

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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From The Director

WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING?

We are already into 2015 and 2014 is a memory. What will the New Year bring? I hope it will bring good health and prosperity to you and yours. For EDP, it will most certainly bring change . . . as we begin transitioning for "2015 AK" (*After Knapp*).

I am anxious and just as excited as the students are to find the person tasked with assuming the vacancy left by Ms. Janet Knapp, who retired at the end of the fall 2014 semester. The EDP staff and students joined our campus colleagues in wishing Ms. Knapp all the best in retirement. (*See some pictures from her retirement reception on page 8.*) For the past 16 years, Janet has been an integral part of EDP and leaves a huge imprint and legacy of advising, guiding, and nurturing our students. This new colleague must possess not only the skills of creativity, responsibility, and leadership, but also have the passion and those intangible traits that make EDP counselors so special. I anticipate welcoming a new co-worker with a vision of success, the willingness and desire to go above and beyond, and the enthusiasm to motivate and inspire EDP students and Fredonia's campus community. In fact, just this fall, EDP assisted 25 students (20% of EDP's enrollment), including 9 first-years, in being named to the Dean's List (minimum 3.30 semester GPA) and an additional 14 students in achieving a minimum of a 3.0 semester GPA. Yes, 31% of the program's enrollment with at least a 3.0 semester GPA!

I am confident that 2015 will bring continued success to EDP and hopefully something new and exciting for each of you as well.

All the best,



Ms. Knapp retirement reception—EDP Director David M. White, Ms. Knapp, EDP Counselor Rachel Skemer, EDP Secretary Barbara Yochym

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. M. White".

David M. White, EDP Director

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EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

33 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

HONORING OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
AND 2015 CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
4:00-6:00 p.m.
HORIZON ROOM - WILLIAMS CENTER
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

REGISTRATION AND DONATION INFORMATION
MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.FREDONIA.EDU/EDP
RSVP BY MARCH 2, 2015
716.673.3317

33rd ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD MARCH 11

The Educational Development Program will host its **33rd Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 11, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center at 4 p.m.** Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students are invited to attend this annual

event. The ceremony is an opportunity for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements. EDP students who earned a minimum grade point average of 2.7 while completing 12 credits or more for the S'14 and/or F'14 semesters will receive certificates. Silver certificates will be presented to students with a 2.70-3.29 GPA and gold certificates to students with a 3.30-4.00 GPA. Special awards include Exemplary Service, Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding EDP Tutor of the Year, Community Service, Arthur O. Eve Scholarship, Gregory Antonio Scholarship, and Director's Award. **SEE RELATED ARTICLES ON PAGE 7.**



Also on March 11 the [Chi Alpha Epsilon](#) (XAE) national honor society induction will take place in a private ceremony. Eligible opportunity program students must be full-time and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 for two consecutive semesters. Congratulations to EDP's 2015 XAE inductees:

- ◆ David Asimeng
- ◆ Johnathan Batres
- ◆ Tyler Burkett
- ◆ Darlene Cruz
- ◆ Michelle Guilford
- ◆ Michelle Inga
- ◆ Sammantha Nickel
- ◆ Chabely Rodriguez
- ◆ Eduvijez Sanchez
- ◆ Tamika Whittick

There are tentatively 13 [Full Opportunity Program \(FOP\)](#) students who may be eligible for induction. Fredonia's XAE Alpha Mu chapter was chartered in October 1999 and as of spring 2014 has 191 inductees from FOP and EDP.



RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the fall 2014 [Ralph Wilson Book Award](#) were **Rachael James** and **Chabely Rodriguez**. Each award was in the amount of \$275. **Rachael** (pictured top left) is a senior Communication-Public Relations major from The Bronx. **Chabely** (pictured below) is a Communication-Video Production major from The Bronx.

The initial endowment of \$25,000 was created in spring of 2000 by the Ralph Wilson, Jr., Foundation to assist EDP students with book and other college expenses. Applicants must submit a 300 word essay as well as a list of their accomplishments and community service activities. The essay, academic merit, and economic need are reviewed by the EDP counseling staff. This award is offered each semester. The total amount of awards presented is currently at \$17,890.



EDP CULTURAL CONNECTIONS PROJECT

Annually, the campus's [Faculty Student Association](#) (FSA) supports various university activities that enhance the educational and/or cultural experiences of the campus community. The FSA funds are used for purposes that will benefit the principal educational mission and goals of Fredonia. The FSA Board of Directors reviews requests for support in March of each year for the following June 1-May 31. EDP has submitted requests since 2007 and has been very fortunate to have received a total of \$17,500 over eight years. Through the FSA grant, EDP is able to fund its alumni speakers series and other special receptions, honor society induction, annual awards ceremony, on and off campus theatre/music/cultural events, community service, CPR trainings, and summer orientation cultural excursions, among other things. These events are well attended and unify EDP's students and staff with a greater sense of togetherness and pride for EDP.



SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Each semester EDP offers Supplemental Instruction (SI) courses for its students. These SI classes help EDP students develop analytical, quantitative, and problem solving abilities; communication proficiencies; and study and test taking skills necessary to successfully master course material. SI courses are linked to general education courses and expose first-year students to introductory courses in a variety of academic fields. Courses are credit bearing and taught in a small group setting by the parent course instructor. Research has found this environment to be conducive for learning and retention of course material and encourages student participation in classes. Two sections of Biology Study Skills were offered for the fall and one section will be offered for the spring, all taught by **Dr. Bruce Tomlinson**, Associate Professor of Biology.



TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE

EDP tutoring services were extremely busy for the fall 2014 semester. Tutoring sessions are conducted out of the University's [Learning Center](#), 4th floor of Reed Library. All students are strongly encourage to utilize tutoring and

should contact their EDP counselor to complete a [tutee application](#). If any EDP students are having difficulties in a course, or wish to have a better understanding of course material, they may requests one-on-one assigned tutoring or go to drop-in tutoring hours in the Learning Center. Tutors are all current university students who are available to EDP from the College Tutoring Services (CTS). A day-long training for all tutors was conducted at the College Lodge on September 6, 2014, and a spring training will take place on January 24.

Students interested in being a [2015-16 tutor may apply](#) now. Applications are due by **March 13**.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

In 2001 Campus Labs (formerly StudentVoice) was formed to collect information from students that could be used to impact programs and services. Campus Labs is utilized by over 650 campuses, coordinating assessment on every level.

Each semester EDP surveys tutors, tutees, graduating seniors, SI Biology class participants, and the EDP Orienta-

tion class via CampusLabs. Each spring counseling surveys are sent to all EDP students. Results are assessed by the EDP staff and used to enhance student services. EDP also sends fourth week evaluations to each student's professors. The feedback provided by instructors in advance of ninth week mid-semester grades, informs the counselors regarding attendance, participation, and academic progress. This information assists in providing timely advice and guidance to students regarding the individual level of engagement necessary to be successful in the classroom.

→ DATES ←

- **Jan 21**—First Day of Classes
- **Jan 26**—Tutoring Starts in Learning Center and EDP
- **Jan 29**—Final Day to Add Courses
- **Feb 2** – **EDP Evening Study Hall Starts**
- **Feb 4**—**EDP General Meeting, S204ABC WmC, 4 pm**
- **Feb 4**—Final Day to Apply for May Graduation
- **Feb 4**—Final Day to Elect PASS/FAIL
- **Feb 6**—NO CLASSES—
Professional Development Day
- **Feb 6-20** – **Ralph Wilson Book Award applications available; due noon 2/20**
- **Feb 7**—**Basketball Reception—WEAR YOUR EDP T-SHIRT—3:15 pm, Steele Room, Steele Hall**
- **Mar 10**—**EDP General Meeting/Alumni Speaker Series—S204ABC Williams Center, 4 pm**
- **Mar 11**—**Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Horizon Rm/WmC, 4 pm**
- **Mar 16-20**—NO CLASSES—Spring Break
- **Mar 25**—Mid-semester Grades Due
- **Mar 30-Apr 3** —Advising Week Fall 2015
- **Apr 3**—Final Day to Withdraw from Courses
- **Apr 6**—NO CLASSES—Travel Day
- **Apr 7**—Fall 2015 Registration Begins
- **Apr 22**—**EDP Litter Pick Up—3:30, Campus woodlot**
- **Apr 24-26**—**EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion**
- **Apr 27**—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- **May 8**—Last Day of Classes
- **May 11-15**—Final Exams
- **May 16**—Commencement
- **May 20**—Final Grades Due
- **July 9-24**—**TENTATIVE—JEWEL—July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning**
- **Aug 24**—First Day of Classes F'15
- **Oct 8-9**—NO CLASSES—Fall Break
- **Nov 23-27**—NO CLASSES—Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 14-18**—Final Examinations



[Campus calendars may be found on-line.](#)



Thompson Hall called “Forever Wild” and the surrounding areas. The woods is where the annual Halloween event “Terror in the Trees” takes place and also where many people can get in touch with nature.

Plastic gloves and garbage bags are provided to all volunteers, often made up of EDP students, faculty and staff, community members, and other campus students. All names are sent to [Volunteer and Community Services](#) to receive official credit and entered into a prize drawing for FSA gift cards. The spring’s annual EDP litter pick in the woodlot will be during Earth Week (tentatively April 22).



