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From The Director - Kathleen Bonds

The staff of EDP is proud to announce the implementation of an *EDP Alumni Mentoring Program* beginning fall 2007 to provide current students with information about majors, internships, graduate and professional schools, and careers. We want to finalize a practice that has long been in the works where our students are referred to a program alumnus who can share his/her insight and knowledge in assisting a current student make informed choices. Program alums have been acting as mentors and providing students with information about majors and careers informally when needed. Many of our graduates contact the office annually to see if they can contribute to the success of the program and assist current students to excel. The staff has been collecting the names of former students interested in helping with the project for the past three years.

Beginning May 14th alumni interested in signing up to be a mentor will be able to complete the application on the EDP webpage at www.fredonia.edu/edp/. Students interested in securing a mentor will be able to view the mentor's area of expertise and contact them by email.

Implementation of the project has been delayed due to staffing changes within the office. Restoration of the full-time counseling line has allowed us to bring this project on-line to also assist our incoming class of 50 freshmen. We invite all EDP alumni to participate in the project and become an EDP mentor.

Kathleen Bonds, EDP Director

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25th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS
CEREMONY HELD MARCH 14

The Educational Development Program hosted its 25th Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 14, in Café G of the Williams Center at 4 p.m. Over 100 faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students shared in the annual event. The ceremony is a way for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements.



- Special awards presented included:
- ◆ Outstanding EDP Tutor of the Year
Sara Schelling
 - ◆ Community Service
Glendalys Arrendell Brittney Jones
Erika Brooks Antoinetta Ratleff
Lauren Byrd Isela Rodriguez
Nathan Cogar Jacob Valla
Francis Cuello Lauren Williams
Elvira Gonzalez Danielle Zamboroski
 - ◆ Arthur O. Eve Scholarship
Edward Fourcell Allen Thomas
Harrison Santiago
 - ◆ Director's Award
Terrill Ocona
 - ◆ The Gregory Antonio Memorial Award
Timothy Lupo
 - ◆ Exemplary Service
University Advancement/Fredonia
College Foundation
 - ◆ Distinguished Alumnus
Ana Brignoni-Waliczek
(Foreign Languages '96)

Those EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing

12 credits or more for the spring 2006 and/or fall 2006 semesters received certificates. Silver certificates went to students with a 2.70-3.29 GPA and gold certificates went to students with a 3.30-4.00 GPA.

GOLD AND SILVER
CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Brooke Andrews	Danitra Lee
Andrea Barriffe	Kari Lentz
Amy Bauer	Xiaomin Li
Erika Brooks	Timothy Lupo
Chase Brown	Jamie Luttrell
Andrea Chase	Chris McAllister
Michael Chiaravalle	Christine Montclair
Nathan Cogar	Kendall Morris*
Jennifer Colon	Terrill Ocona
Saralyn Dasilva	Theresa Painter
Nelson Diaz	JoAnn Paredes*
Georgia Dillard	Christopher Perry
Astou Diop	Artrese Reid
Raiysa Epps	Amanda Richards
Michael Florio	Sheena Rodriguez*
Edward Fourcell	Qiuping Rong
Douglas Freer	Sarah Ross
Jessica French	Harrison Santiago
Elvira Gonzalez	Emmanuella Senat
Christopher Goode	Shannon St. George
Tara Grube	Tamra Stanton
Nichole Hawkins	Melanie Tauriello
Cindy Hitchcock	Allen Thomas
Eddie Humphrey	Christian Torres
Olivier Kayembe	Jacob Valla
Jillian Kish*	Diana Vasquez
Richard Kohn	Benjamin Weidman
Ian Kuhn	Amber Wilcox

*Award recipients have graduated

*Pictures from the Awards Ceremony
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Memories from EDP's 2007 Awards Ceremony.



SOME OF THE EDP STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS—Cindy Hitchcock, Ben Weidman, Xiaomin Li, Tammy Stanton, Eddie Fourcell, Allen Thomas, Erika Brooks, and Jake Valla.

Entertainment was provided by **Lauren Williams and Eddie Fourcell.** They performed "Lean on Me."



SOME OF THE CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTEES—**Front Row:** Jennifer Warren, Jillian Kish, Cindy Hitchcock, and Courtney Blackmon. **Back Row:** Kathleen Bonds, Alex Lynn Lewis, Nelson Diaz, Andrea Barriffe, Amber Wilcox, Benjamin Wiedman, Kimberly Mead-Colegrove, and Janet Knapp.

EDP STAFF—Janet Knapp, Asst. Dir./Senior Counselor; Rachel Skemer, Counselor; Kathleen Bonds, Director; and Barbara Yochym, Secretary.



