Congratulations! Your Educational Development Program (EDP/EOP) application to The State University of New York at Fredonia has advanced to the next stage of the EDP application process. **Your next step** as an EDP applicant is scheduling **a mandatory interview** with me-David M. White, Director of the Educational Development Program, or a member of the EDP staff.* Due to the limited seating in EDP's fall 2017 class, this required interview will have a significant impact on your admission to the program. Therefore, it is important that the interview is scheduled in a timely manner. Please contact the EDP office at 716-673-3317 to schedule your interview (via in-person, or Skype/Face Time)*.

Final acceptance is contingent upon *qualifying economically* and successfully completing your current high school program of study and receipt of the required health history form and record of immunizations. There are thousands of dollars in grants available to eligible EDP students so please complete any financial information requests from our Financial Aid Office. Additional mailings and emailings from our Health Center, Residence Life, and Summer Orientation and Advising office will be sent to you in the coming months. While reserving your spot in the first-year class as early as possible is recommended, the deadline for submitting your acceptance deposit is May 1, 2017. If you wish, you may pay your acceptance deposit—only \$5 for EDP students—by calling our Student Accounts office at 716-673-3236. Please refer to the "ACCEPTED NEW STUDENTS - Deposit Payment Options" section on the Student Accounts web page.

Please keep in mind these future dates: 1-The university's two-day new student orientations are held in July. These programs provide an opportunity to visit the campus and select courses for the fall--www.fredonia.edu/orientation or call the First-Year and Transition Program Office at 716-673-3271 for details. We will ask all EDP students to register for one particular session which will be confirmed by the beginning of March. NOTE: There is no additional fee to reserve your spot. (Non-EDP students pay \$150.) However, the cost of travel for you and your parent and any parent orientation fees are not covered by EDP and is the responsibility of the student and/or parent. 2-EDP runs an intensive summer program (known as JEWEL--July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning) TENTATIVELY scheduled from July 6-August which begins immediately following the university's orientation. There is no cost to attend JEWEL. EDP will cover the meal and lodging costs during this important session where you will have the opportunity to participate in several additional activities that will lead to a better understanding of what is necessary to be successful at Fredonia. Attendance to both of these sessions is mandatory for all EDP first-year students.

I encourage you to visit <u>Fredonia's alumni magazine which features EDP</u>. This is such an inspirational and meaningful article and it offers a snapshot of the history of EDP.

Once again, congratulations on advancing to the next step of the EDP application process. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either our admissions office toll free at 1-800-252-1212 or the EDP office at 716-673-3317. If you would like to be removed from

the Fredonia EDP applicant pool, please contact the Office of Admissions at <u>716-673-3251 or admissions@fredonia.edu</u>.

Sincerely,

David M. White, Director – <u>David.White@fredonia.edu</u> Educational Development Program • 716-673-3317 DMW/bmy

*There are interview slots open from 2:30-4:30 or earlier if you are dismissed from school before 2:30 pm or have a free period. Interviews usually are 30-45 minutes. On-campus or in-person interviews off-campus are preferred but interviews via SKYPE or Face Time are also permitted. Do you or your school have those capabilities? Please call 716-673-3317 or email David.white@fredonia.edu to schedule your interview with one of the EDP staff members: David White, EDP Director; Rachel Skemer, EDP Counselor; Daniel M. Smith, EDP Counselor; or a current upperclass EDP student.

We look forward to hearing from you and finalizing your acceptance.