

Educational Development Program

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From The Director

November is here, the beautiful leaves are mostly down, and fall is almost over. It has been two months since we welcomed 37 new freshmen and 3 transfers to SUNY Fredonia along with 105 continuing students. The “*newbies*” enthusiasm for success was shared by the returning students and we all joined together in a firm commitment in striving for our very best. The “*old-timers*” have heard us (the EDP staff) reiterate the paths to academic success many, many times. Since repetition is a tried and true way of retaining knowledge, once again, here are a few success tips for all students:

Attend every class;

Read the book(s) and do the homework;

Ask questions;

See your EDP counselor whenever you hit a bump (no matter how trivial it may seem);

Study at least two-to-three hours for every hour you are in class;

Join a club;

And one more thing to remember:

ENJOY!

Janet Knapp, EDP Interim Director

The EDP staff is working on creating a Facebook Fan page for EDP. We'll let you know when this is up and running.

☒ ☒ **3rd EDP GENERAL MEETING**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
4 PM, S-104 WILLIAMS CENTER
STUDENTS NOT IN A CLASS
ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ☒ ☒





RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the fall 2009 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Interim Director Janet Knapp. LEFT—**Alicia Nicolas** (senior/Psychology/Portland); RIGHT—**Derwin English** (junior/Business Administration/Arverne). The initial endowment was created in the spring of 2000 by the Ralph Wilson, Jr., Foundation to help EDP students with book expenses. Students' accomplishments, community service activities, academic merit, and economic need were reviewed by the EDP counseling staff



along with each applicant's personal essay. This award is offered each semester.

CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★EDP students in the cast/crew of the recent Theater and Dance department production of *Charlotte's Web* included: **Shawn Farrell** (JR/Acting), **Siobhan Hunter** (FR/Thea Arts), **Mandela Avril** (SO/Thea Arts), and **Nicholas Bernard** (FR/Thea Arts). ★**Justin Moore** (JR/Music-Applied) is in this year's Hillman Opera of *La Boheme*.



★**Tiffany Dillard** (SR/IDS Music Bus) was crowned 2009 Homecoming Queen. ★During the summer **Alexander Davis** (SO/Music Ed) was in *The Wiz* at Batavia high school. ★EDP students in Fredonia State's Gospel Choir include **Alexander Davis** (SO/Music Ed), **Serene Lazaro** (SR/Comm), and **Sheereen Charles** (SR/Bus Ad). ★**Christian Torres** (SR/Bus Ad) is on the Blue Devil's diving team. ★Students who received scholarships at the Foundation's Scholars' Breakfast were **David Chatterton** (SO/Music Ed), **Keah Brown** (FR/Journalism), **Christian Torres** (SR/Bus Ad), and **Keli Cochran** (SR/Comm). ★**Julia Davis** (SR/Visual Arts & New Media) will be studying at Northumbria University in North East England for spring 2010.

28th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD MARCH 25, 2010

The Educational Development Program will host its 28th Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center at 4 p.m. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students attend this annual event. The ceremony is a way for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements. EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the S'09 and/or F'09 semesters will receive certificates. Silver certificates will be presented to students with a 2.70-3.29 GPA and gold certificates will be presented to students with a 3.30-4.00 GPA. Special awards are also presented for Outstanding EDP Tutor of the Year Award, Community Service Award, Arthur O. Eve Scholarship Award, Director's Award, Exemplary Service Award, and The Gregory Antonio Award. The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to **Ms. Audrey Pitts** ('82/Sociology). Ms. Pitts is currently the Administrator/Vice President at Progressive Home Health Services, Inc., in New York City.



Also on March 25 will be the CHI ALPHA EPSILON (XAE) national honor society induction. Eligible students must be full-time and hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA for two consecutive semesters. Two EDP students we will be inducted—**David Chatterton** (SO/Music Ed) and **Serene Lazaro** (SR/Comm). Twelve FOP students will also be inducted. Fredonia's XAE Alpha Mu chapter started in October 1999 and as of spring 2009 had 136 inductees made up of students from the Full Opportunity Program (FOP) and Educational Development (Opportunity) Program.

The **Jeffrey J. Wallace Leadership and Excellence Endowment Fund** was started in fall 2008. Through the end of August 2009 there have been gifts totaling over \$11,000. Through the end of August 2009 there have been gifts totaling over \$11,000, \$6,000 and pledges of over \$11,000. The goal during the next few months is to raise the total endowment to \$10,000 so that an award can be made in the fall of 2010. Contributions may be made to the Fredonia College Foundation, earmarked Wallace Leadership and Excellence Endowment Fund, at any time—www.fredonia.edu/foundation/. Many thanks go to those who have already made a contribution.



