB, and I am delighted to return to my roots. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at (909) 537-5042 or medwards@csusb.edu.”

Kashaunda Harris
EOP Counselor and Coordinator of Student Development

Kashaunda is originally from the Los Angeles area (Inglewood); however she moved to Ontario in 1995. She attended Ontario High School, graduated in 1999 and started at UCLA the following summer. She graduated from UCLA in 2003, with a B.A. in African American Studies and a concentration in psychology. After graduating, Kashaunda took two years off and gained work experience as a counselor and case manager. In 2005, she attended San Francisco State University and in 2007 she graduated with a M.S. in counseling with a specialization in school counseling and a pupil personnel services credential. As a school counselor, Kashaunda has worked in high schools in Oakland, San Leandro and Pasadena. For the past two years, she has worked for CSUSB’s GEAR UP Inland Empire Program serving Rialto High School. She also sits on the governing board of the California Counseling Association and currently serves as president of the Black Caucus. Kashaunda says, “My one true passion is providing access and resources to higher education. If I can be of assistance, my e-mail address is ktharris@csusb.edu and my office telephone number is (909) 537-5042. I look forward to meeting all of you!”
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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 alumni membership and to inform the community at large about the program, its goals, and benefits. Additionally, the EOP Alumni Chapter will work continuously 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. There are some great events being planned so please look out for future fundraising notices in your email and partner with us to support current EOP students!

For more information regarding the EOP Alumni Chapter, contact Kashaunda Harris, EOPAC advisor, at (909) 537-5042.

Did You Know?

RIDE FREE. with your student ID all school year.
Sendy Sanchez recently graduated in June 2011, but she does not see this as a time to be idle. Between Sept. 3 and Sept. 14, 2011, Sendy and 12 other CSUSB students, staff and supporters traveled to Washington, D.C., with Latinos On Fast Track (LOFT), a program focused on providing the public and private sector workforce with vetted, well-rounded, top, emerging Latino professionals to move America forward. The group raised funds to pay for its trip, and with the amazing support of individuals on campus and in the alumni community at large, they were able to arrange meetings and networking opportunities with a number of individuals and organizations, including the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Justice, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), George Washington University, and Congressman Joe Baca’s chief of staff, Linda Macias. The goal of this trip was to introduce students to traveling; networking; and learning more about internship, fellowship and scholarship opportunities. Sendy truly enjoyed this opportunity and says that the group plans to coordinate a trip for additional students next year.

To Sendy’s surprise, when she returned from Washington, D.C., she was informed that she was nominated and selected as a recipient of State Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter’s 62nd Assembly District 30 Under 30 award. The award honors 30 of the most accomplished Latinos and Native Americans in the 62nd Assembly District, between the ages of 20 and 35, who have made an extraordinary contribution to our community through their talent, skill, imagination and achievements. These individuals are said to serve as examples and role models to other young people in our community, and demonstrate what is possible through their passion and dedication.

Sendy is definitely deserving of this recognition, as she has been extremely involved in both our campus and the local community. “Being involved on campus is one of the best things you can do. Not only do you get yourself out there, but you are helping others too. I always try to go above and beyond and stay really involved so I know what’s going on.”

Sendy obtained her bachelor of science in biology, with a minor in Spanish. Throughout her time at CSUSB, Sendy worked and interned in a variety of positions on campus, including working as a resident assistant/student program assistant for EOP’s Summer Bridge program for five years, interning with the Admissions and Student Recruitment department to provide outreach to prospective CSUSB students, serving as a teaching assistant for the biology department, conducting research with the Department of Biology regarding the HLB pathogen that affects citrus fruit, and serving as a student assistant and mentor for various educational support programs on campus. In these positions, she provided mentorship to Hispanic Scholarship Fund students and students in the “I’m going to college” project.

In Sendy’s spare time, she also did a substantial amount of volunteer work. Sendy continues to volunteer at Loma Linda University for a community partnerships and diversity program, Si Se Puede, where she mentors high school students. She also volunteers at the Tzu Chi Free Health Clinics, where she interprets for Spanish-speaking patients, enabling them to communicate more effectively with their doctors. Sendy also founded the “Adopt-A-Class Project,” which aims to educate and encourage low-income fifth grade students to pursue a college education.

EOP is very proud of Sendy and her accomplishments, and we are confident that she will continue to leave her mark on the world for years to come.

Sendy’s favorite quote:
“Don’t say you don’t have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.”
- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
EOP Scholars
Spring 2011

EOP Scholars are EOP students that completed a minimum of 12 units and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in Spring 2011. An asterisk * identifies those students who earned a 4.0 for the term. Keep up the great work!

