

Educational Development Program

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From The Director

Greetings!

I hope each of you has found fun and relaxing ways to deal with the blistering summer heat we have been experiencing. The spring 2012 semester was certainly exciting. Highlights include having Ms. Ida Boyd return to campus as the 2012 EDP Distinguished Alumni; honoring President Hefner with the EDP Exemplary Service Award at the 30th Annual EDP Awards Ceremony; inducting another talented group into the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society; sponsoring a community service project and basketball reception; participating in EOP/EOC Advocacy Day; and celebrating Commencement 2012.

"Excellence without Excuses" was this year's EDP theme and our students certainly met and exceeded our expectations. With 21 students named to the Dean's List (minimum 3.30 semester GPA); 19 awarded an Office of Opportunity Programs' Achievement Award (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA); 8 inducted into the Chi Alpha Honor Society; and 74 having earned an academic certificate at the annual EDP awards ceremony, EDP students continue to recognize the value and importance of eliminating negative habits, setting goals, utilizing resources, and having the willingness and desire to be successful.

In an attempt to build on this momentum, I would like to introduce EDP's 2012-13 theme--"Striving to Achieve." EDP will focus and place an increased emphasis on fostering an environment that encourages success by continuing our efforts to motivate and inspire our students to achieve. This sense of accomplishment was demonstrated by our 31 incoming EDP freshmen as they successfully completed the 2012 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL). From all preliminary indications, the EDP staff has once again admitted another amazing

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*Commencement 5/12/12—
Marcus Anderson, Alexander Davis, Thani McBride, Joseph Raville, Jose Matos, and Dior Jackson. More pictures on pg. 10*

30th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY HELD MARCH 21

The Educational Development Program hosted its [30th Annual Awards Ceremony on March 21](#) 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 Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services and EDP's supervisor, and Mr. David White, EDP's Director. Student entertainment included a bassoon solo by **Alexander Davis** (SR/Music Edu/Batavia); vocal performance by **Rocio Gosende** (SO/Liberal Arts/Flushing) accompanied by **Timothy Mitchum** (SO/BusAdmin/Rochester) and vocal duet by **Erica Mule** (SO/Liberal Arts/Speonk) and **Glenn Hillman** (SO/Liberal Arts/Sanborn).

Special awards presented included:

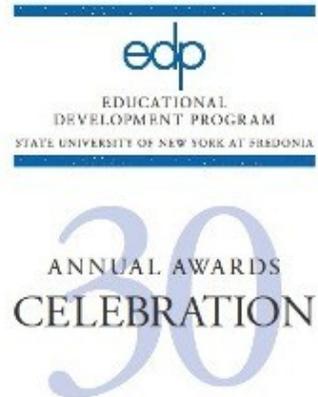
- ◆ *Outstanding Tutors of the Year*
Sydney Brunecz Zhuojun Fu Chelsea Haag
- ◆ *Community Service Awards*

Kyiesha Baker	Jeanie Huang	Pilar Nelson
Luisa Bonilla	Dior Jackson	Hector Perez
Clive Brown	Rachael James	Domonick Pitts
Keah Brown	Dorena Johnson	Aaron
Julius Bryant	Gabrielle Kelly	Quinitchett
Dana Collier	Nicole King	Sheila Ramos
Tara Courtney	Briana Lawall	Ricardo Rose
Carmelito	Zija	Johnathan Sales
Deleon	Lubin-West	Benjamin
Nicholas	LaSheri Mayes	Soto-Soto
Drevnyak	Thani McBride	Ibrahima Toure
James Harris	Patrick	Christopher
Shayla Harris	McDonnell	Wright
- ◆ *Arthur O. Eve Scholarship*
Marcus Anderson Alexander Davis James Harris
- ◆ *Director's Award*
Christopher Patrick
- ◆ *Gregory Antonio Memorial Award*
Amanda Tobin
- ◆ *Exemplary Service Award*
Dr. Dennis L. Hefner, SUNY Fredonia President (retired 6/30/12 after 16 years of service as Fredonia's 12th president)
- ◆ *Distinguished Alumni Award*
Ida Boyd, Lieutenant Colonel ('85/Communication)

◆ *Academic Certificates*

Those EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the spring 2011 and/or fall 2011 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. Recipients included:

