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From The Director

The end of the 2008-09 academic year is fast approaching, but it feels like we've just started the semester. Spring is officially here and, although we have experienced a few cool days (and yes, some snow), the sunshine and budding flowers are lifting our spirits. In a few short weeks classes will be over, exams will have been taken, and students will leave for home and summer vacations and jobs.

Good things have happened this semester in EDP. On March 11, EDP's annual awards ceremony was held in the Horizon Room of the newly refurbished Williams Center. We presented a record-breaking number of silver and gold certificates (123 for fall and spring 2008 while 2007's total was 98). It is exciting to watch our students evolve and watch this program develop and grow.

Attendance at the ceremony was also notable in that students, parents, faculty, staff, alums, and friends of EDP were present in the greatest numbers we have seen in many years. It was a lovely event and my thanks and appreciation go out to the EDP staff--Rachel Skemer and Dinecia Pierre-Louis, EDP counselors and the ceremony's MCs; Barbara Yochym, our steadfast secretary; and Eric Johnston, EDP's work-study. It is a privilege and honor to work with this group and be part of a corps of dedicated professionals and students.

So despite all the gloom and doom that we unfortunately read and hear about every day, it is refreshing to come to work and see that EDP students are taking charge of their lives, getting a college education, working hard, earning good grades, and overcoming the obstacles and barriers that have been put in their way. It was fantastic witnessing their exuberance and success at the awards ceremony and knowing that it only gets better each and every year.

Have a great summer!

Janet Knapp, EDP Interim Director

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**27th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS
CEREMONY HELD MARCH 11**

The Educational Development Program hosted its 27th Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 11, in the Horizon Room 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 Tutors of the Year
John King Stanley Saeli Antony Villar
- ◆ Community Service
**Chelsea Annis Danielle Miller
Julius Bryant Justin Moore
David Chatterton Alicia Nicolas
Bobby Daniels II Vincent Outerbridge
Benjamin Frasier Adebusayo Oyeleye
Kiera Graham Beatrice Peralta
Dior Jackson Andrea Polowy
Brittany Krise Christian Torres
Kristian Lindberg Jacob Valla
Benjamin Martin Lauren Williams
Thani McBride**
- ◆ Arthur O. Eve Scholarship
**Erika Brooks Terrill Ocona
Christian Torres**
- ◆ Director's Award
Derwin English
- ◆ The Gregory Antonio Memorial Award
Jacob Valla
- ◆ Exemplary Service
Center for Multicultural Affairs
- ◆ Distinguished Alumnus
Rohan Patrick / Art '92 (See Pg 6)

Those EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the spring 2008 and/or fall

2008 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**

Oluwabumi Ajayi	Shawna Halas
Marcus Anderson	James Harris
Chelsea Annis	Evelka Hernandez
Michael Barrett	Jonathan Herrera
Andrea Barriffe	Christopher Hillman
Erika Brooks	Nico Howard
Julius Bryant	Dior Jackson
Brian Carroll	Martine Jerome*
Amanda Carswell	Dorena Johnson
Benjamin Casper	Meghan Johnstone
David Chatterton	Jessica Karan
Keli Cochran	Olivier Kayembe
Nathan Cogar	Corinna Kester
Annmarie Coppola	Brittany Krise
Saralyn Dasilva*	Ian Kuhn*
Alexander Davis	Samantha Lape
Julia Davis	Abdul Fatai Lawal*
Nelson Diaz	Serene Lazaro
Georgia Dillard	Fredrick Lee
Rebecca Eisenman	Kari Lentz
Derwin English	Matthew Levinger
Terica Evans	Xiaomin Li
Shawn Farrell	Jamie Luttrell
Tibrisha Faulkner	Benjamin Martin
Michael Florio*	Chris McAllister
Edward Fourcell*	Brittney Merritt
Benjamin Frasier	Christopher Miller
Julia Gangi	Christine Montclair
Kofi Genfi	Heather Newton
Elvira Gonzalez*	
Kiera Graham	
Laurel Griffith	

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*Award recipients have graduated

*Pictures from the Awards Ceremony
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Memories from EDP's 2009 Awards Ceremony.

Entertainment was provided by Tasheen Thomas, Justin Moore, and David Chatterton.



SOME OF THE EDP STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS.



SOME OF THE CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTEES—Seated: Kathryn Christian and Artrese Reid. Standing: Keli Cochran, Chris McAllister, Lucy Nunez, Rebecca Eisenman, and Fredrick Lee.