SARAH MILLER—EDP INTERN Sarah Miller is completing one of her master's degree internships in the EDP office this fall. She meets with students, assists in day-to-day work projects, observes the freshmen orientation class, and advises liberal arts students. Sarah graduated from SUNY Fredonia in F'08 with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Public Health. She started working full-time in Fredonia's financial aid office in January 2008. Currently she is pursuing her master's degree in Student Personnel Administration from Buffalo State College.



F'09 Students in Bio Study Skills

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

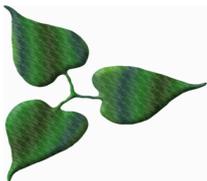
Each semester EDP offers Supplemental Instruction (SI) courses for its students. These SI classes help EDP students develop analytical, quantitative, and problem solving abilities and communication, study, and test taking skills necessary to successfully master course material. SI courses are linked to College Core

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Curriculum courses and expose college freshmen 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 conducive for learning and retention of course material and encourages student participation in classes. Biology Study Skills, taught by **Dr. Bruce Tomlinson**, was offered for the fall. Biology Study Skills and Survey of Calculus lab will be offered for the spring.

- ★Justin Bouchard
- * Erika Brooks
- ★Alexander Davis
- ◆Rebecca Eisenman
- *Shawna Halas
- ★Corinna Kester
- ★Samantha Lape
- ◆ Xiaomin Li
- ★Chris McAllister
- ★Alicia Nichols
- * Lucy Nunez
- ★Justin Ramsey
- *Artrese Reid
- *Amanda Richards
- ★Alexander Ridgell
- ◆Louis Solomon
- *Mercedes Sornoza
- ★Jacob Valla

TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE



EDP tutoring services are well underway for the fall 2009 semester. If any EDP students are having difficulties in a course, or wish to have a better understanding of course material, they may sign up for one-on-one assigned tutoring in EDP or drop-in tutoring in the Learning Center with a peer tutor. Tutors come to EDP from the College Tutoring Services (CTS). CTS held a day-long orientation for all tutors at the College Lodge on September 5. Tutoring should not be held off until the last minute. If you need any further help, please contact your individual counselor or go to the Learning Center on the 4th floor of Reed Library. Check out the Learning Center website at www.fredonia.edu/tlc.

ALUMNI UPDATE

★**Keith McFayden** ('77/Bus Ad) was among those honored at the 37th Annual Black Achievers in Industry Awards dinner in Buffalo. Recipients are selected by their employers or other sponsors. Keith was sponsored by Tops Friendly Market. ★**Jermaine Kenner** ('01/Econ) is the father of Jayden Elliot Kenner, who was born on August 22 at Brooks Hospital in Dunkirk. *"Angela, Gracey, and I are very excited to have our new edition. Have a great year."* ★**Dr. Carmela (DuBose) Thompson, PhD** ('78/Edu) is the new director of Admissions at Buffalo State College. ★**Timothy Lupo** ('07/Bus Ad) sent an email with some updates. He received his MBA in Global Business Leadership/Marketing from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. He is now in Boston, where he is the official Search Engine Marketing Specialist for a boutique web design and development firm www.freshtilledsoil.com/. *"I just wanted to let EDP know the main reason why I'm writing is to thank you for all the opportunities you exposed me to when you accepted me into the EDP program at Fredonia. I remember Jessica (French '07/ Edu Art) and I in fear that we were not going to be able to get the classes we needed/wanted, but you were there telling us everything would be 'ok'... and it was. Being able to be a part of a program like EDP really opened the doors for me and has really allowed me to fulfill many things in my life. I'm looking forward to the many experiences life has to offer."* ★Two EDP alumni—**Dr. Helen (Carreras) Suchanick, MD** ('89/Special Studies) and **Shaun Nelms** ('99/Special Studies)—were included in the summer 2009 issue of the SUNY Educational Opportunity Program Campus News "Achievement Through Access." ★**Dr. Sherryl Weems, PhD** ('76/Edu) and **Emma McFayden** ('76/Edu) are members of the 2009 Fredonia Alumni Association Board of Directors. ★**Juan Carlos Fontaneda** ('92/Art) and his wife had a son—Julen Thomas. ★**Jason Fishner** ('03/Comm) and his wife had a daughter—Jillian Madison.

In Memoriam—Edwin Burks ('75/Pol Sci) passed away at the end of June.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL

EDP GRADS

- ◆ Erika Brooks
- ◆ Annmarie Coppola
- ◆ Tiffany Dillard
- ◆ Antoinetta Ratleff



EDP FRESHMAN AUGUST WORKSHOP

All fall 2009 entering EDP freshmen participated in a campus summer orientation advising program (SOAP) and attended the EDP Freshman August Workshop.