Thanks go to Fredonia's Facilities Services/Grounds Crew for picking up our full bags of trash.

EDP COMMUNITY SERVICE—BEAUTIFY THE CAMPUS WOODLOT AND HELP PICK UP LITTER

This fall’s annual EDP [community service project](#) took place on September 11, 2014. This date was picked as part of the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Once per semester, EDP sponsors a litter pick up in the on-campus woodlot near



Alexis Williams (SO/Psychology/Buffalo), EDP Director David White; EDP Secretary Barbara Yochym; Christi Paulino (FY/Liberal Arts/New York); EDP Counselor Rachel Skemer; Dayna Edwards (FY/Sport Management/Bronx); Donte Matthews (FY/Social Work/Bronx); and EDP Counselor Janet Knapp

2014 WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The fifth annual [Wallace Scholarship](#) was presented to **Krystal Lebron** (JR/Biology/Dunkirk), **Rachael James** (SR/Comm-Public Relations/Bronx), **Rebecca Chatterton** (SR/Visual Arts and New Media/Oswego), and **Jelissa Lebron** (JR/Comm-Communication Studies/Brooklyn) (*pictured below left to right*) in August. They are all featured in the September [Student Spotlight](#).

Applicants for the Wallace Scholarship are EDP students in good academic standing (minimum 2.50 CUM GPA) who have earned a minimum of 50 credit hours, have a minimum of one semester remaining after receiving the scholarship, and demonstrate evidence of campus and program leadership. A 500-600 word essay is required which includes a



description of successes and challenges while at Fredonia and how EDP has been instrumental in achieving such goals. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$500. The EDP staff recommends students to the scholarship committee consisting of Emma McFayden ‘76, Keith McFayden ‘77, Dr. Sherryl Weems ‘76, Dr. Jawaan Wallace, and Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace ‘68.

The EDP staff will select the next set of nominees in February with the scholarship being presented during the EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion April 24-26.



PREPARATION FOR “JEWEL” 2015

The Educational Development Program sponsors a **first-year student workshop (JEWEL—July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning)** designed to acquaint new students with the EDP staff and participate in enrichment activities to prepare them for their college experience. **The 2015 JEWEL is TENTATIVELY scheduled for July 9-24.**

Students arrive on campus for the university's two-day new student orientation. Here they are introduced to the university, its faculty, staff, and services. There is also a specialized orientation for parents. During these two days students meet with an advisor and register for their fall 2015 classes in addition to attending presentations on topics such as financial aid, the billing process, and on-campus services. Details on the 2015 university's new student orientation will be available soon online at www.fredonia.edu/orientation from the Campus Life Office/Orientation, Advising, and Registration, 716-673-3276.

Upon completing the university's orientation, students remain on campus for JEWEL where workshops include:

- An introduction to the philosophy, goals, policies, and procedures of the Educational Development Program in order to help the student become more familiar with the EDP Family.
- A discussion of the policies and procedures governing financial assistance to help the student gain a better understanding of the financial assistance available to the student and how to utilize them.
- A review of academic policies and expectations of the college to help the student become more familiar and connected to Fredonia.
- Descriptions of various administrative and academic departmental offices and key personnel which will give the student an extra edge as they begin their college career.



- Academic advisement to provide additional interactions between the students and their EDP counselor.
- Team building activities, enhancement workshops, and leadership courses.
- Courses in math, writing, science, and public speaking.

JEWEL is the first step of the on-going process that will help EDP students excel in their academic standing. The July workshop is found to give students a better idea of why they are here and what must be accomplished to be successful.

Guiding these new first-year students are current EDP students who serve as JEWEL peer advisors; graduate interns; and instructors in math, writing, science, and public speaking. Guest speakers' topics range from civic engagement, campus technology, tutoring assistance, and leadership. EDP first-year students continue their intensive study skills work with EDP's orientation class in the fall and spring semesters. These courses are taught by EDP's counselors.

The fee, meal, and lodging costs during the orientation are covered for each student by contributions from Fredonia and a grant from the [Office of Opportunity Programs in Albany](#). It is **mandatory** that all EDP first-year students attend both the university's orientation and JEWEL.

Pictures are from the 2014 JEWEL. Details about [2015 JEWEL will be on EDP's website](#).



2015 EDP RECRUITMENT

EDP's recruitment initiatives have begun and will continue while students submit the necessary documentation and ultimately pay their deposits. EDP admission will close once our target enrollment is reached.



We urge all applicants to call with any questions or concerns regarding our [EDP admission](#)

[requirements](#). Seating for the [2015 entering class](#) is limited and it is essential that all required documentation be submitted as soon as possible.