Oluwabumi Ajayi	Shayla Harris
Marcus Anderson	Christopher Hillman
Steven Artymowycz	Cory Hunter
Mandela Avril	Longde Jiang
Kenneth Bermudez	Dorena Johnson
Nicholas Bernard	Alaysia Jordan
Andrew Blakey	Catherine Kilian
Jeremiah Blundon	Nicole King
Luisa Bonilla	Serene Lazaro
Clive Brown	Fredrick Lee
Derrick Brown	Matthew Levinger
Keah Brown	Thani McBride
Julius Bryant	Brittney Merritt
Lindsay Buscemi	Pilar Nelson
Seth Bush	Tamiko Orasio
Ivan Canales	Vincent Outerbridge
Brian Carroll	Lorenzo Parnell
Amanda Carswell	Christopher Patrick
Cynthia Chan	Aiden Perrilloux
David Chatterton	Domonick Pitts
Sarah Chichester	Raelee Price
Dana Collier	Aaron Quinitchett
Tara Courtney	Joseph Raville
Alexander Davis	Kimberly Reynolds
Kenneth Dawson	Amanda Rivera
Carmelito Deleon	Ricardo Rose
Rebecca Eisenman	Rebecca Rowe
Terica Evans	Andrew Ruffin
Shawn Farrell	Kurtisha Scipio
Tibrisha Faulkner	Mercedes Sornoza
Blossom Fernandes	Elvis Soto
Alexis Fores	Benjamin Soto-Soto
Ian Gallagher	Kimberly Thomas
Julia Gangi	Amanda Tobin
Margaret Gonzalez	Mara Trottier
Laurel Griffith	Emilee Usack
James Harris	Jian Feng Xie



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RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the spring 2012 Ralph Wilson Book Award—**Amanda Tobin**, bottom right, and **Domonick Pitts**, upper left—are pictured with Mr. David M. White, EDP Director. Amanda is a senior, Social Work major from Perrysburg. Domonick is a junior Interdisciplinary Studies—Exercise Science major from Buffalo.

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'11 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

Mandela Avril	Alexis Fores
Nicholas Bernard	Julia Gangi
Clive Brown	Thani McBride
Keah Brown	Brittney Merritt
Cynthia Chan	Amanda Rivera
Tara Courtney	Jian Feng Xie
Kenneth Dawson	

S'12 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

Jeremiah Blundon	Dior Jackson
Derrick Brown	Ivo Margic
Keah Brown	Domonick Pitts
David Chatterton	Kimberly Reynolds
Tara Courtney	Amanda Tobin
Kenneth Dawson	Jian Feng Xie
Julia Gangi	



Oluwabumi Ajayi
Marcus Anderson
Kendra Barney
Sean Brown III
Julius Bryant
Benjamin Casper

Blossom Fernandes
James Harris
Jonathan Herrera
Gabrielle Kelly
Jose Matos

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL '11 AND SPRING/ SUMMER '12 EDP GRADS

Dana Collier	Shakira Mayne
Derwin English	Thani McBride
	Brittney Merritt
	Raelee Price
	Sheila Ramos
	Joseph Raville
	Ricardo Rose
	Amanda Tobin
	Emilee Usack

TEN INDUCTED INTO XAE HONOR SOCIETY

Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) 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](#) 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 172 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 and FOP inductees for 2012 included:



Mandela Avril	Aiden Perrilloux	Amanda Rivera
Casey Chiesa	Domonick Pitts	Chelsea Senn
Kenneth Dawson	Kimberly Reynolds	Jian Feng Xie
Brittney Merritt		

ANNOUNCING EDP'S THEME FOR 2012-13

★ **Striving to Achieve
2012-13**



★ **Excellence
Without Excuses
2011-12**

★ **Transitioning
and Transforming
for Success
2010-11**

CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★**Dorena Johnson** (SR/Social Studies/Buffalo) was the *Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day* intern working out of the Student Affairs office. ★**Amanda Rivera** (JR/Criminal Justice/Lackawanna) was at School 7 in Dunkirk as part of her social work program.



