

*Educational Development Program*



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT FREDONIA

## *Where Success is a Tradition*

### GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND.

**Audrey Pitts** - Sociology - Class of 1982

"I was eager to come back to Fredonia because some of the best years of my life were spent at Fredonia. The EDP program and staff, many of my professors, and one very special dorm director were all supportive in many ways. They willingly shared their knowledge and experience to help make me a well-rounded individual, thereby enhancing my confidence to compete with those who had more education, more money, etc. They helped me to thrive in a wonderfully new environment, believing in me and my abilities, emphasizing teamwork, and helping me set goals and remain focused to attain those goals. EDP opened the door and SUNY Fredonia helped me begin to build the foundation for success."

**Carlos Patricio** - Biology - Class of 2007

"EDP has given me strength, which I never thought I had; motivation to keep my eyes on the prize, no matter the obstacle which seemed to obstruct my vision; and most importantly, conviction to pursue my dream."

**Rachael Howard** - Communication - Class of 1998

Senior Editor/Producer, CNN Los Angeles

"EDP took me from living on the streets of N.Y.C. to graduating with honors, to becoming a successful part of a challenging industry. EDP took a chance on me and gave me all the support needed to succeed. They are my family."

**Mark Anthony Neal, Ph.D.** - English - Classes of 1987, 1993  
Associate Professor - Black Popular Culture - **Duke University**

"For me EDP was all about the opportunity to get a quality education, realize my goals as a student and citizen, and find the career path that was best suited for my talents and passions. I'm not sure I could have achieved all that I have thus far in my life without the support of EDP."



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Each year the staff of the Educational Development Program and SUNY Fredonia welcomes students to the EDP family who have the potential to achieve academic and personal success through education. Careful attention will be given to identify, select, and serve the most talented students who need an opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

Our staff is dedicated to providing you with the appropriate guidance, advice, and support services needed to achieve your academic and personal goals. We strive to instill within each student a strong sense of responsibility, pride, and commitment to achievement. We expect that you will strive for excellence within yourself and promote the same within your peers. We are here to share in your successes and help you overcome any barriers you may encounter.

EDP students are leaders both inside and outside of the classroom. They are members of honor societies, on the dean's list, and recognized nationally for their academic and civic accomplishments. We will be honored and proud to help you to become one of our successful graduates who exemplify our program motto, "Going Above and Beyond."



## INTRODUCTION

Responding to the needs and aspirations of talented students who have limited academic preparation and financial resources, the Educational Development Program (EDP) at SUNY Fredonia provides equity and access to a quality education for New York State residents. Known statewide as the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), EDP's mission is to help qualified freshmen and transfer students achieve success in higher education and reach their full academic potential. We supply the tools, the community, and the paths to your goals and dreams.

Students applying for EDP consideration must complete the SUNY Application for Undergraduate Admission. Fredonia's campus has adopted the use of the EOP Early Information Form in our supplementary application review process. This form provides EDP/EOP applicants and their counselors with descriptions of the documentation required to determine an applicant's eligibility.

## ELIGIBILITY

In general, to be eligible for admission through EDP, a student must meet the following conditions:

- Be a New York State resident
- Have a New York State high school diploma or its equivalent
- Be ineligible for admission under traditional standards, but demonstrate potential for college success
- Establish a need for financial support (financial eligibility does not guarantee admission)

To determine an EDP student's eligibility for financial assistance, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All students enrolled in EDP are eligible for up to five years of financial assistance. A FAFSA must be completed each year. Common forms of financial assistance include PELL (a federal grant program), TAP (Tuition Assistance Program - New York State's grant program), College Work Study Program, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL or Stafford) and National Direct Student Loan.

In addition to meeting the above requirements, you will be required to supply the following documentation:

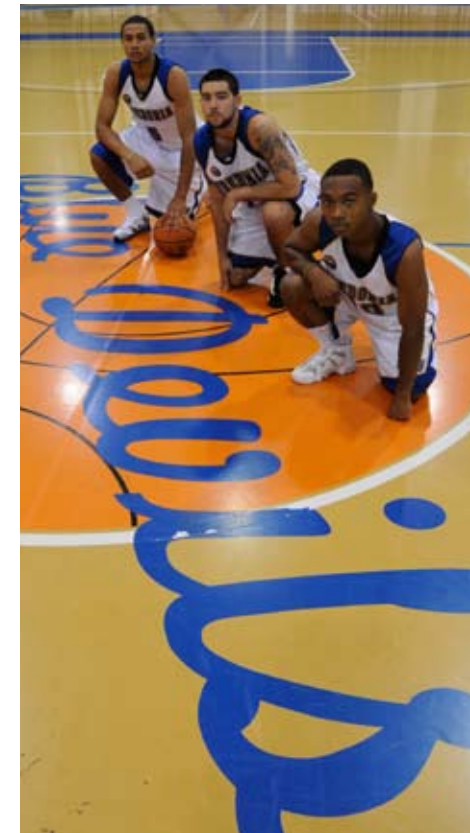
### FRESHMEN:

- Official high school transcript or GED
- Official SAT and/or ACT scores
- An autobiographical essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completion of the EDP Eligibility Information Form
- Photocopies of income documentation

### TRANSFER STUDENTS:

- A minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average at the previous college
- A SUNY application
- Official college transcripts
- Must have been enrolled in EOP, HEOP, College Discovery, SEEK or similar program at the college you previously attended.

If the school you attended did not have an EOP program, you must be able to document that you would have met the eligibility requirements at the time you first entered college. Specific information regarding the eligibility documentation is available from our Admissions Office and/or the Educational Development Program Office.



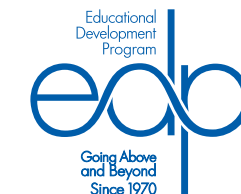
## BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To ensure academic success and total development, EDP offers a comprehensive variety of services designed to enhance academic achievement. Each student receives individual, personalized attention. In addition to helping program students meet the cost of education, we provide guidance and direction for the growth of intellectual, personal, social, and career skills.

These services include:

- Academic Advising
- Counseling: personal and career
- Pre-Freshman Summer Orientation
- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- Freshman Orientation Class
- Peer Advising
- Financial Aid Assistance

Under the guidance of Fredonia's accomplished faculty, students examine questions relevant to their lives.





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SUNY Fredonia is located in Western New York, at Exit 59 of the New York State Thruway.

Regular bus service from Fredonia to Buffalo connects with rail and air service.

To learn more, contact

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