TUTOR OF THE YEAR—Stanley Saeli was named one of the Tutors of the year.



EDP STAFF — Janet Knapp, Interim Director; Dinecia Pierre-Louis, Counselor; Rachel Skemer, Counselor; and Barbara Yochym, Secretary

More pictures may be found at www.fredonia.edu/edp/27AwCer2009.asp

FOURTEEN 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 136 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 11. Inductees for 2009 included:

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| ▪ Chelsea Annis | ▪ Chris McAllister |
| ▪ Kathryn Christian | ▪ Lucy Nunez |
| ▪ Keli Cochran | ▪ Terrence Raymond |
| ▪ Rebecca Eisenman | ▪ Artrese Reid |
| ▪ Terica Evans | ▪ Alexander Ridgell |
| ▪ Kong Gao | ▪ Deanna Schmittendorf |
| ▪ Samantha Lape | |
| ▪ Fredrick Lee | |

FALL 2008 DEAN'S LIST

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| * Erika Brooks | *Christine Montclair |
| ☆ Julia Davis | * Lucy Nunez |
| ★ Shawn Farrell | ☆ Justin Ramsey |
| ◆ Corinna Kester | ★ Terrence Raymond |
| ★ Kari Lentz | * Alexander Ridgell |
| * Matthew Levinger | * Mercedes Sornoza |
| ◆ Xiaomin Li | ★ Jacob Valla |
| ☆ Chris McAllister | ☆ Amber Wilcox |

CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★ EDP students in the cast/crew of recent Theatre and Dance department productions include:

Benjamin Frazier (SO/Thea Arts), **Sammy Torres** (SO/Dance), **Mandela Avril** (FR/Thea Arts), **Diana Vasquez** (SR/Thea Arts), **Giovanni Reses** (Jr/Thea Arts), and **Justin Moore** (SO/Music-Applied).

★ **Sean Brown** (SO/Econ) was one of the three winners of the 20th Annual Rosa Parks Award from the Center for Multicultural Affairs. His entry was a CD entitled "Barack My World."



ALUMNI UPDATE

★ **Harrison Santiago** (COMM/08) moved to Florida after May '08 graduation and is working at Busch Gardens. ★ **Zoeth Browne** (BUAD/02) is a Human Resources Systems Associate at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. He lives in Clarence Center with his wife and daughter.

★ **Susan (Nebrich) Arthur** (Comm/84) called the EDP office in October '08. She said if former EDP director Dr. Carmela Thompson hadn't talked to her at a college fair, she never would have come to college. (Proving that our actions do cause a reaction and can make a difference.) She is living in Williamsville, married with two children, has

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PATRICK . . . certificates and the Arthur O. Eve award. In the EDP exit interview for seniors when asked to share his strategies for success Rohan wrote, "Don't limit yourself and set high goals and ignore people with negative attitudes." Former Vice President for Student Affairs L. Michael Dimitri said in a reference letter for Rohan that "it will be a difficult task to find a student to fulfill the many roles and responsibilities he has assumed on campus. In talking to Rohan, he is quite modest about his accomplishments but, to be quite honest with you, his success as a student and as a leader can be attributed to his work ethic, motivation, and willingness to assume responsibility." The EDP staff welcomes Mr. Patrick back to the area after 17 years and is proud that he is fulfilling the program motto of "Going Above and Beyond."

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CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

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| Alicia Nicolas | Ricardo Rose |
| Lucy Nunez | Kurtisha Scipio |
| Terrill Ocona | Stephanie Shenk |
| Vincent Outerbridge | Louis Solomon |
| Adebusayo Oyeleye | Mercedes Sornoza |
| Aiden Perrilloux | Stephanie Strauf* |
| Brittany Perry | Brittany Tabeek |
| Christopher Perry* | Allen Thomas* |
| Andrea Polowy | Theopolius Thomas- |
| Anthony Prude, Jr.* | Newkirk |
| Justin Ramsey | Christian Torres |
| Antoinetta Ratleff | Jacob Valla |
| Terrence Raymond | Andreina Vazquez |
| Artrese Reid | Benjamin Weidman |
| Amanda Richards | Amber Wilcox |
| Alexander Ridgell | Lauren Williams |

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4 ALUMNI UPDATE . . . been working at Sister's Hospital for 23 years in the activities department, and teaches aerobics. Her daughter is applying to colleges and she is writing her college essay about Sue getting into college via EOP. Sue said she tells her kids all the time that if Dr. Thompson hadn't talked to her and she hadn't come to Fredonia through EOP, they wouldn't have all the benefits they have today. She is still best friends with **Ida Boyd**, COMM/85/EDP alum. Ida is still with the military and living in Arlington. Sue and Ida enjoyed a visit back to campus in fall 2008.

RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS



Recipients of the spring 2009 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Interim Director Janet Knapp.

LEFT—**Christopher Hillman** (sophomore/Computer Info Systems/Buffalo) and **Keli Cochran** (junior/Comm-Pol.Sci.-Legal Studies/Buffalo), RIGHT—**Christian Torres** (junior/Business Admis-Management/



Dunkirk). The initial endowment was created in 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.

ROHAN PATRICK NAMED EDP DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Mr. Rohan Patrick was named EDP's Distinguished Alumnus on March 11. Originally from Brooklyn, Rohan was awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design in May 1992 from SUNY Fredonia. He earned a Master of Fine Arts in Communications Design from SUNY Buffalo in August 1994 and a Master of Arts in Illustration from Syracuse University in June 2004.

Putting his artistic skills to use in a variety of places and ways, Rohan shared his knowledge as a teacher at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, University of Bridgeport in Connecticut in art and design, and at SUNY Buffalo in their department of communications design and computer art. He has freelanced for clients such as Citibank/Citicorp, Jobson Publishing, Inc., Parade Publications, and Channell Communication, Inc. Job titles have included senior graphic designer at Columbia University, publishing design manager at *The Wall Street Transcript*, promotion design manager at *Black Enterprise Magazine*, and special publication design manager at *Times-Herald Record*. Starting his own independent business of design and illustration — rohanpatrickstudio.com — came about in 2005. He was with the Army National Guard from 1989-1997 as a supply/logistics specialist.



Along with Mr. Patrick (center) are Janeil Rey, Education professor and former EDP counselor; Mrs. Patrick; Kathleen Bonds, former EDP director; and Alberto Rey, Visual Arts professor.

In the fall of 2008 Rohan moved back to the Fredonia area from Monticello with his wife and two of his three children to become the new owner/manager of local landmark, The White Inn. “I liked

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick visit with his former dorm director Jerome Moss (EDP alum '80) and Mrs. Moss.



Fredonia and I don't mind new adventures. I wanted to give back to an area that helped me when I was just starting out and establishing my identity,” said Mr. Patrick. “The White Inn is such an institution and has such a history. I'm hoping to be a good caretaker of the hotel and restaurant. With the help of the community and The White Inn staff, I'm looking forward to continuing and enhancing the tradition of excellence in hospitality that has been going on here since 1919.”

At Fredonia Rohan was on the college judicial board, a college ambassador, a resident assistant, and an orientation leader for incoming freshmen. He received EDP academic

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EDP FRESHMAN AUGUST WORKSHOP

The EDP Freshman August Workshop will take place August 20-22, occurring right before the start of the fall semester. Approximately 40-45 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 August Workshop.

2008 EDP August Workshop Participants



CONGRATULATIONS TO EDP GRADS



- ◆ Nathan Cogar
- ◆ Melissa Delmonte
- ◆ Nelson Diaz
- ◆ Tara Grube
- ◆ Shawna Halas
- ◆ Ian Kuhn
- ◆ Samantha Lape
- ◆ Kari Lentz
- ◆ Thatcher Marks
- ◆ Christopher Miller
- ◆ Brandon Miller
- ◆ Terrill Ocona
- ◆ Brittany Perry
- ◆ Leisel Renaud
- ◆ Stephanie Strauf
- ◆ Omar Tawakali
- ◆ Ted Tuthill
- ◆ Jacob Valla
- ◆ Amber Wilcox

DATES



May 11-15 – Final Exams

May 16 – Commencement

May 18-August 21—

Summer Office Hrs 8 am to 4 pm

May 18-29—May Term

May 26-June 26 – Summer Session I

June 29-July 31 – Summer Session II

August 22-22 – **EDP FRESHMEN**

AUGUST WORKSHOP

August 24 – Academic Year Office Hrs
8:30 am to 5 pm

August 24 – First Day of Classes for F'09

August 24 – **First EDP General Meeting**
– 4 pm, S104 Williams Center

September 7 – Labor Day/NO CLASSES

September 28-29 – Fall Break

TBA – **Second EDP General Meeting** –
4 pm, S104 Williams Center

November 23-27– Thanksgiving Break

December 14-18 – Final Examinations

January 25, 2010 – S'10 First Day of
Classes



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