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A Message from the Director
VERONICA AMERSON

Congratulations to all of our EOP students for completing the 2011/2012 academic year! You are one step closer to your goal of earning your baccalaureate degree. This has been an amazing year, and we are proud of all of our EOP graduates!

Whether you have had a successful year or perhaps ran into some challenges, I encourage you to reach out to your EOP counselor. We are here to serve you and would like to offer support and assistance in helping you get back on track to meet your goals and also hear about your successes to potentially highlight them in future newsletters.

This year has also been full of changes; EOP is saying farewell to some very special people: President and Mrs. Marilyn Karnig, long-time EOP advocates; Barbara Herrera, admissions clerk and Summer Bridge assistant; and Velda Rodriguez, EOP receptionist. We will miss them all dearly. Read more about these folks in the following pages in our newsletter.

I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and rejuvenating summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

VERONICA AMERSON

Did You Know?
The university has implemented a policy that limits students to enroll in a maximum of 17 units per term. Exceptions to this limit include seniors who have submitted a graduation check (19.5 units max), all seniors during open enrollment and late registration (19.5 units max), and those that submit and obtain approval for a course overload once late registration begins. For more information about obtaining a course overload permit, please visit Advising and Academic Services in UH-380 or obtain more information at http://www.ugs.csusb.edu/advising/petitions/olinstr.html.
**FAREWELL...**

**Barbara Herrera**

EOP says farewell to admissions clerk Barbara Herrera. Many of you have had the opportunity to work with Barbara while you were applying to the EOP program and through the Summer Bridge program. However, many students maintained a relationship with Barbara long after being admitted to EOP and Summer Bridge. We are happy to announce that Barbara was promoted and now serves as the administrative support coordinator for the Faculty/Student Mentoring Program (FSMP). When reflecting on her time with EOP, Barbara shared, “I appreciated my time with the students at EOP. I enjoyed seeing them when they came into the office to make appointments or during Summer Bridge.” Barbara, we wish you continued success in your new position!

**Velda Rodriguez Is Retiring!**

After 13 years of service with EOP, Ms. Velda Rodriguez, EOP receptionist, has announced she is retiring on July 31, 2012. To our staff, she was our staff comedian that brought laughter to our office on a daily basis, and she was EOP’s superwoman who could handle a million things all at the same time all while staying calm and pleasant. We have also observed Velda develop a number of relationships with students who come to the office, not because they have an advising appointment, but just because they want to visit with Velda. We cannot be happier for her that she will be able to relax and enjoy retirement very soon. In preparation for her retirement, Velda shared the following, “It has been an honor and pleasure to be part of EOP for the past 13 years. I have watched first year students come into the office nervous, scared and so insecure, they wouldn’t even look into my eyes. I watched them grow into wonderful, confident individuals ready to take on their new endeavors. I feel that I grew right along with you. I am glad our paths crossed. I wish you the very best in life, love and happiness.” Congratulations Velda; we will miss you dearly!

**WELCOME...**

**Christine Beltran**

Administrative Support Assistant / Admissions Clerk

Please join us in welcoming Christine Beltran to EOP! Christine is EOP’s newest admissions clerk and will also assist with the Summer Bridge program. Christine comes to the position with several years of on campus experience. She will be helping students through the application process and helping students transition from high school to college in her role with Summer Bridge. “I am excited to be here at EOP and to work with our students and staff. I am especially looking forward to experiencing Summer Bridge.” Christine is married with two daughters and when she is not working, she enjoys papercrafting, scrapbooking, baking and cycling. She and her husband also love to cook, try new recipes together and throw parties. Christine has been a great addition to the EOP team and when you’re in the area, feel free to stop by, meet her and welcome her to EOP!
In June, the Financial Aid Office will determine each student’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). This is a federal and state requirement for all institutions that issue financial aid to students. When the university runs SAP, they are essentially checking to ensure that students who receive financial aid are making progress toward completing their degree.

When SAP is run, they will check the following items for the current academic year: GPA (to ensure your GPA is above a 2.0), your two-year GPA (to ensure the GPA for your last 90 units is above a 2.0), total attempted units (to ensure your attempted units does not exceed 301 units), and attempted versus completed units (to ensure that you have earned at least 70 percent of the units you attempted throughout the academic year). If you fail any one of these four areas, then you will fail SAP.

So, what happens if you fail SAP? First, the Financial Aid office will notify you by e-mail at your CSUSB e-mail and your MyCoyote account that you failed SAP and that further action is required to be considered for future financial aid. As an EOP student, to be considered for financial aid, you must make an appointment with an EOP staff member and submit an appeal. More information about the appeal process can be found on the Financial Aid website at http://finaid.csusb.edu/apply/sap.shtml. However, it is imperative that you contact the EOP office as soon as you are notified that you failed SAP because you will not be issued any financial aid for the upcoming term unless you submit an appeal and it is approved.