Applicants will receive postal and email requests from the Admissions Office for information to complete the application. Please forward the items listed as soon as possible to Fredonia's [Admissions Office](#), Fenner House, 178 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14063 or fax 716-673-3249. Items needed to complete an application are:

- ◆ high school transcript or GED
- ◆ [Eligibility Information Form](#) PDF
- ◆ SAT and/or ACT test scores
- ◆ personal interview with the EDP director or counselor
- ◆ two letters of recommendation (e.g., from a guidance counselor, teacher, club leader, employer, etc.)
- ◆ autobiographical essay (relate life circumstances which make one a good candidate for EDP)
- ◆ income verification (e.g., **signed** copies of the **2014 federal** parents' taxes and student's taxes (if filed) including W-2 forms)
- ◆ if taxes are not filed, then a social security statement, social services statement, etc., will need to be submitted - see Question #8 on the Eligibility Information Form for more details
- ◆ if public assistance is received, please complete and submit the [Public Assistance Benefits Verification Form](#) – (286kb)

Contact **Ms. Erica Arlequin**, Admissions assistant director/EDP liaison at Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu or 716/673-3251 or 1-800-252-1212 with any application questions or visit EDP's website—[Fall 2015 Applicant Info](#). Applicants should also check out the [interactive video tour of the campus](#).

F'14 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ◆ <i>Wascar Almonte</i> | ◆ <i>Rachael James</i> |
| ◆ <i>Jonathan Batres</i> | ◆ <i>Krystal Lebron</i> |
| ◆ <i>Tyler Burkett</i> | ◆ <i>Xavier Mann</i> |
| ◆ <i>Rebecca Chatterton</i> | ◆ <i>Brittany Matthews</i> |
| ◆ <i>Anthony Colquitt</i> | ◆ <i>Sammantha Nickel</i> |
| ◆ <i>Darlene Cruz</i> | ◆ <i>Paul Overturf</i> |
| ◆ <i>Naomi Cudjoe</i> | ◆ <i>Chabely Rodriguez</i> |
| ◆ <i>Jamichael Frazier</i> | ◆ <i>Lovina Talukder</i> |
| ◆ <i>Cassidy Fritsch</i> | ◆ <i>Mary Kay Taylor</i> |
| ◆ <i>Jennifer Garcia</i> | ◆ <i>Chenxi Wang</i> |
| ◆ <i>Emmanuel Guzman</i> | ◆ <i>Russell Wijesiriwardena</i> |
| ◆ <i>Michelle Inga</i> | ◆ <i>Moseslyn Williams</i> |
| | ◆ <i>Karyn Zea</i> |

**Second Spring
EDP General Student
Body Meeting
Tuesday, March 10
4:00 pm
S204A-C Williams Center**

EDP STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD BEING FORMED

The first informational meeting for the EDP Student Advisory Board was held in October. Comprised of various student components (first-year, sophomore, junior, senior, and transfer), this group of EDP student leaders will serve as communication and interaction conduits between EDP students and staff. The feedback and input that will be provided will continue to bolster the program. The next meetings will be held during the spring semester.

ANA SANTOS NAMED 2015 EDP DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Mrs. Ana J. (Bonifacio) Santos is being named as EDP's 2015 Distinguished Alumni. She will be recognized at the 33rd Annual EDP Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 11, 4 pm, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center.

Mrs. Santos graduated in 2004 with a degree in Business Administration (Management Information System) and a minor in Computer Science. While at Fredonia, Ms. Santos received an EDP Ralph Wilson Book Award, was inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon honor society, and was involved with Latinos Unidos and the Black Student Union.



*Ana (Bonifacio) Santos and
Ms. Knapp from Spring 2002*

Having lived in the Tampa, Florida, area since shortly after graduation, she has been working in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida (USF) as the manager of fiscal and business administration. Ms. Santos' main duties include managing the financial administration of all sponsored research projects, reviewing all grant-related expense processes, and being the liaison with other USF departments to resolve budget issues. She is also pursuing her master's degree in Public Health in Biostatistics at the University of South Florida.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, she graduated from New York City's A. Philip Randolph High School in 2000. Ana and her husband are the parents of two daughters. Upon being notified that she would receive this award, Ana wrote, "EDP was my home for four years. I am greatly honored by this award. Since Ms. Knapp was my counselor, I developed a very special bond with her. Her door was always open and she was my rock at Fredonia."

EDP is proud Ana is fulfilling the program motto of "Going Above and Beyond."

EDP's DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD is presented to a graduate of Fredonia's Educational Development Program who has accomplished personal and career goals and demonstrated a commitment to leadership and academic excellence.