★**Shakira Mayne** (SR/Criminal Justice/Staten Island) had her internship with the drug court in Dunkirk. ★**Carmelito Deleon** (JR/Comm-Public Relations/Fulton) studied abroad in Australia for spring 2012. ★**Cynthia Chan**

(SR/Psychology/New York) was the president for the [Chinese Club](#). ★**Julius Bryant** (SR/Sport Management/ Buffalo) was [SUNYAC Player of the Week](#) February 6. ★**Marcus Anderson** (SR/Social Studies/Blasdel) student taught at Dunkirk High School and had a great experience. ★**Tara Courtney** (SR/Visual Arts & New Media/Amherst) had [exhibits in the art gallery](#), she was a learning assistant for a Drawing and Painting class, and she received the Colonel David Correll Imaging Scholarship for photography majors for excellence in achievement and professional potential. ★**David Chatterton** (SR/Music Edu/Oswego) had his [cello recital in March](#). ★**Nicole King** (JR/Theatre Arts/East Meadow) and **Siobhan Hunter** (SR/Theatre Arts/Rochester) were in *Vagina Monologues* in February. ★**Briana Lawall** (SO/ Liberal Arts/Bolivar) was in the Fredonia Women's Choir concert in March. ★**Johnathan Sales** (SO/Music Edu/ Buffalo) was in the Student Opera Theatre Association of SUNY Fredonia's "[Opera Scenes](#)" at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House in March. ★**Lasheri Mayes** (JR/ Sociology/Buffalo) enlisted in the National Guard and will pursue Officer Candidate School after graduation. ★**Luisa Bonilla** (SO/Criminal Justice/Dunkirk) has also enlisted in the National Guard. ★**Lorenzo Parnell** (SR/ Music Performance/Rochester) had his junior performance vocal recital in April. ★**Erica Mule** was in the April concert for "Some Like It Hot," a campus, all-female a cappella group. ★**Thani McBride** (SR/Comm-Public Relations/Rochester) was the intern for Women's Studies. ★In April **Margaret Gonzalez** (FR/BusAdmin-Management/New York), **Isaiah Holston** (FR/ Psycholgoy/Bronx), and **Rachael James** (SO/Comm-Public Relations/Bronx) appeared in the Black Student Union's fashion show. ★**Clive Brown** (SR/BusAdmin/ Buffalo), **Derrick Brown** (SR/Music Business/Buffalo) and **Joshua Moreno** (SO/Visual Arts & New Media/ Jackson Heights) performed in the BSU's spring concert after the fashion show. ★**Siobhan Hunter** was an actor in [Stage Door](#) in April. ★**Lorenzo Parnell** sang in the [Commencement-Eve Pops Concert](#). ★**Siobhan Hunter**,

Nicholas Bernard (SR/Dance/Rochester), and **Eric Wilbon** (SO/Music Edu/Buffalo) have been cast for August Wilson's *The Piano Lesson*, which will run in early December. ★**Amanda Tobin** (SR/Social Work/Perrysburg) was accepted into the Social Work master's program at

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DATES



- **August 27** – Academic Year Office Hours 8:30 am to 5 pm
- **August 27** – F'12 First Day of Classes
- **August 29** – **First EDP General Meeting, 4 pm, Horizon Rm, Williams Center**
- **September 3** – Labor Day/NO CLASSES
- **September 6**—**Memorial Service—Kofi Genfi, 4 pm, Horizon Room, Williams Center**
- **September 11** – **EDP Community Service— 3:30 pm, Litter Pick Up—Campus Woodlot**
- **September 11** – Final Day to Apply for December Graduation
- **October 11-12** – Fall Break
- **October 24** – Mid-semester
- **TBA** – **Second EDP General Meeting**
- **October 29-November 2** – S'13 Advising
- **November 5** – S'13 Registration begins
- **November 19-23** – Thanksgiving Break
- **December 3** – Final day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- **December 17-21** – Final Examinations
- **January 28, 2013** – S'13 First Day of Classes
- **January 30** – **First EDP General Meeting, Time/ Place TBA**
- **February 12** – Last Day to Apply for May Graduation
- **TBA** – **EDP 31st Annual Awards Ceremony/ Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Induction**
- **March 20** – Mid-semester
- **March 25-29** – Spring Break
- **April 1** – No Classes—Travel Day
- **TBA** – **Second EDP General Meeting**
- **April 2-8** – F'13 Advising
- **May 13-17** – Final Exams
- **May 18** – Commencement
- **July TBA** – **2013 EDP JEWEL**
- **August 26** – First Day of F'13 Classes

The campus schedule calendar may be found on-line.



