

Educational Development Program

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From The Director

Greetings! I hope your summer is off to a pleasant and relaxing start. I am pleased to report that EDP has successfully completed its 40th year as a department on SUNY Fredonia's campus. My second semester as director has truly been exciting. A few of the many highlights included meeting and having EDP alum Mr. Gino Morrow '94 back on campus and being named the 2011 EDP Distinguished Alumnus and agreeing to launch the EDP Alumni Speakers Series; interacting with EDP alumni who took part in the EDP Alumni and Friends Reunion; seeing the EDP Alumni Mentoring Program kicked off during the reunion; awarding the first Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace Scholarship to Ms. Dorena Johnson; acknowledging Ms. Barbara Yochym, EDP secretary, by the reunion committee with a Life Time Achievement Award; and celebrating with the 31 EDP seniors as they walked across the stage at commencement.

The EDP students and staff have enthusiastically embraced this year's theme of "*transitioning and transforming for success.*" I have been impressed and encouraged by the level of commitment of our students and their willingness and desire to be successful. There were 37 EDP students named to the Dean's List (minimum 3.30 semester GPA); 30 awarded an Office of Opportunity Programs' (OOP) Achievement Award (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA); 12 inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society; and 82 earned an academic certificate at the annual EDP awards ceremony.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the EDP staff, which continues to demonstrate its dedication to maintaining an extraordinarily high level of excellence by going above and beyond in their efforts to ensure the development and success of our EDP students.

Let me close by announcing that I have

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Commencement 5/14/11—Nancy Pham, Beatrice Peralta, Christopher Hillman, Rachel Skemer, EDP Counselor, Mercedes Sornoza, and Kurtisha Scipio

29th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY HELD MARCH 9

The Educational Development Program hosted its 29th Annual Awards Ceremony on March 9 in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center. Nearly 90 faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students shared in the annual event. The ceremony is a way for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements.

Welcome remarks were given by Dr. Dennis Hefner, SUNY Fredonia's President; Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services and EDP's supervisor; and Mr. David White, EDP's Director. Student entertainment included a cello solo by **David Chatterton** (SR/Mus.Perf./Oswego) and rap songs by **Sean Brown** (SR/Econ/Pol.Sci./International Studies/New York). (SEE PICTURES ON PG 6 and on [EDP's web page—www.fredonia.edu/edp/2011_AwC_29th.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/edp/2011_AwC_29th.asp))

Special awards presented included:

◆ *Outstanding Tutor of the Year*
Sherri Maine, Elizabeth Milton, and Daniel Smith

◆ *Community Service Award*

Oluwabumi Ajayi	Michael Lebron
Clive Brown	LaSheri Mayes
Derrick Brown	Pilar Nelson
Sean Brown III	Lucy Nunez
Julius Bryant	Christopher Patrick
Lavie Donnell	Hector Perez
Ashley Ellis	Nancy Pham
Derwin English	Aaron Quinitchett
Benjamin Frasier	Amanda Rivera
Christopher Hillman	Shawn Romero
Nico Howard	Stephanie Southwell
Dior Jackson	Theopolius Thomas-
Cordell Jacobs	Newkirk
Longde Jiang	Amanda Tobin
Dorena Johnson	Mara Trottier
Alaysia Jordan	Lauren Williams
Gabrielle Kelly	Christopher Wright
Nicole King	

◆ *Academic Certificates*

Those EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the spring 2010 and/or fall 2010 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.

James Adesida	Dorena Johnson
Marcus Anderson	Meghan Johnstone
Chelsea Annis	Alaysia Jordan
Steven Artymowycz	Jessica Karan
Mandela Avril	Olivier Kayembe
Kenneth Bermudez	Corinna Kester
Nicholas Bernard	Serene Lazaro
Justin Bouchard	Fredrick Lee
Chase Brown	Matthew Levinger
Clive Brown	Ivo Margic
Derrick Brown	Benjamin Martin
Keah Brown	Chris McAllister
Sean Brown III	Thani McBride
Lindsay Buscemi	Brittney Merritt
Ivan Canales	Heather Newton
Brian Carroll	Alicia Nicolas
Amanda Carswell	Lucy Nunez
Sheereen Charles	Hector Perez
David Chatterton	Aiden Perrilloux
Keli Cochran	Domonick Pitts
Dana Collier	Raelee Price
Tara Courtney	Aaron Quinitchett
Alexander Davis	Justin Ramsey
Kenneth Dawson	Joseph Raville
Carmelito Deleon	Artrese Reid
Lavie Donnell	Kimberly Reynolds
Yafim Dorfman	Amanda Richards
Rebecca Eisenman	Alexander Ridgell
Ashley Ellis	Amanda Rivera
Derwin English	Ricardo Rose
Shawn Farrell	Michael Rowe
Alexis Fores	Andrew Ruffin
Julia Gangi	Kurtisha Scipio
Rocio Gosende	Stephanie Shenk
Laurel Griffith	Mercedes Sornoza
Siddel Hanley	Kimberly Thomas
James Harris	Amanda Tobin
Christopher Hillman	Diana Vasquez
Nico Howard	Lauren Williams
Cory Hunter	Jahleesa Wise
Longde Jiang	Jian Feng Xie

