

**Thursday, November 19, 2009 –**

**Dear EDP Students:**

**1 – There are only two more weeks of classes.**

**2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> EDP GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, December 3, 4 pm, S-104 WmC.** Attendance required unless you are in a class. Pizza and beverages will be served.

**3 – MS. SKEMER ASSUMES NEW DUTIES/OFFICE HOURS –** A \$50,000 Wal-Mart Foundation SEMILLAS grant has been awarded to SUNY Fredonia from Excelencia in Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the success rate of Latino students in higher education. **Starting November 12, Ms. Skemer assumed the title of SEMILLAS grant director.** SUNY Fredonia will use this grant to launch LEAP2Success/Exito, an innovative three-stage program designed to demystify the pathway to a college education for Latino students, including those enrolled in the Dunkirk School District, and their families. LEAP2Success/Exito will expand outreach efforts to reach low-income, first generation Latino students and their families through a partnership with the Dunkirk School District and Dunkirk's 21st Century grant program. Existing pre-collegiate programs, admission outreach and matriculated student programs will be enhanced to achieve program objectives. In addition to working with younger students, the program will offer encouragement to Latino students who are applying to college and their families, while enhancing support for Latino students already enrolled at SUNY Fredonia. The acronym SEMILLAS, which is Spanish for seeds, stands for Seeds for Educational Models that Impact and Leverage Latino Academic Success. Only two SUNY schools were recipients of this grant, Monroe Community College in Rochester and SUNY Fredonia! **Ms. Skemer's EDP hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons 1:15-5 and all of Wednesday in EDP. Her counselees should call/visit/schedule appointments with her during this time only.** Her SEMILLAS office is being housed out of the Center for Multicultural Affairs. CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL! Check out this article for more details:

<http://observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/531548.html>

**4 - DATES:**

November 23-27 – No Classes—Thanksgiving Break

November 30 – Last Day to Completely Withdraw from University

**December 3 – EDP 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting, 4 pm, S-104 WmC**

December 11 – Last Day of Classes

December 14-18 – Final Exams

January 25, 2010 – First Day of Classes for Spring 2010

**January 25 – EDP 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting, 5 pm, S-104 WmC**

**March TBA —EDP General Meeting - time TBA, room TBA**

March 15-19—NO CLASSES - Sp. Break

**March 25 —Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Horizon Room/Williams Center, 4 pm**

April 5 – NO CLASSES – Travel Day

May 7 - Last Day of Classes

May 10-14—Final Exams

May 15 – Commencement

EDP Staff