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Mrs. Santos will also participate in the [EDP Alumni Speaker Series](#). The **EDP Alumni Speaker Series** provides a platform for EDP graduates to motivate and inspire students from a program and campus that have had a significant impact on shaping their lives. In addition to providing a means for current EDP students and other members of the campus community to interact with EDP alumni, the event serves the purpose of highlighting the important work and success stories of EDP alumni in varying fields. These special individuals continue to epitomize what it means to go "Above and Beyond."

This event is scheduled during the EDP General Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 4 pm, S204ABC Williams Center. The campus community is encouraged to attend.

JANET KNAPP TO RECEIVE EDP'S 2015 EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Each year during EDP's Annual Awards Ceremony an **EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD** is presented to recognize the support and dedication of those who have been instrumental in helping EDP accomplish its mission. These contributions and commitments assist EDP in going "Above and Beyond." The 2015 Exemplary Service award will be presented to emeritus EDP counselor Janet Knapp.



A native of Buffalo, New York, Ms. Knapp earned her bachelor of arts in Sociology from Buffalo State and master of science in College Student Personnel Administration from Canisius College.

Ms. Knapp began working with EDP in the fall of 1998 on an interim basis which led to her becoming a permanent counselor. Janet has served EDP in numerous capacities including senior counselor, assistant director, and interim director.

In addition to offering support services for program students, she provided counseling services in academics, careers, finances, housing, and social growth and taught a section of the EDP first-year seminar. To name a few, Janet's duties included monitoring academic progress and organizing campus resources for career development, graduate school, internships, scholarships, study abroad

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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

EDP students and staff hosted a retirement reception on December 4, 2014, to honor and thank **Janet Knapp**, EDP senior counselor, for 16 years as a colleague, educator, mentor, and friend.

Laughs and tears were shared along with well wishes. More pictures may be found at [EDP's Facebook page](#).



A FEW WORDS FROM MS. KNAPP

“Leaving Fredonia”

“Why are you retiring: *you love this job?*” When I announced that I was going to retire in December, 2014, that was the most common reaction from students and co-workers alike. It was quite flattering that most who asked the question seemed sad and unhappy that I would be leaving. When I tried to explain why I made the decision, I couldn't really sum it up in just a few words. I really didn't have retirement at the forefront of



Micle Chohan, Ms. Knapp, and Elijah Rhodes

my thoughts as the 2014-15 academic year began. During the past year I had occasionally entertained the idea of retiring. I figured maybe in the summer of 2015, but then I recalled winter and driving 45 minutes (minimum) each way, every day. I made the decision well before those four missed days in ***Snovember!*** And although I don't like to admit it, I am of “legal” retirement age, so I do qualify for Social Security and Medicare. When/how did ***THAT*** happen?!!

I remember how I felt when I arrived at Thompson Hall/EDP in September of 1998, as a temporary, one-semester, replacement for one of the counse-

lors who had taken a leave to earn an MBA. I had recently completed my Master's Degree in College Student Personnel Administration at Canisius College in Buffalo, having been away from a classroom for over twenty years. I figured that this semester replacement position in EDP would be a great way to get my feet wet and some additional work experience in this field. Within days of starting, I realized that the EDP program was pretty much a microcosm of the campus, and I wouldn't be pigeon-holed into repetition or monotony. I stayed for 16 years!

As I write this, I am on day **14** of retirement. I still wake up between 5:30-5:45 a.m., and my first thought is to check the weather and hope there's not another “OMG” moment regarding snow and then my second thought is, “*oh well, too bad, if it snowed, I don't have to worry about it!*”

I truly do love the EDP students and staff and everyone else at Fredonia. I genuinely will miss it. I promise that you all will be in my heart and on my mind, and I will be back for major events and celebrations. I hope to see as many of you who can make it to the EDP Awards Ceremony on March 11.



Tamika Whittick, Ms. Knapp, Maimouna Sylla, and Sabrina Irby

With all my best wishes for the future,

Senior EDP Counselor, Emeritus



A standing ovation for Ms. Knapp!

EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion



April 24 - 26, 2015

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE 2015 EDP ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION

Having such wonderful times at the [2008](#) and [2011](#) EDP Alumni & Friends reunions, it is time to hold another gathering in 2015. The tentative schedule is to the right of this article. Check the [2015 website](#) for details on local hotels for overnight accommodations, event times, prices, and reservation deadlines. A save-the-date email was sent to

alumni and friends in early January. Keep abreast of reunion happenings on [EDP's Facebook page](#).