◆ *Arthur O. Eve Scholarship*
Tibrisha Faulkner, Fredrick Lee, and Mercedes Sornoza

◆ *Director's Award*
Michael Rowe

◆ *Gregory Antonio Memorial Award*
Derrick Brown

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RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the spring 2011 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Director David M. White. **Justin Moore**, left, is a Music Applied May '11 graduate from Buffalo. **Carmelito Deleon**, right, is a junior Communication-Public Relations/Business major from Fulton.



The initial endowment 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 200 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.

F'10 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

Chelsea Annis	Corinna Kester
Kenneth Bermudez	Fredrick Lee
Justin Bouchard	Matthew Levinger
Derrick Brown	Brittney Merritt
Tara Courtney	Lucy Nunez
Alexander Davis	Mercedes Sornoza
Kenneth Dawson	Kimberly Thomas
Julia Gangi	Eric Wilbon

S'11 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

Marcus Anderson	Laurel Griffith
Kenneth Bermudez	James Harris
Derrick Brown	Serene Lazaro
Julius Bryant	Brittney Merritt
Lindsay Buscemi	Joseph Raville
Brian Carroll	Kimberly Reynolds
Tara Courtney	Amanda Rivera
Alexander Davis	Kurtisha Scipio
Shawn Farrell	Mercedes Sornoza
Alexis Fores	Jian Feng Xie
Julia Gangi	

EIGHTEEN 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 120 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 162 inductees. Students from the Full Opportunity Program (FOP) were invited to join in the spring of 2003. A private initiation, which included ritual materials for each inductee, preceded EDP's awards ceremony. EDP, FOP, and honorary inductees for 2011 include:



Kaitlin Bager	Lavie Donnell	Corinna Kester
Nicholas Bernard	Ashley Ellis	Alicia Nicolas
Derrick Brown	Shawn Farrell	Rachel Skemer
Dana Collier	Megan Fink	Rebecca
Erika Colon	Alexis Fores	Templeton
Tara Courtney	Julia Gangi	David White
Carmelito Deleon		

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL '10/SPRING/SUMMER '11 EDP GRADS

Chelsea Annis	Benjamin Frasier
Steven Artymowycz	Amanda Gernatt
Justin Bouchard	Laurel Griffith
Brian Carroll	Christopher Hillman
Sarah Chichester	Nico Howard
Keli Cochran	Olivier Kayembe
Rebecca Eisenman	Corinna Kester
Terica Evans	Serene Lazaro
Shawn Farrell	Fredrick Lee
Tibrisha Faulkner	



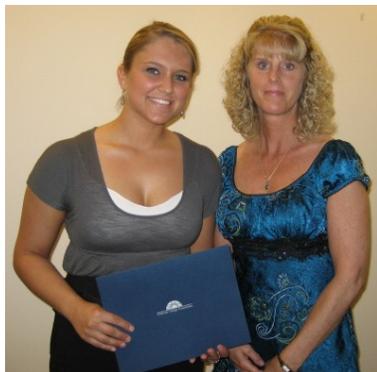
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CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★**Amanda Rivera** (JR/Criminal Justice/Lackawanna) is participating in a summer CSTEP student internship with the City of Lackawanna Police Department. ★**Corrina Kester**

(pictured right with her mother—'11/EDU/Bemus Point) received the Chautauqua County Retired Teachers Award at the College of Education's annual awards and scholarship luncheon 5/13. ★**Justin Moore** ('11/Music-Applied/Buffalo) sang at the annual Commencement Eve Pops Concert 5/13 and will be attending the University of Arizona for his master's degree in



Voice Performance.