If you have not passed all of your classes during this academic year and you are wondering if you may fail SAP, try the SAP calculator on the Financial Aid website at http://finaid.csusb.edu/apply/sap_calculator.shtml. If you have any other questions about this process, make an appointment with your EOP counselor.
The CSUSB Alumni Association Educational Opportunity Program Chapter (EOPAC) was established in 2004 to provide the opportunity for academic and life-long success to historically low-income, educationally disadvantaged and/or first generation college students that seek a future of educational prosperity.

EOPAC strives to provide support to the EOP student, both financially and academically, to serve as an advocate at the local and state level and to showcase the program’s success. The EOP Alumni Chapter strives to enhance alumni membership and to inform the community at large about the EOP program, its goals and benefits.

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 also works tirelessly to raise money for EOP students in the form of book awards. Look out for future fundraising notices in your e-mail and partner with us to support current EOP students!

This year, the EOPAC coordinated four alumni mixer/fundraising events, participated in two EOPAC and EOP Foster Youth Program networking events, coordinated the first ever EOP Senior Networking Luncheon, and distributed a total of six $300 book awards to current EOP students.

For more information regarding the CSUSB Alumni Association EOP Alumni Chapter and how to get involved, please contact the CSUSB Alumni Association at 909.537.3700 or visit their website at www.csusbalumni.com. For more specific information about the EOP Alumni Chapter, please contact Kashaunda Harris, EOPAC Advisor, at 909.537.5042 or visit http://www.ugs.csusb.edu/eopalumni/mission.html.

The CSUSB Alumni Association EOP Chapter
Book Award Recipients for 2012/2013

Gabriela Cazares
Yesenia Gomez
Mohammed Hussein
Chelsea Vallier
Anthony Wilkins
Vicky Yang

Congratulations!

From left to right: Gabriela Cazares, Yesenia Gomez, Mohammed Hussein, Anthony Wilkins, Vicky Yang
Jahara Tinsley was accepted to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University, San Bernardino in 2008, and this year, she earned her baccalaureate degree in Social Work. Everyone who has been in contact with Jahara knows that she is dedicated to attaining her educational goals and believes that education is the key to continued success. As the second oldest of seven children, Jahara believes that it is imperative for her to serve as a positive role model for her siblings.

As a former foster youth, Jahara may not have taken the traditional path to college. However, from the moment Jahara stepped on this campus, she has taken full advantage of everything Cal State San Bernardino has to offer. Due to her being a former foster youth, Jahara was invited to participate in the EOP Foster Youth Program and was granted the opportunity to be assigned a peer mentor during her freshman year. Jahara has expressed that the mentoring program has provided her with direction, encouragement, lifelong friendships and a sense of community. Her experience as a mentee inspired her to serve as a mentor for first-year incoming former foster youth. This year she is completing her third year serving as a mentor to former and current foster youth and the students that have been under her leadership have truly benefitted from her guidance.

In addition to her involvement and contributions to the EOP Foster Youth Program at CSUSB, Jahara has been actively engaged with community life by participating in student organizations, such as Future Social Workers in Action, Enrichment through Action and the Phi Alpha Honor Society. She also volunteers at her church with the Life Changing Mentorship Program.

Jahara’s volunteer work and her decision to pursue a degree in Social Work exemplify what she is all about. Her life mission is to serve others and she has a particular interest in child welfare, where she can work with and serve families that require assistance. To accomplish this goal, she recognized early on that she would have to continue her education by pursuing a graduate degree. Jahara has recently been accepted to the Master’s of Social Work (MSW) programs at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); the University of Southern California (USC); California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); and CSUSB, and her ultimate goal is to obtain her Ph.D. in Social Work.

Jahara’s favorite quote:
“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
EOP Scholars

Fall 2011 and Winter 2012

Alyssa Acosta
Liza Acosta
Nina Acosta***
Angelina Aguilar
Cindy Aguilar-Diaz*
Nancy Aguiler
Amoni Alexander*
Monica Alfaro*
Pedro Almaraz*
Ana Alvarenga**
Ileana Alvarez
Marilyn Alvarez
Hope Alvizar**
Karen Andrade**
Jesse Angle*
Ayanna Anthony*
Jonathan Aragon-
Martin
Cristina Araujo
Estefania Arias
Arlene Armstrong
Brenda Cortes
Lorena Arroyo*
Marisol Artavia
Priscilla Arvizu
Edgar Avila
Secia Avila*
Sharon Awad***
Angela Ayala**
Cindy Ayala
Fernando Ayala
Jennifer Bacon
Sabrina Bahena
Morgan Baker***
Erika Barajas
Meza***
Ashlee Barker***
Christian Bautista
Maria Benavides**
Lauria Bernal
Betisabe Bolanos***
José Bonilla*
Shea Boone
D’Angelo Bridges***
Alyssa Bright***
Donna Bueno
Christina Bui
Larissa Bunton
Amanda Burdette
Jacqueline Burns-

EOP Scholars are EOP students that completed a minimum of 12 units and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in the fall 2011 and/or winter 2012 terms.

