



Educational Development Program

Spring 2009

Dear Paid EDP Student:

It is a pleasure to correspond again with you and to congratulate you on **confirming your acceptance** to SUNY Fredonia. Within the next few weeks, I will be making contact with you to help make your transition to Fredonia as smooth as possible by answering any questions and providing you with important information.

My staff and I look forward to meeting you during one of the **College's Summer Orientation Advising Programs (SOAP)**. During this time, you will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the campus and choose courses for the fall. **Attendance at one of the five freshmen orientation sessions is mandatory for all EDP participants.** You will be receiving information and registration material for the College's summer orientation in a separate mailing. You can check out the SOAP dates at the Academic Advising Center's website - www.fredonia.edu/acadadv/#liberal. Please ***sign up for one of these sessions.*** **NOTE: The \$140 student orientation fee has been covered by our vice president for student affairs. Just write on the form that you are EDP and submit no fee for yourself.** The cost of travel for you and your parent and any parent fee is not cover by EDP and is the responsibility of the student and/or parent. On-campus housing will be available for parents at their own expense.

When you come to this orientation, please bring a copy of your final semester's report card, a copy of your diploma, and any financial aid information you may have received (e.g., federal student aid reports, TAP award notices, etc.). We will have an hour to meet with you to talk about EDP.

Fredonia's Financial Aid Office (FAO) will be sending you an award notice informing you of the amounts of financial aid for which you are eligible. Please follow the procedures outlined by FAO to accept and receive the financial aid provided for you. Feel free to call and discuss any questions you have so that the financial aid process can be completed in a timely manner. Here is FAO's website and telephone number - www.fredonia.edu/finaid/ - 716/673-3253.

As was stated in your acceptance letter, EDP will be running a special, intensive two-day workshop immediately before the fall semester starts. **EDP will pay all orientation fees and meal and lodging costs for the students for the EDP August Workshop, August 20-22.** No

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on-campus housing will be available for family members. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the student. **Attendance at both of these sessions is mandatory for all EDP participants.**

Because EDP is funded by the state through the legislative process, we ask that all students register to vote and vote in any upcoming elections. We have enclosed a voter registration form for your convenience. If you are 18 or will be 18 prior to beginning class this August, please complete and mail out the registration form and bring your voter registration card with you to the EDP Freshman August Workshop. Please know the district number/name of your state senator and assembly representative.

Please call me if you have any questions about your financial award notice, the University's orientation, EDP's August Workshop, or any other concerns. Our office phone numbers are 716/673-3317 or 716/673-3318. Our office hours from now until May 15 are 8:30 am to 5 pm. Our summer office hours (May 18-August 21) are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have voice mail after the office closes. There is a toll-free number directly to the Admissions Office at 1-800-252-1212. Please visit these websites for more information – www.fredonia.edu and www.fredonia.edu/edp/.

You may e-mail us at:

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In the meantime, please make sure you complete the following before the end of June:

- ① - FAFSA - Federal code for Fredonia is 002844
- ② - TAP Express Form (Fredonia's code is 0915)
- ③ - Verification Information - Not all students are selected for “verification.” If you are selected for verification, the college will notify you. Provide the college with your signed **2008** federal tax return and/or your parents' return along with the signed verification statement.

My staff and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Janet Knapp, Interim Director
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