RECAP FOR 2012 “JEWEL”

The 2012 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) took place July 6-14. Thirty-one new EDP students (*pictured to the left*) were on campus to become better acquainted with the EDP staff and participate in some additional activities to prepare them for their college experience. Team building activities included going on a field trip to Niagara Falls (*pictured bottom left*) and taking part in a leadership course at the College Lodge (*pictured below*). The fee, meal, and lodging costs during the orientation were covered for each student by contributions from Fredonia State and a grant from

the Office of Opportunity Programs.

The [July workshop](#) is just the beginning of the on-going process that will help EDP students excel in their academic standing. Required of all program students to attend the



July workshop, it is found that they have a better idea of why they are here and what must be accomplished to be successful. New freshmen also participated in the [University’s Summer Orientation and Advising Program \(SOAP\)](#) July 5-6. During this two-day orientation they finalized their fall class schedules and attended presentations on topics such as financial aid, the billing process, and on-campus services. It is

mandatory that all new EDP freshmen attend both SOAP and JEWEL.

Helping to guide these new freshmen were five current EDP students who acted as JEWEL 2012 peer advisors—**Nicholas Bernard, Ashley Ellis** (JR/Political Science/Cattaraugus), **Christian Figueroa, Margaret Gonzalez, and Amanda Tobin**. Appreciation and thanks go out to JEWEL instructors—Ms. Mimi Gulick, math; Dr. Anna Thibodeau, Study Skills for the Social Sciences; Dr. Tracy Marafiote, public speaking; and Mr. Allen Thomas, writing. Guest speakers who assisted were Ms. Liza Smith, Learning Center—benefits of receiving tutoring; Mr. Mark Suida, Campus Life—leadership; Ms. Lisa Melohusky, Professional Development Center—campus technology; and Ms. Aida Jordan, staff member for NYS Assembly representative Crystal Peoples-Stokes—civic engagement. New freshmen will 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

[Student Spotlights](#) may be found on EDP’s website. Every few months a new EDP student(s) is featured. In late winter [Joseph Raville](#) (SR/Music Edu/Chaumont) talked about nearing the end of his educational journey here at Fredonia and preparing for his senior trumpet recital. In the spring the spotlight turned to [Brittney L. Merritt](#) (SR/Communication Disorders/Elmira)—*pictured to the right*. She received her bachelor of science degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences with a minor in Public Health in May and has been accepted to D’Youville for a master’s in Health Service Administration. The Student Spotlight is coordinated by EDP counselor Janet Knapp.



Memories from EDP's 2012 Awards Ceremony.



EDP Staff with Distinguished Alum—Janet Knapp, senior counselor; Rachel Skemer, counselor; Ida Boyd, Distinguished Alum; David White, director; and Barbara Yochym, secretary.



TUTORS OF THE YEAR—Chelsea Haag (math) and Sydney Brunecz (political science), pictured with EDP Director White, were named Tutors of the Year along with Zhuojun Fu (communication and computer science), who was unavailable for the photo.



Many family members were in attendance.

Kenneth Dawson and his family from Poughkeepsie.



Many students, faculty, and staff showed their support by attending the awards ceremony.

EDP Exemplary Service Award Recipient—**Dr. Dennis Hefner**—In recognition of his 16 years of leadership as our president.



2012 Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Inductees and Staff—Standing: Rachel Skemer, Aiden Perrilloux, Kenneth Dawson, Mandela Avril, Jian Feng Xie, Kimberly Mead-Colegrove, Domonick Pitts, and David White. Seated: Brittney Merritt, Casey Chiesa, Janet Knapp, and Barbara Yochym.



Student entertainers (clockwise): Glenn Hillman and Erica Mule; Alexander Davis; and Rocio Gosende and Timothy Mitchum.



More pictures may be found on [EDP's website—www.fredonia.edu/edp/2012_AwC_30th.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/edp/2012_AwC_30th.asp)

IDA BOYD NAMED EDP 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Ms. Ida Boyd was named EDP's Distinguished Alumni on March 21. A native of Brooklyn, NY, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) **Ida Boyd** earned her undergraduate degree in Communication/Media with a minor in Sociology in 1985. While at Fredonia LTC Boyd was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), receiving her commission in July 1986.