EDP ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2015 REUNION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, April 24

- ❖ *Meet & Greet—light refreshments and cash bar*
- ❖ *Campus Tour*

SATURDAY, April 25

- ❖ *Luncheon—Will include presentation of the 2015 Wallace Scholarship and interaction with current students*
- ❖ *Dinner—social hour, dinner and program*
- ❖ *Afterhours gathering*

SUNDAY, April 26

- ❖ *Brunch*

Times & Locations TBA

KNAPP TO RECEIVE EDP'S EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD — continued from page 7

community service programs, and leadership development. As one of the organizers of the annual scholastic awards ceremony and Chi Alpha Epsilon induction, she was an honorary inductee into Chi Alpha Epsilon in 1999. She was an integral part of the recruitment, admissions, and student retention phases of EDP . . . among so many other “non” job-related undertakings such as listener, mentor, confidant, comforter, area resource, transporter, and supporter.

Throughout her 16 years, she served on numerous committees to promote student success such as Foundations of Excellence First Year Experience, MapWorks, Behavioral Intervention Team, Student Diversity, Affirmative Action, Middle-States Review Team, and various search committees. She also was the group advisor for two student performance groups, Dynamic Intonation and Envied Expression.

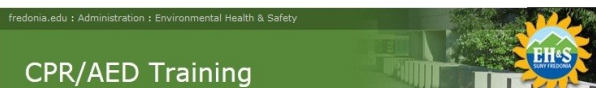
In her local Buffalo community, she served as a volunteer at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery for more than twenty-five years, six of which were as a trustee/director. During her two terms as director she planned and conducted fundraisers and international and national art tours, including trips to England, Ireland, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and what was formerly known as East Germany. On this side of the

Atlantic, groups visited New Mexico (Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos) and the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia). Additionally, she was the chairperson for the Gallery's special event celebration of its 125th anniversary in 1987. Janet is no stranger to giving back as she also served as a volunteer and trustee/director of the Erie County SPCA for ten years where she chaired a special events committee and served as a member of the long-range planning and nominating committees.

The 33rd Annual EDP Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 4 pm, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center.

CPR/AED TRAINING FOR EDP STUDENTS

EDP will offer CPR/AED (cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator) training for



its students in spring 2015. Trainings are led by staff from [Environmental Health & Safety](#). Funds from EDP's FSA grant will cover the instruction fees. Eleven students were certified last spring.

EDP ALUMNI UPDATE

► **Mark D. Putney** ('95 '02/Education), a teacher at Fredonia Elementary School, was back on campus 11/14/14 participating in the [Topics in Education](#), an informational series sponsored by the [Office of Field Experiences](#). Soon-to-be-teachers were invited to learn about how to use a



classroom token economy system and classroom management strategies. Mark also included ways to teach with passion, build character in

the classroom through the value of hard work, and be as efficient as possible throughout the school day. Over 60 education students attended this inspiring and informational presentation. Mark (*pictured above*) also gave a “shout-out” to EDP in assisting him getting into college.

► **Shakira Mayne** ('12/Criminal Justice) recently graduated from Georgia Basic Probation/Parole Officer Training and is a parole officer in Atlanta. (*pictured to the right*)



► **Lasheri Mayes** ('13/Sociology) accepted a job as a Management Assistant with the Department of Military and Naval Affairs and moved to Watervliet, NY.

► **Pilar Nelson** ('14/Interdisciplinary Studies) is working for the Boys and Girls Club in Buffalo.

► **Adelia M. Davis** ('76/Education) earned an MBA from American Inter-Continental University (AIU), with a 3.84 GPA, and was accepted into Delta Mu Delta International Business Honor Society. (*pictured to the right*)



► **Trini Ross** ('88/Sociology) was in the 9/12/14 issue of *Buffalo Business First*. She was among the “Women of Influence.” (Fredonia’s President Horvath was also featured.)

► **Marcus Anderson** ('12 '14/Education) was hired in October as a Global 9 teacher at the Math Science Technology Preparatory School (Buffalo Public Schools).

► **Amanda Rivera** ('13/Criminal Justice) has been working at Bryant and Stratton College with the online division while also taking the steps to fulfill her dream of working with U.S Customs and Border Protection. In November

she accepted a position with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, moved to Boston, went to Georgia for a five month training, and is now back in Boston. “*I am so fortunate to have been able to attend Fredonia and be apart of the EDP program. Every person helped me achieve my goals and I will be forever grateful.*”



► **Martine Jerome** ('08/Interdisciplinary Studies) is a member of the Peace Corps in Africa.

► **Mark Anthony Neal** ('87 '93/English), Professor of African and African American Studies at Duke University and 2012’s Hip Hop Scholar of the Year, will speak on campus March 11, 7 pm, 209 McEwen.

GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

► Educational Development Program/EDP (also known state-wide as the Educational Opportunity Program/EOP) undergraduates benefit from a variety of [support services](#) (academic advising, financial aid, computer lab, supplemental instruction, summer orientation, orientation class, etc.). As graduates of EDP/EOP, students are eligible for the EOPGOP. The [EOP Graduate Opportunity Program](#) provides financial assistance to cover tuition to EOP graduates undertaking graduate study at a participating SUNY graduate and/or professional institution when attending full-time. Students must apply and be admitted to a participating campus prior to approval of Graduate Opportunity Program funding. Documentation of a student's prior status as an opportunity program student is also required. Students who are interested in graduate study are encouraged to consult with their undergraduate program director. Early application to the campus of choice is encouraged as funding is limited.

Applicants must be:

- New York State residents
- Graduates of SUNY’s Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) or of City University of New York’s Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) Program or of the Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP) conducted by private colleges
- Accepted into a master’s program (matriculated) and registered as full-time students

Applicants must:

- Complete the [Certification of Participation form](#) and have it confirmed by the institution granting the bachelor's degree
- File a FAFSA renewal

Two graduates received EOPGOP funding this fall.

*Please send any alumni news to
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CONGRATULATIONS
TO FALL '14
EDP GRADS

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◆Nico Howard
◆Patrick McDonnell



◆Michael Rowe

**DEDICATED COMPUTER LAB/
STUDY HALL FOR EDP STUDENTS**

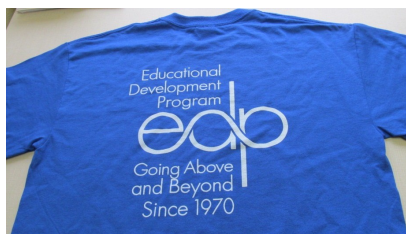
The EDP computer lab is located across the corridor from EDP staff offices. The eight terminals are maintained by the University's [Information Technology Services \(ITS\)](#). Students may also certainly use the many other [open computer labs across campus](#).

This computer lab is one of several locations where required study hall takes place. Study hall is one part of EDP's student support services, providing a structured study time for first-year students, students currently on academic probation, and those nearing academic risk. Students may complete their study hall requirements in the EDP computer lab and/or in designated classrooms. Upper-class EDP students proctor the evening study hall sessions.

"These study sessions provide our students with the opportunity to complete homework assignments, write papers, and prepare for exams in an environment that is free of distractions and conducive to improving their academic standing. Regardless of whether students are obligated to attend, we encourage all of our students to take advantage of study hall," said EDP Director David White.

BASKETBALL RECEPTION

EDP staff and students will [convene](#) on Saturday, February 7, to attend and support Fredonia basketball in Steele Hall -- 2 pm [men's](#) game and 4 pm [women's](#) game. Everyone is urged to wear their EDP t-shirt to show program unity. Immediately following the men's game



(approximately 3:15 pm), there will be a reception until 3:55, where refreshments will be served in the Robert Steele multi-purpose room in Steele Hall. After

the reception, all are encouraged to attend the women's game. EDP basketball student athletes are: **Sabrina Macaulay** (JR/Early & Childhood Edu-Soc Studies/Newark), **Tommie Banks** (FY/Sport Management/Rochester), and **Tremaine Shelton** (FY/Liberal Arts/Buffalo).

FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION CLASS

All first-year students are enrolled in [EDP's Orientation classes](#) (fall SPST 127 and spring SPST 147). This is a two-part series with Part I offered in the fall and Part II offered in the spring. These courses of study are designed to help program students better understand what college life is all about, while helping students to move toward their future goals. Concepts from the "First-Year Experience" are also brought into the classroom. Topics range from learning styles, time and money management, financial aid, research paper writing, dealing with stress and anxiety, and resume writing. The EDP orientation class was co-taught by the EDP counselors Ms. Janet Knapp and Ms. Rachel Skemer in the fall. Ms. Jellema Stewart, Center for Multicultural Affairs Director, and Ms. Skemer will teach the spring 2015 sections.

**CURRENT STUDENT
HAPPENINGS**



★**Nayla Kabir** (SO/Bus Admin/Bronx) is a Global Ambassador. ★**Tamiko Orasio** (SR/Bus Admin/New York) is the peer recruitment intern in Admissions. ★**Justin Gloss** (SO/Psychology/Silver Creek) coordinated Dragapalooza. ★Students on executive boards: Latinos Unidos—**Yariel Acevedo** (SO/Liberal Arts/Buffalo), **Darlene Cruz** (SO/International Studies/Fredonia); Black Student Union—**Rachael James** (SR/Comm-Public Relations/Bronx), **Tamika Whittick** (SO/Biology/Bronx), **Alexis Williams** (SO/Psychology/Buffalo), **Maimouna Sylla** (SO/Social Work/Bronx); Hillel—**Nayla Kabir**; Native American—**Darlene Cruz**; Pride Alliance—**Justin Gloss**; Criminal Justice Club—**Nour Mahieldeina** (SO/Criminal Justice/Farmingdale). ★**Mary Kay Taylor** (FY/History/South Ozone Park) is a freshmen class rep for Student Association. **Mary Kay** was awarded the Cutler History Scholarship and met the donors, Alan and Annmarie Nichter from Florida, at the Scholars' Breakfast 10/25. ★**Da'Vid Travis** (FY/Bus Admin/Buffalo) has a radio show—"The Quiet Storm" on WCVF. ★**Darlene Cruz** was the coordinator for La Fiesta 11/1. ★**Tamika Whittick** is featured in the Fredonia ad