TUTOR OF THE YEAR—Sara Schelling with Ms. Knapp.



EXEMPLARY SERVICE RECIPIENT—University Advancement/Fredonia College Foundation. Staff members include Patricia Feraldi, Jonathan Woolson, Joyce Dzdich, Christine Davis-Mantai, Heather McKeever, June Miller-Spann, David Tiffany, Lisa Eikenburg, Paula Warren, and Ms. Bonds.

**SIXTEEN INDUCTED
INTO HONOR SOCIETY**

CHI ALPHA EPSILON national honor society was formed to recognize the academic achievement of students admitted to colleges and universities through non-traditional criteria/opportunity programs. Dr. Elbert M. Saddler, Ph.D., founded Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) in 1990 at West Chester University of Pennsylvania and there are now over 30 chapters in the United States. Eligible students must be full-time and hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA for two consecutive semesters.



Fredonia's Alpha Mu chapter started in October 1999 and as of today has 114 inductees made up of students from the Full Opportunity Program (FOP) and Educational Development (Opportunity) Program. A private initiation, which included ritual materials for each inductee, preceded EDP's awards ceremony on March 14. Inductees for 2007 included:

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| ▪ Andrea Barriffe | ▪ Nelson Diaz |
| ▪ Courtney Blackmon | ▪ Grace Duggan |
| ▪ Erika Brooks | ▪ Cindy Hitchcock |
| ▪ Diana Buziak | ▪ Jillian Kish |
| ▪ Jennifer Colon | ▪ Alex Lynn Lewis |
| | ▪ Xiaomin Li |

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| ▪ Ashley Newman | ▪ Benjamin Weidman |
| ▪ Kristin Orlando | ▪ Amber Wilcox |
| ▪ Jennifer Warren | |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
EDP GRADS**

Spring/Summer 2007



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| ◆ Taha Alassari | ◆ Richard Kohn |
| ◆ Brooke Andrews | ◆ Timothy Lupo |
| ◆ Andrea Chase | ◆ Carlos Patricio |
| ◆ Michael Chiaravalle | ◆ Shannon St. George |
| ◆ Jennifer Colon | ◆ Tamra Stanton |
| ◆ Raiysa Epps | |
| ◆ Jessica French | |
| ◆ Cindy Hitchcock | |

CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★ **Artrese Reid** (FR/THEATRE ARTS) danced in "Don't Rush the Whoosh," one of the numbers in the Fredonia Dance Ensemble's recent performance.

★ **Christian Torres** (FR/BUS ADMIN) was on Fredonia's men's swimming and diving team.

★ **Lauren Byrd** (SR/MUSIC BUSINESS) spent her spring break traveling to the Gulf Coast as part of MTV's Alternative Spring Break. She spent the week along with 300 other college students to help rebuild the area hit by Hurricane Rita. "Storm Corps" is also a part of United Way. ★ **Benjamin Weidman** (SO/SOCIAL WORK) studied abroad during J-Term in Mexico. He shared his slides and



observations with his fellow EDP students at the January General Meeting. Ben is also on the FSA Board of Directors. ★ **Allen Thomas** (SR/CHILDHOOD EDU-SOCIAL STUDIES) was involved in a presentation for prospective SUNY Fredonia freshmen from BOCES concerning the College of Education. ★ **Brandon Miller** (JR/Sport Management/Exercise Science) is on the Blue Devil's baseball team. He is an infielder and a pitcher.

ALUMNI UPDATE

★ **Dacia Patrick-Burton** (COMM/03) and **Kenneith Burton** (COMM/99) had a baby boy, Nathaniel Andrew, on January 17. ★ **Marc Calixte** (COMM/93) gave the opening ceremony remarks at this year's Black History Month. ★ **Yartish Bullock Okeke** (EN/CM/01) has returned from a trip to Nigeria to visit with her husband's family. ★ **Dinecia Pierre-Louis** (FRENCH ADOLESCENCE EDU/05) is studying at the New School University in NYC this Spring. She is enjoying starting something new in the health services and management area. ★ **Frances Odom** (LEGAL STUDIES/03) was recently named Assistant Branch Manager at CharterOne Bank in Indianapolis, Indiana.

WELCOME NEW EDP COUNSELOR

A hearty welcome goes out to EDP's newest staff member—**Ms. Rachel Skemer**. Prior to starting with EDP in November 2006, Rachel worked for the past two years with Fredonia's Admissions office as the EDP liaison. She processed and reviewed EDP applicant folders, giving her a solid background in EDP guidelines. Rachel holds both a master's degree in Student Personnel Administration and a Bachelor of Art in Fine Arts degree from SUNY College at Buffalo where she was an EOP student herself. In EDP she monitors her student caseload, is advisor for her Liberal Arts students, and coordinates the tutoring services. She will be co-teaching the freshmen orientation class starting in the fall.



RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS



Recipients of the spring 2007 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Director Kathleen Bonds. On the left is **Ms. Cynthia Hitchcock** (senior/Psychology) from Conewango Valley and on the right is **Mr. Allen Thomas** (senior/Childhood Education—Social Studies) from Dunkirk.



ANA BRIGNONI-WALICZEK NAMED EDP ALUMNUS AWARD WINNER

Ms. Ana Brignoni-Waliczek was named EDP's Distinguished Alumna on March 14. Originally from Dunkirk, she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish/Foreign Languages in May 1996.

Utilizing her fluency in English and Spanish, Ana started working with the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services as a Spanish-speaking caseworker right after college. She supervised visitations between parents and children, prepared reports for Family Court, maintained case records, and provided counseling and work services for individuals and families.

She moved on to the Unified Court System with the Buffalo City Court as a court interpreter in 2003. She continued as an interpreter and assisted non-English speaking persons at the inquiry counter of Criminal Records. In 2005 she moved up to the Unified Court System with the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo as a court interpreter. Here, along with interpreting, she is responsible for scheduling and confirming interpreter requests from City, County, and Surrogate Courts throughout the 8th Judicial District; administering per diem court interpreter proficiency exams; and reaching out to members of the community to inform them of various employment opportunities within the Court System. She also works with plaintiffs and defendants through all phases of the criminal justice system, from the preliminary hearing to sentencing. Traveling in the 8th Judicial District can take her to all of the eight counties in Western New York – Niagara, Orleans, Erie, Genesee, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, and Allegany.

Family and Friend of Alumna Winner—Marilyn Zlotchew, Clark Zlotchew, and Ms. Brignoni-Waliczek with her husband, son, mother, daughter, and friend. Dr. Clark Zlotchew was a favorite teacher of Ms. Brignoni-Waliczek's.



Ms. Ana Brignoni-Waliczek—2007 EDP Distinguished Alumna—receives her award from Ms. Bonds.

Ana is residing in Lakeview, New York, with her husband Craig and two children, Ricky and Alexis. She credits SUNY Fredonia with providing her with the tools for success and the imagination to aim ever higher. She specifically recalled the inspiration she received from EDP Director Kathleen Bonds and the other members of EDP. “EDP and Fredonia taught me to be ambitious, that the sky is the limit. There are no barriers. Language, education, finances—you can overcome all of them.”

EDP FRESHMAN SUMMER ORIENTATION

The EDP Freshman Summer Orientation will take place August 23-25, occurring right before the start of the fall semester. Approximately 50 new EDP students will arrive on campus to become better acquainted with the EDP staff and participate in some additional activities to prepare them for their college experience. The fee, meal, and lodging costs during the orientation are covered for each student by contributions from Fredonia State and a grant from the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) in Albany. OOP is the supervising department over all Educational Opportunity Programs.

New freshmen will also participate in the College's Summer Orientation and Advising Program (SOAP). They will choose from one of five two-day sessions where they will have a chance to select their fall classes and attend presentations on topics such as financial aid, the billing process, and on-campus services. It is **mandatory** that new EDP freshmen attend both a SOAP session and the three-day EDP orientation.

*2006 EDP Freshmen Summer
Orientation Participants*



FALL 2006 DEAN'S LIST

- ◆ Brooke Andrews
- ◆ Erika Brooks
- ◆ Michael Florio
- ◆ Edward Fourcell
- ◆ Jessica French
- ◆ Cindy Hitchcock
- ◆ Xiaomin Li
- ◆ Harrison Santiago
- ◆ Tamra Stanton
- ◆ Allen Thomas
- ◆ Jacob Valla
- ◆ Benjamin Weidman

DATES



May 7-11 – Final Exams

May 12 – Commencement

May 14-August 24—

Summer Office Hrs 8 am to 4 pm

May 21-June 22 – Summer Session I

June 25-July 29 – Summer Session II

August 23-25 – **EDP FRESHMEN**

SUMMER ORIENTATION

August 27 – Academic Year Office Hrs

8:30 am to 5 pm

August 27 – First Day of Classes for F'07

August 27 – **First EDP General Meeting**

– 4:30 pm, S104 Williams Center

September 3 – Labor Day/NO CLASSES

October 11-12– Fall Break

TBA – **Second EDP General Meeting** –

4:30 pm, S104 Williams Center

November 19-23– Thanksgiving Break

December 17-21 – Final Examinations

January 28, 2008 – S'08 First Day of

Classes

January 28 – **First EDP Gen. Meet.**

March 24-28—Spring Break

May 12-16—Final Examinations

May 17—Commencement



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