★**Christopher Hillman** (pictured left—'11/Sport Management/Buffalo) was the "Blue Devil" mascot! ★**Nicholas Bernard** (JR/Dance/Rochester)



was chosen for the lead in the musical *Rocky Horror Picture Show* for the summer in Rochester. ★**Justin Moore**, **Nicholas Bernard**, and **Samuel Torres** (SR/IDS/Elba) danced and choreographed dances for the [Orchesis](#) dance production 3/25-27. ★**Lorenzo Parnell** (SR/Music Performance/Rochester) was in the production of *Così fan Tutte* 3/27. ★**David Chatterton** (SR/Music Edu/Oswego) was in the cello studio recital concert 3/30. ★**Amanda Tobin** (SR/Social Work/Perrysburg), **James Harris** (SR/BusAdmin/Buffalo), and **Nicholas Drevnyak** (FR/PolSci/Lynbrook) were in the Vocal Point/Gospel Choir production 3/31 at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House. ★**Serene Lazaro** ('11/Comm-PR/Depew) coordinated "Rockin' the Commons" 4/16 in downtown Fredonia to benefit Roswell Park Hospital. ★**Shawn Farrell** ('11/Acting/Rochester) had his senior theatre recital 4/16. ★**Lindsay Buscemi** (JR/English-AdoEdu/Rochester) was part of the English 399/Nature Writing event 4/19—"The Alphabet of the Birds, Bees, and Trees: A Celebration of Student Nature Writing." ★EDP stu-

dents in the 4/21 Gospel Choir Concert included **Amanda Tobin**, **James Harris**, and **Justin Moore**. ★**Sammy Torres** and **Nicholas Bernard** were in [Dance Ensemble](#) 4/29-5/1.

DATES

May 17-August 20—

Summer Office Hrs
8 am to 4 pm

June 28-July 30 – Summer Session II

July 7-8— "SOAP" Session 4—
EDP students and parents will attend

July 8-16—July EDP

Workshop for Expanded

Learning—New freshmen on campus for EDP JEWEL workshop

August 22 – Academic Year Office Hours
8:30 am to 5 pm

August 22 – F'11 First Day of Classes

August 29 – First EDP General Meeting
– 4:30 pm, 168 Fenton Hall

September 5 – Labor Day/NO CLASSES

October 6-7 – Fall Break

October 19—Mid-semester

TBA – Second EDP General Meeting –
4:30 pm, 168 Fenton Hall

October 24-28—S'12 Advising

October 31—S'12 Registration begins

November 21-25– Thanksgiving Break

December 12-16– Final Examinations

January 23, 2012 – S'12 First Day of Classes

January xx – First EDP General Meeting
– Time/Place TBA

March 12-16—Spring Break

TBA—EDP 30th Annual Awards

Ceremony and Chi Alpha Epsilon

Honor Society Induction

March 21—Mid-semester

March 26-30—F'12 Advising

April 2—F'12 Registration begins

April 9—No Classes—Travel Day

May 7-11—Final Exams

May 12—Commencement

August 27—First Day of F'12 Classes

December 17-21—Final Examinations

[The campus schedule calendar may be found on-line.](#)





2010 New EDP Students

billing process, and on-campus services. It is **mandatory** that new EDP freshmen attend both SOAP and JEWEL.

2011 “JEWEL”

The 2011 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) takes place July 8-16.

Twenty-one new EDP students are currently 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.

New freshmen also participated in the College’s Summer Orientation and Advising Program (SOAP) July 7-8. During this two-day orientation they finalized their fall class schedule and attended presentations on topics such as financial aid, the

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Student Spotlights are a page on EDP’s website.

Every few months a new EDP student(s) is featured. April/May/June highlighted those EDP students who are also Resident Assistants—**Keli Cochran** (’11/Comm/PolSci/IDS/Cheektowaga), University Commons; **Dana Collier** (JR/Psych/Cato), Nixon Hall; **Carmelito Deleon** (JR/Comm-PR/Fulton) Chautauqua Hall; and **Fredrick Lee** (’11/Comm-TV&File/Rosedale), Hendrix Hall.

The July/August/September Spotlight focuses on EDP students who are here for the summer as work-study students—**Amanda Tobin** (SR/Social Work/Perrysburg), EDP; **Patrick McDonnell** (SO/Psych/Alden) Facilities Services, and **Christian Figueroa** (SO/Social Work/Dunkirk), Campus Life. Spotlights are found on EDP’s website at www.fredonia.edu/edp/Student%20Spotlight_Current.asp

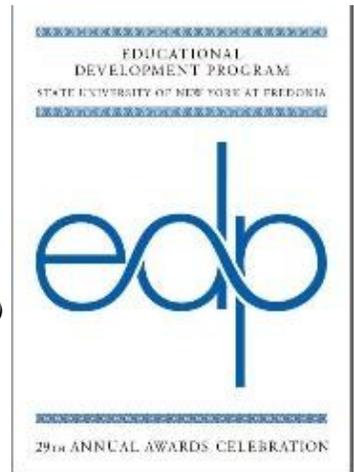
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◆ *Exemplary Service Award*
Daniel A. Reed Library

◆ *Distinguished Alumni Award*
Gino Morrow

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The EDP staff and students thank all those who made a donation to the EDP Scholarship Fund. Appreciation goes to Faculty Student Association, Information Technology Services, Campus Life, Sociology/Anthropology department, and Public Relations for assisting with the program.