Alyssa Acosta  Savanah Diaz*
Nina Acosta  Virgilio Dizon
Dannette Allen  Cynthia Emenike
Fatima Alrahem  Crystal Escobedo
Ana Alvarenga  Illeana Escobedo*
Hope Alvizar  Angelica Espinoza
Jonathan Aragon-Martinez  Cristina Estrada*
Cristina Araujo  Bryan Flores
Brenda Arnold  Cecilia Flores
Sharon Awad*  Ruth Fuentes
Kayla Ayers  Sandra Fuentes Bravo
Jennifer Bacon  Cesar Garcia*
Erika Barajas Meza  Darlyn Garcia
Desiree Barel  Erica Garcia
Ashlee Barker*  Jessica Garcia
Kaneez Batool*  Lucerito Garcia
Elizabeth Becerril  Crystal Gastelum
Daisy Beltran  Jessica Gomez
Amada Beltran Medrano  Yesenia Gomez Castillo
Catherine Bernasconi  Estefania Gonzalez
Bernabe Bolanos*  Kyle Gonzalez
Shea Boone  Merry Gonzalez
Surapongse Boonyadit*  Monica Gonzalez
Gene Brown  Neyda Gonzalez
Amanda Burdette  Alana Grove
Jacqueline Burns-Kamstra  Paola Gutierrez Gonzalez
Naomi Cabrera  Omar Guzman*
Maria Carbajal deNava  Donna Halle
Antonio Castaneda  Andrea Harlin
Marisela Cavazos  Damian Hear
Yecenia Cervantes  Mirella Hernandez
Veronica Copado  Jasmine Hinojosa
Brenda Cortes  Nicole Holderness*
Monique Cruz  Louis Holguin
Melissa Davila  Tina Hollman
Maria Del Socorro Sanchez  Katherine Hoyos
Grana*  Danielle Huf
Hav Hung  Caren Inda Perez
O'Shonda James-McDowell*
Michel'e Jones
Cherylynne Kissing
Melinee Ledbetter
Alisha Leon*
Steven Lim
Katie Linder
Marissa Lindsey
Efrain Loera
Maribel Lopez
Brenda Luis
Jessica Luna
Jacqueline Magallanes
Reanna Marchman*
Felipe Marquez Ramirez*
Maria Martinez
Natalia Martinez*
Lavonne Marzett
Jonathan Meissner
Nancy Molina
Natasha Muguertegui
Olivia Mustelier
Parvaneh Najumi
Tania Navarrete
Trisha Newaz
Blanca Ortega
Heidi Panichello
Edward Pantoja*
Norma Parra
Jesica Patalano
Jasmine Perez
Fanny Perez Rico
Kasia Pierce*
Davidara Pok
Janet Ponce
Tessy Pumacahua Valencia*
Jose Ramirez
Daisy Renteria*
Lillianna Renteria
Beatriz Reyes
Israel Rios*
Araceli Rodriguez
Shana Rodriguez
Michelle Roque
Elise Rosencrans
Nanette Salazar
De Andra Salley
Celina Sanchez
Jennifer Sanchez
Steven Sanchez
Vickie Smith
Nina Snell
Partenamaria Stefanidis*
Kevin Teagarden
Jemma Tellez
Dean Thap
Jahara Tinsley
Anthony Torquato
Jessica Torres*
Magali Torres
Christopher Trujillo
Stephanie Uribe
Secia Vasquez
Maria Vera
Daisy Vidrio
Viviana Villanueva
Lisa Villarreal*
Melanie Ware
George Washington
Brittany Westrick
Anthony Wilkins

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Keep up the great work!

Seniors...

If you are planning to graduate in June 2012, then you should have filed your Graduation Requirement Check with Records, Registration and Evaluations no later than Nov. 1, 2011. The fee for filing the grad check is $25 for each major/option requested. Grad checks filed after the deadline are also charged an additional $20 late fee for each major/option. If you have not done so, we encourage you to file your grad check as soon as possible.
CONGRATULATIONS EOP GRADS!

Fatima Alrahem  Tina Hollman  Shaniqua Plummer
Brenna Armijo  Joshua Latham  Kimberly Rodas
Grecia Arvizu  Chimamkpa Metu  Bertha Rodriguez
Muhawyh Asad  Marcella Morgan  Marsale Sayegh
Doris Cardenas  Nhu-Y Nguyen  Jorge Valadez
Theresa Davis  Jennifer Pearce

Are you planning to attend a California State University, San Bernardino graduate school program during the spring 2012 or fall 2012 terms?

The spring 2012 application deadline is Jan. 27, 2012. **Applications are due soon!**
The fall 2012 application deadline is July 15, 2012.

Fatima Alrahem, Brenna Armijo, Grecia Arvizu, Muhawyh Asad, Doris Cardenas, Theresa Davis, Tina Hollman, Joshua Latham, Chimamkpa Metu, Marcella Morgan, Nhu-Y Nguyen, Jennifer Pearce, Shaniqua Plummer, Kimberly Rodas, Bertha Rodriguez, Marsale Sayegh, Jorge Valadez

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Fall quarter 2012 priority registration: Nov. 1-22, 2011
- Veteran’s Day holiday—campus closed: Nov. 11, 2011
- Thanksgiving Day holiday—campus closed: Nov. 24-27, 2011
- Last day of fall classes: Dec. 5, 2011
- Fall 2012 final examinations: Dec. 6-10, 2011
- Commencement: Dec. 10, 2011
- Summer 2012 grad check deadline: Jan. 3, 2012
- Winter 2012 last day for full refund of fees: Jan. 6, 2012
- First day of Winter classes: Jan. 7, 2012
- Last Day to add open classes via MyCoyote: Jan. 13, 2012
- Martin Luther King holiday—campus closed: Jan. 14-16, 2012
- Winter 2012 Census: Last day to drop classes without record of enrollment: Jan. 30, 2012
- EOP mid-quarter meeting (first year students only): Jan. 30, 2012
- EOP mid-quarter meeting (first year students only): Jan. 31, 2012
- EOP spring priority advising: Feb. 1-10, 2012
- Spring 2012 priority registration: Feb. 13-March 5, 2012
- Last day of winter classes: March 19, 2012
- Winter 2012 final examinations: March 20-24, 2012
- Spring 2012 last day for full refund of fees: March 29, 2012
- Spring break: March 26-29, 2012
- Cesar Chavez holiday—campus closed: March 30, 2012
- First day of spring classes: March 31, 2012