LTC Ida Boyd at the EDP Awards Ceremony.

In 1987, as a reserve officer, LTC Boyd was appointed as an Army Adjutant General Officer and attended the Adjutant General Officer Basic Training Course in Indianapolis, Indiana. In a non-active duty status, she served in the 301st Area Support Group in Queens, New York as an Administrative Officer, mobilized and deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991.

Moreover, she was working as a Principle Administrative Associate at New York City Department Consumer Affairs in the Adjudication division from 1988 to 1994.

In May 1994, LTC Boyd entered active duty as an Operations Officer for the New York City Recruiting Battalion at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York until 1997. She then served 3 years with the 81st Regional Support Command as a Mobilization/Readiness and Personnel Management Officer in Birmingham, Alabama.

In July 2000 to 2002, she transferred to the 9th Theater Support Command as the Executive Officer/Senior Personnel Management Officer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Thus in November 2002, she accepted an overseas tour to Honolulu, Hawaii and served two years with the 9th Regional Support Command as the Full-Time Support Officer managing active duty soldiers assigned to South Pacific duties in locations such as American Samoa, Saipan, and Guam. In 2005, LTC Boyd transferred to United States Pacific Command (USAPACOM) at Camp Smith, Hawaii as the Joint Requirements Branch Manager. In 2006, she left Hawaii to work at the Pentagon in Washington DC as the Army Strategy Plans Officer. Her most recent assignment was at the Army Reserve Legal Command in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where she was the Deputy G-1/senior human resource of-

ficer. LTC Boyd was just reassigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in April.

LTC Boyd's military and civilian education includes Transportation Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, United States Army Command and General Staff School. She has completed her master's degree in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University, and is a Ph.D. candidate from Capella University in Organizational Management.

LTC Boyd's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass with Mobilization Device), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Stars), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), Desert Storm Combat Patch, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.



LTC Boyd visits the campus bookstore.

On March 20 Boyd shared her Fredonia, career, and life experiences with our current students at the EDP Alumni Speaker Series. The EDP staff is proud that she is fulfilling the program motto of "Going Above and Beyond."

SEE RELATED ARTICLE ON PAGE 8 AND MORE INFORMATION AND PICTURES AT THESE LINKS:

[Campus Report—March 13, 2012](#)
[Awards Ceremony Pictures](#)
[Alumni Speaker Series](#)

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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.

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.”

Ms. Ida Boyd, Lieutenant Colonel ('85/Communication) presented EDP's third Alumni Speaker Series on March 20. She relayed her EDP story and how she got to be where she is today.



In Memoriam

*It is with great sadness that we report that one of our students, **Kofi B. Genfi**, of Bronx, N.Y., died on June 21 from a swimming accident. Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Mr. Genfi, and to faculty, staff and students who are filled with grief and shock. Kofi was a senior Math – Middle Childhood Certification major. He was a student in the Educational Development Program (EDP) and the Collegiate-Science and Technology Program (CSTEP), a Resident Assistant in Igoe Hall from 2009-2010, and a member of the math club. His family was originally from Ghana, Africa. Contributions to the [Kofi Genfi Memorial Fund](#) are gratefully accepted to help his family with funeral and burial costs. Donations may be made via cash, check, or calling the Foundation Office with your credit card number. Please make checks payable to the Fredonia College Foundation (FCF), memoed for the Kofi Genfi Memorial Fund, and mail them to Fredonia College Foundation, Foundation House, 272 Central Ave., Fredonia, NY 14063. You may call in your donation to 716-673-3321 and ask for Judith Tenamore or contribute [on-line](#). Funeral services will be held August 4 in the Bronx. Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Kofi's mother: Ms. Josephine Boahemaa, 2320 Grand Concourse, Apt. 2G, Bronx, NY 10458. As an expression of sorrow, SUNY Fredonia will fly its flags at half-staff on Monday, August 27. A campus memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 6, 4 pm, Horizon Room, Williams Center.*