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recently received exciting news! Despite significant SUNY budget cuts, the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) in Albany, the supervising department over all Educational Opportunity Programs, has agreed to increase EDP’s budget, which will allow us to admit more deserving students into our program. Additionally, OOP has approved EDP’s proposal to offer an expanded freshmen summer workshop. The July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) is an initiative that includes a series of workshops and academic preparation that will provide incoming EDP freshmen with a greater understanding of expectations and what is necessary to be successful at SUNY Fredonia. The EDP staff and I are thrilled at being given yet another opportunity to go “above and beyond.”

All the best for a relaxing summer,

David M. White, EDP Director

Memories from EDP's 2011 Awards Ceremony.



EDP Exemplary Service Award Recipient—Daniel A. Reed Library—Mr. Randolph Gadikian, Reed Library Director, (center) and some of the Library staff receive a plaque from Mr. White.

EDP Staff with Distinguished Alum—Janet Knapp, senior counselor; David White, director; Gino Morrow '94; Rachel Skemer, counselor, and Barbara Yochym, secretary.



Professor Alberto Rey, Visual Arts and New Media, with Tara Courtney (JR/ Visual Arts and New Media/ Buffalo).



James Harris (SR/ BusAdmin/ Buffalo) and his mother.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR—Daniel Smith, pictured with EDP Director David White, was named Tutor of the Year along with Sherri Maine and Elizabeth Milton.



SOME OF THE CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTEES—**Seated:** Derrick Brown, David White, and Carmelito Deleon **Standing:** Lavie Donnell, Tara Courtney, Alexis Fores, Rachel Skemer, Ashley Ellis.

More pictures may be found on [EDP's website.](#)

EDP Distinguished Alumni Gino Morrow (right) chats with SUNY Fredonia President Dr. Dennis Hefner (left).



GINO MORROW NAMED EDP 2011 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Mr. Gino Morrow was named EDP's Distinguished Alumni on March 9. A native of Buffalo, NY, Morrow earned his undergraduate degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Graphic Design in 1994. He is also a graduate of the Buffalo High School for Fine & Performing Arts.

Morrow began his professional career as a graphic designer/illustrator at Hallmark Cards Inc. in 1995. In a single year, Morrow generated \$29 million in revenue for the nation's largest card manufacturer by designing highly customized, theme specific, graphic display units for high-profile accounts. He later worked as a multimedia designer for Sprint PCS, where his design of online customer advocate performance support tools netted company savings of \$30 million.



David White and Gino Morrow

As creative director of GLMcreative—www.glm-creative.com, Morrow manages a full-service design agency based in Kansas City, Kan., that specializes in brand development and creative execution. Its range of services encompasses branding, marketing, print design, web design, identity, creative writing, illustration and photography. "Fortune 500" corporations seeking multimedia design and brand building services are among the firm's client list.

Morrow's string of accomplishments and level of engagement extend far beyond GLMcreative. As the longtime director of Grassroot Literary Movement, Morrow encourages creative self-expression in poetry and jazz, counsels and mentors youth, and helps to make scholarships available to college-bound high school seniors in the Kansas City area by preparing grant proposals. He further serves youth as a creative writing instructor with Kansas City Young Audiences, where he introduced basic and advanced elements of spoken word poetry to students. He also taught them how to effectively communicate a message within three minutes.

As a published poet and author of five books, Morrow

has won critical appeal. According to John Mark Eberhart, former book review editor of the *Kansas City Star*, "Morrow doesn't skimp on words; his poetry has considerable range, moving through moods that are politically and socially charged." Morrow was heralded as one of the most "buzz-worthy performance poets" in the industry by Bruce George, co-founder of the HBO television series, "Def Poetry Jam."

Morrow is a sought-after motivational speaker and workshop facilitator, utilizing diverse topics such as developing relationships through writing, the influence of hip-hop on the planet, and the National Education Association mentorship program. He participates in the Upward Bound Professional lecture series, where his work is admired for its powerful anecdotes filled with outrageous humor and audience participation. He is also associated with the non-profit sector, assisting agencies with copywriting, media relations, program design, grant writing, joint strategic planning and volunteer management. Morrow is a five-time recipient of the Sprint Values Excellence Award and past winner of the Kansas City Division of Youth Services Award and the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Award.

His drive to achieve — and the string of successes that he has produced — can be easily tracked at SUNY Fredonia, too. Morrow won a Rosa Parks Scholarship in the art category for his painting series, "With Liberty and Justice for All," and an Arthur O. Eve Scholarship award at the 1994 EDP awards ceremony.



Gino and two of his Visual Arts and New Media professors—Robert Booth (left) and Alberto (Chico) Rey (right).