* = students who earned a 4.0 for at least one of the terms

** = students who earned a minimum 3.5 GPA for both terms

*** = students who earned a minimum 3.5 GPA for both terms, and a 4.0 for at least one of the terms

Keep up the fantastic work!

Mohamed Hussein
Ryan Inglesiak
Caren Inda Perez**
Shawn Jackson
Maria Jimenez
Melissa Jimenez
Michel'e Jones**
Issa Jraisat**
Elizabeth Junker
Shayna Kennedy
Jessica Larios
Moses Larios
Jose Lariz
Peter Lawani
Melinee Ledbetter
Susie Lee**
Myong Lee
Steven Lim**
Luis Lim
Katie Linder***

Alyssa Acosta
Liza Acosta
Nina Acosta***
Angelina Aguilar
Cindy Aguilar-Diaz*
Nancy Aguiler
Amoni Alexander*
Monica Alfaro*
Pedro Almaraz*
Ana Alvarenga**
Ileana Alvarez
Marilyn Alvarez
Hope Alvizar**
Karen Andrade**
Jesse Angle*
Ayanna Anthony*
Jonathan Aragon-
Martin
Cristina Araujo
Estefania Arias
Arlene Armstrong
Brenda Cortes
Lorena Arroyo*
Marisol Artavia
Priscilla Arvizu
Edgar Avila
Secia Avila*
Sharon Awad***
Angela Ayala**
Cindy Ayala
Fernando Ayala
Jennifer Bacon
Sabrina Bahena
Morgan Baker***
Erika Barajas
Meza***
Ashlee Barker***
Christian Bautista
Maria Benavides**
Lauria Bernal
Betisabe Bolanos***
José Bonilla*
Shea Boone
D’Angelo Bridges***
Alyssa Bright***
Donna Bueno
Christina Bui
Larissa Bunton
Amanda Burdette
Jacqueline Burns-
EOP would like to congratulate our EOP students who graduated in fall 2011 and winter 2012 and those who are scheduled to graduate during the spring 2012 and summer 2012 terms! You have worked very hard to get to this day and we wish you nothing but success!
Congratulations!

Taft T. Newman Memorial Scholarship
Shawn Jackson
The Taft T. Newman Memorial Scholarship provides a $500 scholarship to an EOP graduating student who has a minimum 2.0 GPA, has financial need and is attending and enrolled full time in a graduate program. It was endowed to commemorate Taft T. Newman, a former and dedicated EOP Director, who assisted EOP students in their quest to achieve their educational and career goals.

JoAnn Vance Memorial Scholarship
Nina Snell
The JoAnn Vance Memorial Scholarship was established in 1996 to financially assist a graduating EOP student pursuing a master's degree or teaching credential program at a California State University campus. The Vance family founded the scholarship to honor the memory of JoAnn Vance, an alumna. The scholarship reflects Ms. Vance’s commitment during her lifetime to education, self-development, and concern for others.

EOP Awards
The EOP Awards, established in 1992, assists graduating EOP students pursuing a graduate degree or entering a credential program at CSUSB. This is EOP’s 20th year presenting these awards, which are supported by contributions from the community, EOP alumni, CSUSB faculty and staff. Each award is in the amount of $500.

Chaia Flores
Debora Hodges
Felipe Marquez Ramirez
Lavonne Marzett
Sonia Nduke
Treasure Ortiz
Jorge Rosas
Brice Scott
Kevin Teagarden

IMPORTANT DATES

First day of Summer 2012 Regular and 6W1 classes........................................June 20, 2012
Summer 2012 6W1 Last day to add open classes via MyCoyote..........................June 21, 2012
Spring 2012 grades available via MyCoyote....................................................June 25, 2012
Summer 2012 Regular Last day to add open classes via MyCoyote.....................June 26, 2012
Summer 2012 6W1 Census: Last day to drop classes without record.................June 28, 2012
4th of July observed—Campus Closed.................................................................July 4-July 8, 2012
Summer 2012 Regular Census: Last day to drop classes without record.............July 12, 2012
Last day of Summer 2012 6W1 classes...............................................................July 26, 2012
Summer 2012 6W1 final exams........................................................................July 30 – 31, 2012
First day of Summer 2012 6W2 classes..............................................................Aug. 1, 2012
Summer 2012 6W2 Last day to add open classes via MyCoyote.........................Aug. 3, 2012
Summer 2012 6W1 grades available.................................................................Aug. 7, 2012
Summer 2012 6W2 Census: Last day to drop classes without record...............Aug. 9, 2012
Last day of Summer 2012 Regular classes..........................................................Aug. 30, 2012
Labor Day—Campus Closed................................................................................Sept. 1 - 3, 2012
Summer 2012 Regular final exams.....................................................................Sept. 4—5, 2012
Last day of Summer 6W2 classes.......................................................................Sept. 5, 2012
Summer 2012 6W2 final exams..........................................................................Sept. 6 & 10, 2012
First day of Fall 2012 classes................................................................................Sept. 20, 2012

FINANCIAL AID

Don’t forget to complete your Summer 2012 Financial Aid application!
Complete your application online