EDP STUDENT GATHERING

EDP staff and students had a pre-game and half-time reception at the [men's basketball game](#) on February 11, 2012. Refreshments were served and EDP t-shirts were



worn in support of those EDP students on the basketball team—**Dior Jackson** (SR/Sport Management/Exercise Sci/Monticello), **Jonathan Herrera** (SR/Comm-Public Relations/Woodside), **Julius Bryant**, and **Andrew Ruffin** (SR/Public Accountancy/Brooklyn) (*not pictured above*). We also interacted with those alumni who came to the annual alumni basketball game—**Shaun Nelms** '99/Social Studies, **Jason Campbell** '04/BusAdmin, and **Taha Alasari** '07/Criminal Justice). These kinds of activities are to draw our students closer together. *Pictured with the EDP staff to the left are:* First row: **Taha Alassari**, **Rachael James**, **Margaret Gonzalez**, and **Mercedes Sornoza** '11/Criminal Justice. Second row: **Aaron Quinichett** (SR/Criminal Justice/Elmira), **Janet Knapp**, and **Rachel Skemer**. Third row: **Barbara Yochym**, **David White**, and **Mandela Avril** (SR/Theatre Arts/Bronx).

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:

Mandela Avril	Tara Courtney	Aiden Perrilloux
Nicholas Bernard	Alexander Davis	Domonick Pitts
Derrick Brown	Kenneth Dawson	Kimberly Reynolds
Clive Brown	Alexis Fores	Amanda Rivera
Keah Brown	Julia Gangi	Kimberly Thomas
David Chatterton	Brittney Merritt	Jian Feng Xie
Dana Collier		

FEATURED FRESHMEN



Every month EDP recognizes a “Featured Freshman.” We select them based on a special achievement or contribution they have made and then we ask them for their feelings about Fredonia and about EDP. Students’ pic-

tures 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 final selection.

Freshmen selected for 2011-12 were **Rachael James, Briana Lawall, Glenn Hillman, Luisa Bonilla, Benjamin Soto-Soto** (BusAdmin/Dunkirk), and **Isaiah Holston**.

EOP/EOC ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY

On March 27 two Fredonia EDP students—**Margaret Gonzalez** and **Lasheri Mayes**—traveled with EDP Director David White and 29 other Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) students and staff from the Buffalo area to Albany, New York, for EOP/EOC Advocacy Day. “Even though we left on the bus at 4 am for Albany, it was a tremendous experience. Students passionately spoke to several state legislators on the importance and need for continued EOP funding and the opportunity that EOP/EDP has provided for

them,” said Director White.

The group had time to meet legislators and were invited onto the Assembly floor by Assemblyman Sean Ryan (Fredonia alumnus), 144th District, where they were officially introduced and welcomed. Two other NYS Assembly representatives from Buffalo—Mr. Michael Kearns,



Mayes, Gonzalez, and White above the NYS Assembly floor.

145th District, and Ms. Crystal Peoples-Stokes, 141st District—introduced themselves to our students as well. “This was my first experience at lobbying. Lash and Margie passionately spoke to several state legislators making EOP state-wide and EDP at Fredonia proud,” said White. Links to the NYS Assembly and Senate may be found on EDP’s webpage— <http://www.fredonia.edu/edp/funding.asp>



Gonzalez, Mayes, Assemblyman Ryan, and White.

**EDP 1st Fall 2012 General
Student Body Meeting —
Wednesday, August 29, 2012
4:00 pm - Horizon Room/
Williams Center**

ALUMNI UPDATE

◆ **Sarah Chichester** '11/Theatre Arts emailed us to say “I hope everyone in EDP is doing well and I thank you all so much for everything you have done for me! I was accepted to NYU to get my master's in Educational Theatre and started in January. Since commencement at Fredonia, I have been working on a lot of shows out of several different theatres in NYC and plan to continue doing more while studying at NYU.”

◆ **James Adesida** '10/Psychology emailed us that “as of June 4, I will be working in Japan teaching English to children and young adolescents ages 5-15. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and I have you to thank. The recruiters were so impressed with my letters of reference and my interview. I can't wait to start this journey. Once again, I wanted to give you a big, heartfelt thank you. I will be sure to drop you a line and pictures every now and then. Take care!”

◆ **Audrey Pitts** '82/Sociology appeared in the “Educational Opportunity Program Campus News” published by the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) at SUNY in Albany, Issue 2,



2011-2012. Each campus submitted alumni highlights and OOP selected the best of the best for this publication.