Morrow served as president of the Black Male Coalition, was a member of the Gospel Choir and Black Student Union, a mentor for the Liberty Partnership Program, a Residence Assistant, an EDP peer advisor and an admissions office ambassador.

Morrow kicked off the EDP Alumni Speaker Series on March 8 with his presentation—"Old School to New School -- Revising Survival Techniques for a New World."

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Seth Bush (SO/Comm/Buffalo) talked with Mr. Morrow after his remarks.

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 our campus community to interact with our EDP alumni, the event serves the purpose of highlighting the important work and success stories of our EDP alumni in varying fields. These special individuals continue to epitomize what it means to go “Above and Beyond.”



Two EDP Alums—Mr. Morrow and Dinecia Pierre-Louis '05.

Gino Morrow kicked off the EDP Alumni Speaker Series on March 8 with his presentation--"Old School to New School—Revising Survival Techniques for a New World." Other student groups (Black Student Union and Visual Arts), community members, and EDP students were in attendance. Mr. Morrow had one of his books—*Spitfire*—available after this well-received presentation.



ALFRED DAVIS ENDOWMENT

As was mentioned in the Fall 2010 ACCENT, Alfred Davis died September 25, 2010. He was awarded a post-humous degree during the May 14 commencement ceremonies. Throughout the spring semester a friend of Al's, **Keli Cochran** ('11/Comm/PolSci/IDS/Cheektowaga), organized fundraisers for the Alfred Davis Endowment such as a kissing booth and an open mic night. The endowment currently has \$770.

During the February 12 "Pink the Rink" men's hockey game, a jersey was presented to Al's mother, pictured to the left with other family and friends. This was the fifth year Pink-the-Rink has been held. This annual cancer-benefit hockey game is where the players wear pink jerseys and sock as a means of raising both awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Jerseys are sold for \$250 with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Thanks goes to Dr. Robert Booth, Visual Arts, for purchasing Al's jersey.

FIRST WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The first Wallace Scholarship was presented to **Ms. Dorena Johnson** during the 2011 EDP Alumni and Friends Reunion luncheon on April 30. Ms. Johnson, a senior from Buffalo with a double major in social studies education and history, is pictured with EDP Director David White, Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace, and SUNY Fredonia President Dr. Dennis Hefner.

Criteria for the scholarship are for EDP students to have earned a minimum of 50 credit hours, must be enrolled at Fredonia at least one semester after receiving the scholarship, must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.50 CUM GPA), and must have evidence of campus and program leadership. A 500-600 word essay is required which is to include a description of successes and challenges while at Fredonia and how EDP has been instrumental in achieving such goals. The EDP staff recommends students to the scholarship committee consisting of Emma McFayden '76, Keith McFayden '77, Jawaan Wallace, and Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace '68.



OFFICE OF OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

EDP students who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better are recognized by the Office of Opportunity Programs for their scholastic excellence and extraordinary dedication to self-improvement. This year's recipients are:

Chelsea Annis	Alexander Davis	Fredrick Lee
Mandela Avril	Kenneth Dawson	Lucy Nunez
Nicholas Bernard	Carmelito Deleon	Aiden Perrilloux
Justin Bouchard	Lavie Donnell	Domonick Pitts
Derrick Brown	Rebecca Eisenman	Kimberly Reynolds
Lindsay Buscemi	Shawn Farrell	Alexander Ridgell
David Chatterton	Julia Gangi	Mercedes Sornoza
Keli Cochran	Longde Jiang	Kimberly Thomas
Dana Collier	Corinna Kester	Eric Wilbon
Tara Courtney	Serene Lazaro	Jian Feng Xie

FEATURED FRESHMEN

A new element of EDP was started in the spring semester called "Featured Freshmen." Every few weeks a new freshman was featured and asked his/her feelings about Fredonia and about EDP. Students' pictures are posted on one of EDP's bulletin boards and they are given a gift card to FSA. What makes a Featured Freshman? — being on the Dean's List, community service (such as Community Blood Bank, Fall Sweep, Boys & Girls Club, etc.) performing in a campus production, helping EDP, etc. The EDP staff makes the selection.

Freshmen selected for Spring 2011 were **Kenneth Dawson** (Sport Management/Poughkeepsie), **Longde Jiang** (Public Accountancy/Flushing), **Domonick Pitts** (Exercise Sci/Buffalo), **Eric Wilbon** (Music Edu/Buffalo), **Christian Figueroa** (Social Work/Dunkirk), and **Zija Lubin-West** (Theatre Arts/New York).

JEFFREY J. WALLACE LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT UPDATE—This endowment was started at the EDP alumni and friends reunion in 2008. The first scholarship was awarded at the 2011 EDP Alumni and Friends Reunion (*SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 8*). The next scholarship will be presented during the Fredonia College Foundation's Scholars Breakfast on October 1.