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campaign; her likeness appears on Fredonia's landing webpage (on the left in the Bio lab) and on a banner in the Galleria Mall in Buffalo, NY. ★**Cassidy Fritsch** (JR/Theatre Arts/Orchard Park) was in the cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in October. ★**Sammantha Nickel** (SO/Theatre Production and Design/Hilton) was on the stage crew of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as one of the props assistants and scenic artists. ★**Benjamin Soto-Soto** (JR/Bus Admin/Dunkirk) is working at Enterprise Car Rental and is serving on ENACTUS executive board. ★ These students are new RAs for spring 2015: **Chabely Rodriguez** (SO/Comm-Video Production/Bronx), **Shayla Lipscomb** (SO/Psychology/Buffalo), **Daquella Blacks** (JR/Bus Admin/New York), and **Kelly Caner** (SO/English/Northport). ★ **Wascar Almonte** (SO/Comm/Corona) is the webmaster for Latinos Unidos and VP for the Applied Communication Association. ★ **Dontae Matthews** (FY/Social Work/Bronx) in SA rep for Latinos Unidos. ★ Students who performed during 10/17 Homecoming pep rally were: **Jabot Burton** (FY/Computer Science/Buffalo) and **Dayna Edwards** (FY/Sport Management/Bronx) step team, **Bryanna Palmer Cacio** (SO/Criminal Justice/Fredonia) cheerleader, and **Sharrell Halley** (JR/



2014 Homecoming Queen Rachael James, EDP Secretary Barbara Yochym, and Homecoming King Antonio Regulier.

Comm-Video Production/Brooklyn) hip-hop dance team. ★ **Rachael James** was crowned 2014 Homecoming queen (pictured to the left). **Rachael** led the peace march on

campus 12/5. ★ **Bryanna Cacio**, **Maimouna Sylla**, and **Da'Vid Travis** were EDP student presenters for a CSTEP recruitment session. ★ **Jamichael Frasier** (FY/Music Performance/Rochester) and **Natselyne Peralta** (SO/Criminal Justice/New York) danced in the Orchestris concert 11/14-15. ★ **Danielle Dean** (SO/Criminal Justice/Dunkirk) will soon be an official volunteer firefighter in Dunkirk. ★ **Jamichael Frasier** sings with Much More Chill, an all-male a cappella group. ★ **Johnathan Sales** (JR/Music-Applied/

Buffalo) was in the chorus of the Hillman Opera's production of "Susannah," 11/7-9. ★ **Kelvin Munoz** (JR/Sport Management/New York) is a DJ on WCVF. ★ **Krystal Lebron** (JR/Biology/Dunkirk) presented a lecture 10/31 on her summer internship in Puerto Rico at the Caribbean Primate Research Center (pictured to the right). ★ **Rocio Gosende** (SR/Interdisciplinary Studies/Fredonia) was the student tour guide for the bilingual/Spanish open house 11/15.



Krystal Lebron

★ **Jabot Burton** and **Jamichael Frasier** sang in the Divine Sound Gospel Choir concert 12/7. ★ **Brittany Matthews** (JR/Visual Arts and New Media/East Syracuse) and **Rebecca Chatterton** (SR/Visual Arts and New Media/Oswego) will have an art showcase in the Emmitt Christian Art Gallery 4/8-21/15. ★ **Geraldo Celeste** (FY/Acting/Bronx) is in the cast of "Balm in Gilead" to be performed 2/27-3/7 on campus.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Throughout each semester an EDP student(s) is featured in *Student Spotlight* on EDP's website. In fall 2014 the September edition, [A Hop, Skip, and a Jump Across the Empire State](#), featured **Rachael L. James**.

The [four Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace Scholarship recipients](#) were profiled in October.

December's issue rounded out the semester by introducing **Paul Overturf** in [Sometimes It Takes a Village](#).

New features will be added throughout spring 2015. [Archived Student Spotlights](#) are also available.



**Happy New Year from the EDP Staff.
We wish you a happy, healthy,
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