It is immensely beneficial to students if they can come to a college-sponsored SOAP in June or July because, during this two-day orientation, freshmen become familiar with the campus and are able to select their fall courses. During the more intensive three-day, EDP-sponsored, August workshop, students take part in various sessions that cover leadership, the history of EOP/EDP, classroom behavior, achieving academic success, and good decision making. This EDP-sponsored workshop ran August 20-22, which was immediately before the first day of classes.

The EDP staff would like to thank the EDP peer advisors who played an integral part in the implementation of this orientation program and the guidance they provided to these new EDP students: **Christopher Hillman** (SO/Sports Management), **Amanda Carswell** (SO/Med Tech), **Thani McBride** (SO/Bus Ad), **Christian Torres** (SR/Bus Ad), and **Serene Lazaro** (SR/Comm).

The fee, meal, and lodging costs for the SOAP and the three-day workshop were covered by the Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. David Herman and a grant from the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) in Albany.

DATES

- Nov 23-27—Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 30—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- Dec 10—Last Day of Tutoring in EDP and Learning Center
- Dec 11—Last Day of Classes
- Dec 14-18—Final Examinations
- Dec 23—Final Grades Due



SPRING 2010

- Jan 4-15—J-Term
- Jan 18—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day—Offices Closed
- Jan 24—S'10 Web Registration New FR & TR
- Jan 25—First Day of Classes
- Jan 25—EDP General Meeting - S-104 WmC, 5 pm
- Feb 2—Tutoring Starts in Learning Center and EDP
- Feb 2—Final Day to Add Courses
- Feb 8—Final Day to Apply for May Graduation
- TBA—EDP General Meeting - S-104 WmC, 4 pm
- Mar 15-19—NO CLASSES - Spring Break
- Mar 24—Mid-semester
- Mar 25—Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Horizon Rm/Wms Cntr, 4 pm
- April 2—Final Day to Withdraw from Courses
- April 6—Fall 2010 Registration Begins
- April 5—Travel Day
- April 26—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- May 10-14—Final Exams
- May 15—Commencement
- May 19—Final Grades Due
- Aug TBA—EDP Freshmen August Workshop
- Aug 23—First Day of Classes F'10



2009
EDP
Freshmen

Congratulations to EDP counselor Rachel Skemer on the birth of her second child — Sophia Isabella. She arrived on August 5 at 6 lbs., 6 oz., 18 inches.



NEW COMPUTER LAB FEATURES

EDP alum **Shaun Nelms** ('99/Special Studies) donated his honorarium to EDP from being the keynote speaker for the 11th annual Student Research and Creativity Exposition here on campus on April 30. These funds were used to purchase supplies to enhance the computer lab and the freshmen orientation class. Items included a tripod with dry erase board and flip chart paper,



two large dry erase/cork boards for the lab with accessories, an additional magazine rack for the lab, and message boards for each staff member's door. A big thank goes out to Shaun for his generosity!!

EDP 1st S'10 General Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2010
5 pm
S-104 Williams Center

IMPORTANT FYI

FAFSA RENEWAL

☞ WORK-STUDY and/or a PERKINS LOAN for the 2010-2011 academic year are awarded on a first-come/first-served basis.

☞ Submit your FAFSA renewal beginning January 2, 2010. ***The sooner, the better.***

☞ Filing later in the month of January will ***DECREASE*** your chances of receiving these forms of aid.

A FIRST IN EDP RECRUITMENT

Deposits for fall 2009 were closed for EDP as of May 5. This is the earliest that our incoming class has been closed for fall admission.

EDP's recruitment initiative starts in November of the academic year when we make our first contact with applicants and it continues on until the confirmed students arrive on campus.



Freshmen went to the Cave of Winds, Niagara Falls, USA, during the August Workshop

The EDP recruitment staff are starting to work on getting our class for fall 2010. We urge all applicants to call with any questions and to submit their paperwork ASAP before we fill up.

Contact **Erica Arlequin**, Admissions counselor/EDP liaison at Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu or 716/673-3251 or 1-800-252-1212 with any application questions.

HELPING TO PREVENT THE FLU

Fredonia University's Facilities Services has installed approximately 175 alcohol-based hand sanitizers in all academic and administrative buildings at interior locations including building entrances, near stairwells and elevators and many other high traffic areas. In addition, approximately 320 hand sanitizers have been installed within all residence halls. Everyone is encouraged to do their part in preventing the spread of germs. There is also a dispenser in the EDP computer lab.



Offices were also sent Campus Emergency Procedures booklets. In the case of a building evacuation or fire drill, Thompson hall residents are to leave the building immediately via the west side and meet by the clock tower.

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