Over \$1,600 was added to the endowment from donations at the recent reunion, bringing the endowment to over \$19,300. 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.**

EDP DIRECTOR ATTENDS CONFERENCES

During the first year of David M. White's directorship of the Educational Development Program, he had the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops and meetings. In September 2010 he, along with 150 other new senior administrators from the various SUNY campuses, attended the SUNY System Administration senior staff orientation. Also in September he had his first EOP directors meeting. Both meetings were in Albany. In March Mr. White attended the Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education in Tarrytown, New York. Having thoroughly enjoyed the well-attended event, White said "these events emphasized the importance of professional development, opportunity to meet colleagues, and chance to get 'rejuvenated' with the spirit of working with opportunity program students."

STUDY HALL

Mandatory study hall is a new initiative implemented to provide a structured study time for students currently on academic probation and those nearing academic risk. Students may complete their study hall hours in the EDP lab during the day or during evening hours in other classrooms. Upperclass EDP students monitor the evening study halls.

EDP Director David White said, "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 required to attend, we encourage all of our students to take advantage of study hall."



PERSPECTIVE FROM AN EDP ALUM

“Remembering Fredonia While Honoring Black History Month”

Lakisha Bennett ‘00/EDU, Lake City, South Carolina, 2/28/2011

As I looked around Fredonia’s campus when I first arrived in the fall of 1996, I thought what a quaint campus that was also quite beautiful to look at. At the time, I didn’t know that I was about to become involved in some of the most educational, social developing, wonderful years of my life. Although this was a small campus of about 4,000 students with only 100 Black students at the time, there was a sincere, caring staff, community, and many students that made the campus of Fredonia great during both the good and bad times. The Educational Development Program was one of the caring staffs that was instrumental in my completing a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Music.

EDP assisted my educational process in learning in three important areas: how to study in college classes; how to socialize and become involved in student groups; and finally, how to work with and get assistance from administration when necessary. I developed a great working relationship with my academic advisor, Mr. James Jackson (EDP counselor 6/96-5/99). He taught me the basics of how to remain a positive student in school while developing good relationships. I also attended tutoring sessions while getting to know other positive staff. Ms. Kathleen Bonds (EDP director from 6/92-1/08) was also instrumental in this process. EDP was certainly a wonderful resource that I was able to rely on during my undergraduate years.

During this time, I also had an opportunity to be involved in the Black Student Union, where I served as secretary, college and community chair, social chair, vice president, and finally, president. I became one of the leaders on Fredonia’s campus and I met Dr. Dennis Hefner, SUNY Fredonia’s president. Becoming president of BSU allowed me and its members to create and facilitate functions for Fredonia’s campus to attend in order to learn about African-American culture. This was the BSU’s mission, and we were successful in completing this task. Ms. Bonds, along with other staff in EDP, assisted BSU when it came to campus functions. My undergraduate years there promoted my growth as a student, leader, and individual. Towards the end of these four years, I was awarded one of the Author O. Eve Scholarships as well as academic achievement certificates from the Educational Development Program.

Since the completion of my years at Fredonia, I have earned a Master’s of Social Work degree and am currently assisting with the development and running of the Lake City College Prep Academy in Lake City, South Carolina. This is a school that teaches students in grades K- 9. During the past five years of working with the founder and current principal, it has been quite a process. The academic year of 2010-2011 is the first year of this charter school where the students are actually in classrooms. I have used skills and abilities that I learned while at Fredonia—planning, creating, and facilitating—and put them into practice at the Lake City Academy as a coordinator, teacher, and administrator. My Fredonia experience was quite instrumental in making me the leader I have grown to be.

I would encourage the current students at Fredonia to learn all that you possibly can because now is the developing stage of the adult that you will become. You will find the classroom setting will assist with your attainment of certain knowledge; however, the experiences you are involved in is what others will benefit from. You will become an asset to those around you and there will be a sense of empowerment and achievement because you will have impacted an entire community. This is what life is about—helping those around you and also becoming an achiever to the point that it benefits your personal development as an individual, as well as influencing society. I would say that this is really the purpose of a college education. In return, your self-worth is increased because there is achievement in knowing that you are accomplishing your goals. The Fredonia years were some of the greatest years of my life.



Lakisha Bennett and EDP counselor James Jackson—2000

<i>(GRADUATES— continued from page 3)</i>	Justin Moore	Beatrice Peralta	Mercedes Sornoza
Matthew Levinger	Lucy Nunez	Nancy Pham	Theopolius Thomas-
	Vincent Outerbridge	Alexander Ridgell	Newkirk
	Adebusayo Oyeeye	Kurtisha Scipio	Lauren Williams

ALUMNI UPDATE

***Jerome Moss** ('80/Sociology) coached the Dunkirk (NY) boys' basketball players to an 18-0 regular season, earned the B-1 playoffs, and won the CCAA Division 1 regular-season title, the second best record in Dunkirk school history.