◆ **Taha Alassari** '07/Criminal Justice (pictured to the left) earned his master's in Special Education from Touro College in NYC.

[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 October 15 to Barbara.Yochym@fredonia.edu. The EDP staff will make the final decision.

COMMENCEMENT—May 12, 2012

Some grads and their proud families!!!



Blossom Fernandes
(Biology/Massena)

Derwin English
(Bus Admin/Averne)



Gabrielle Kelly
(Criminal Justice/
Brooklyn)



James Harris
(Bus Admin/
Cheektowaga)



Oluwabumi Ajayi
(English/Brooklyn)



Jonathan Herrera
(Communication-Public
Relations/Woodside)



Ricardo Rose (Exercise
Science/Niagara Falls)



Joseph Raville (Music
Education/Chaumont)



Shakira Mayne (Criminal
Justice/Staten Island)

Amanda Tobin
(Social
Work/
Perrys-
burg)



Julius Bryant (Sport
Management/
Buffalo)



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

“**Beautify the Campus Woodlot/Help Pick up Litter**” is the EDP-sponsored community service project. First held on [September 26, 2011](#), EDP organized its second litter pick up [April 17](#) during [Earth Week 2012](#). Plastic gloves and garbage bags were provided. Volunteers have included not just EDP students but also women’s rugby players, staff members, Brother-to-Brother members, Omega Psi Zeta members, Speech Seminar students, and members of the community. All names are entered for a prize drawing for an FSA gift card and are sent to [Volunteer and Community Services](#) to receive official credit.



Thanks go to Fredonia's Facilities Service/ Grounds Crew for pickup of the trash bags. Dr. Michael Jabot/Sci Edu said "hopefully this experience will be a ripple effect on the participants because they will now be more aware of litter/ littering and will not let friends litter."



Front row: *Madison and David White, II*
Back row: *David White, Margaret Gonzalez, Amanda Tobin, and Barbara Yochym*

EDP plans on picking up litter in the woodlot again on Tuesday, September 11, 3:30 pm. This is a prelude to President Virginia Schaefer Horvath’s “[Inaugural Day of Service](#)” to be held on September 22. (*SEE WELCOME PRESIDENT HORVATH BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE “INAUGURAL DAY OF SERVICE.”*)

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group of students that will undoubtedly continue our tradition of “Going Above and Beyond.”

In closing, it is with a heavy heart that I make mention of the loss of one of our students, Kofi B. Genfi, who passed away on June 21, in a swimming accident. Kofi was a popular student who truly appreciated his EDP family. Kofi was on track to graduate in May and will surely be missed.

Best regards,

David M. White, EDP Director

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Medaille University for the fall. ★**Joshua Acquaye** (SR/Criminal Justice/Bronx) has enlisted in the Navy. ★ EDP students in work-study for spring 2012 were: **Rocio Gosende** in Admissions; **Lasheri Mayes** in Admissions; and **Joshua Moreno** in Learning Center. ★**Kimberly Thomas** (JR/Visual Arts & New Media/Buffalo) had her art work on display in early May in the Michael C. Rockefeller Art Center class studio. ★EDP students in the Gospel Choir’s April concert were: **Seth Bush** (SO/

Comm-Audio/Radio/Buffalo), **James Harris** (SR/Bus Admin/Cheektowaga), **Glenn Hillman**, and **Amanda Tobin**.

WELCOME PRESIDENT HORVATH

The EDP staff and students join the rest of the campus community in welcoming Fredonia’s 13th president—Dr. Virginia Schaefer Horvath (*pictured to the right*).

Having taken office officially on July 1, President Horvath met with the EDP staff July 9 in her effort to visit each department. Our meeting confirmed what we already knew, that Fredonia will be in good hands.



The [investiture ceremony](#), scheduled for September 21 at 2 p.m. in King Concert Hall of the Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center, will be preceded by five days of concerts, lectures, exhibits, and symposia, designed to draw attention to Fredonia's rich tradition of artistic and intellectual excellence and our increasing commitment to global issues and international exchange. The theme for Dr. Horvath's inauguration week is "Building on a Tradition of Excellence." The day following the investiture has been designated a campus-wide [Inaugural Day of Service](#), where students, faculty and staff will be working on a variety of community service projects in partnership with area non-profit agencies, addressing critical community needs.

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