***Kelly Falzone** ('87/English) "I continue to work as a poet and teach artists. I enjoy working one-on-one with writers in an editing and coaching capacity. I think of my days at Fredonia and in EDP as some of the best in my life and carry a great deal of love for the staff who helped me grow so much."

***Delisa James** ('91/Political Science) "I live in downtown Washington, D.C., just minutes from the White House. I've been living in D.C. since May of 2003 and love it. I moved from NYC to work at the National Minority AIDS Council as Federal Affairs Manager. Since 2005, I've been with America's Health Insurance Plans, the trade association that represents most of the nation's health insurance providers. I am on the educational and leadership development side of the organization."

***Lavette "Lovey" Johnson-Debrow** ('93/Speech & Hearing) "I'm published!" [Fabric Photo Memories by Lovey](#) is a book of fabric photo collages of African American women from the 1700's through the early 1900's. See the art of creating fabric photo collages utilizing beautiful fabrics, lace, trims, jewelry and photos displayed beautifully throughout the pages of this book. www.magcloud.com/browse/Issue/165047

***Amybeth Whistle** ('94/Theatre Arts) "I work in midtown NYC at a private equity firm in their family philanthropy/community service program. I'm also heading back to school at the end of April – to culinary school! It's something I've wanted to do for a long time and finally decided to just do it! I got married in October 2009 and am the lucky wife of a visual artist who also works here with me at Ziff Brothers Investments. I did read all about Gino's award. Very exciting! I

also went to high school with him at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. Talk about 'hometown boy makes good!'"

***Mark Putney** ('95/Education) teaches second grade at Fredonia Central and took his students on a field trip to WGRZ-TV studios in Buffalo this past February.

***Dinecia Pierre-Louis** ('05/French-Adolescence Education) started a new job in May in Laurel, Maryland, at Capitol College as assistant director of advising and student success.

***Jamel Corbett** ('06/Business Administration) is a business liaison for RJ Reynolds in Albany, NY, and a freelance writer. "I will never forget the opportunity the EDP staff gave a kid from Long Island who is a dreamer and a fighter. Thanks for everything you have done and for always keeping in touch."

***Nelson Diaz** ('09/English-Adolescence Edu) is a sixth grade English teach at Nyack Middle School and is enrolled full-time as a graduate student at Columbia University's Teachers' College. "I owe a large part of my success to EDP and I wanted you to know that. I am reminded of that transitional time in my life and how the EDP staff made it relatively easy for me to adapt. You pushed me to reach my potential and never settle for anything less. I love Fredonia because of EDP."

***Justin Bouchard** ('10/Communication-Audio-Radio) met Dr. Mark Evan Bonds at a lecture on campus. Dr. Bonds is a music history professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Visit "Alumni News" on EDP's webpage.

Please send any alumni news to Barbara.Yochym@fredonia.edu

EDP staff will be taking nominations from other EDP alumni for the Distinguished Alumni award. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Please submit a supporting statement and current resume of the nominee by November 30 to Barbara.Yochym@fredonia.edu. The EDP staff will make the final decision.

Some Spring grads and their proud families!!!



Fredrick Lee (Comm-TV & Digital Film/Rosedale)

*Vincent Outerbridge
(Bus Ad Marketing/Bronx)*



Lucy Nunez (Childhood Inclusive Ed-Spanish/ Brooklyn)

*Olivier Kayembe
(Computer Info Systems/
New York)*



**EDP ALUMNI & FRIENDS
RETURN TO
CAMPUS FOR REUNION
APRIL 29-MAY 1**

The torch was passed from 2008 reunion co-chairs, **Mrs. Emma McFayden '76** and **Dr. Sherryl Weems '76**, to 2011 reunion co-chairs, **Ms. Audrey Pitts '82** and **Mr. Louis Coplin '82**. An initial visit to campus in October 2010 was followed by conference calls among the reunion committee to get all the details in place for a very successful and enjoyable reunion. Many participants had not been back in 30 years.

EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion



April 29- May 1, 2011

David Herman, Vice President for Student Affairs. The luncheon included two firsts—presentation of the Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace, Sr. Leadership and Excellence Scholarship to **Ms. Dorena Johnson '12** and kick off of the Alumni Mentoring Program where current students interacted with alumni.

Mr. Edgar James '82 was the Master of Ceremonies for the reunion dinner.

Fredonia's Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services and EDP's supervisor, **Mr. Daniel Tramuta**, gave greetings before the delicious dinner prepared by Fredonia's own Faculty Student Association (FSA). Following dinner, a picture slide-show of good days gone by was shown. **Mr. Darren Martin '82** recognized the EDP directors. Five of the seven EDP directors were in attendance for some part of the reunion—**Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace ('72-'81)**, **Dr. Carmela Thompson ('81-86)**, **Ms. Kathleen Bonds ('92-'08)**, **Ms. Janet Knapp ('08-'10)** and **Mr. White ('10-present)**. Also in attendance were former staff members

REUNION EVENTS

Friday, April 29, started with a welcome reception in the Pucci Room of the Williams Center. Current EDP staff, current and past administration, and alumni got reacquainted and started reminiscing.



Looking over the EDP scrapbooks brought back many memories and laughter.

Saturday, April 30, events began at 10 am with a walking

tour of the campus conducted by current student **Keli Cochran '11**. Many compliments were made about how beautiful the campus is. The lovely spring weather made for an enjoyable stroll while reminiscing about fond experiences.

Over 40 alumni, staff, administration, family, and friends of EDP gathered for lunch in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center, which was decorated with green and white balloons and yellow and white daisies. EDP director David White served as Master of Ceremonies. Greetings were given by **Dr. Dennis Hefner**, President and **Dr. Da-**



Picture Captions:

- 1—Jerome Moss, Audrey Pitts, and Mary Kay Moss look over the EDP scrapbooks
- 2—Those who gathered for Friday's welcome reception
- 3—Ida Boyd, Barbara Yochym, Venita Hughes, Rene Cassanova, Audrey Pitts, and Robin Ruffin took the campus tour
- 4—David White, Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace, Dorena Johnson, and Dr. Dennis Hefner—presentation of the First Wallace Scholarship
- 5—Rene Cassanova, Carmela Thompson, Patricia Wallace, Darren Martin, and Edgar James chat after lunch
- 6—Alumni Mentoring Program kick off—Adrienne Brown, Audrey Pitts, Dana Collier, Cynthia Chan, and Edgar James



Mrs. LaPearl Haines ('70-'73), **Mrs. Otilie Woodruff** ('79-'83), and **Mr. Michael Woodruff** ('79-'86); emeriti were **Mr. Robert Coon**, retired VP for Student Affairs, and **Mr. Williams Clark**, retired Admissions director. **Dr. Carmela Thompson** '78 read the names of deceased classmates followed by a moment of silence.



Ms. Robin Ruffin '82 led the alumni roll call. While sharing tears and laughter, alumni took the opportunity to stand, give their graduation year, say what they are doing now, and express comments about their Fredonia experience.



On behalf of the reunion committee, **Mrs. McFayden** presented current EDP secretary, **Ms. Barbara Yochym** ('78-present), with a "Lifetime Achievement Award."



Final bids on silent auction items were made and \$600 was raised for the Wallace Scholarship.

Dinecia Pierre-Louis, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Weems, David White, and Barbara Yochym; the Alumni Association for their financial support and donation of dinner favors; FSA for the food and set up; silent auction donors and bidders; and Public Relations/Publication Services offices. The committee will do an evaluation to comment on what was done and what can be done differently. Additional pictures are on the [EDP website](#) and [Face-book page](#). Please keep [Alumni Affairs](#) abreast of any address changes and accomplishments.



The fun continued at an after-party at The White Inn in downtown Fredonia with music provided by DJ Daren "Papa Trini" Thomas. The party was going strong until well after 12:30 am. A highlight was seeing almost everyone joining in on the "Soul Train" line.

Sunday, May 1, found participants a little tired but still enjoying all the fellowship. **Dr. David Tiffany**, Vice President for University Advancement/Fredonia College Foundation, welcomed everyone back to the campus and encouraged attendants to stay in touch. Co-chair Audrey Pitts thanked everyone for coming and for their participation. Alumni came from Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland, and throughout New York. Special acknowledgment went to: the reunion committee—**Kathleen Bonds, Louis Coplin, Darren Martin, Emma McFayden,**

Picture Captions:

- 7—Standing—Patricia Wallace, Cynthia Eggleston, and Otilie Woodruff; Seated—Susan Arthur and Ida Boyd
- 8—Standing—Rev. Gwendolyn Glover and Robin Ruffin; Seated—Otilie Woodruff
- 9—Dr. Wallace, Darren Martin, Daniel Tramuta, and Maurice Smith
- 10—Keith McFayden, Emma McFayden, and Velpo Johnson
- 11—Silent Auction items raised over \$600 for the Wallace Scholarship
- 12—Life-time Achievement Award presented to Barbara Yochym, EDP Secretary since 1978
- 13—Adrienne Brown, Otis Barker, and Audrey Pitts at the after-party held at The White Inn
- 14—Sunday's Farewell Brunch

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