

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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From The Director

Greetings! It is my sincere hope that this ACCENT finds you in good health, enjoying your summer, and preparing for another successful academic year.

EDP's mission and goals are consistent with Fredonia's in that we "go above and beyond" in our efforts to inspire students to become more skilled, connected, creative, and responsible global citizens. Although the spring 2014 semester, as well as this summer, seemed accelerated, EDP students assisted the EDP staff in meeting our objectives by finding their passions and embracing the 2013-14 theme, "*Shaping Opportunities into Accomplishments.*" In this, the 31st volume of ACCENT, you will read about our amazing students, their achievements and activities, as well as the services EDP provides. One of our major programs is JEWEL — July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning. I am excited to report the positive impact that this summer orientation has had on our incoming students. EDP's first-year retention rates continue to soar! Another program I am eager to announce is the formation of an EDP Student Advisory Board. This group of EDP student leaders will serve as communication and interaction conduits between EDP students and staff. I am looking forward to the valuable feedback and input that this important group will provide.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the amazing EDP staff for all that they do. Our students and the campus community recognize their dedication in supporting our students in their quest for success.

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ANNOUNCING EDP'S THEME FOR 2014-15

★ **Strengthening Foundations for Success**



★ **Shaping Opportunities into
Accomplishments**
2013-14

★ **Excellence
Without Excuses**
2011-12

★ **Striving to Achieve**
2012-13

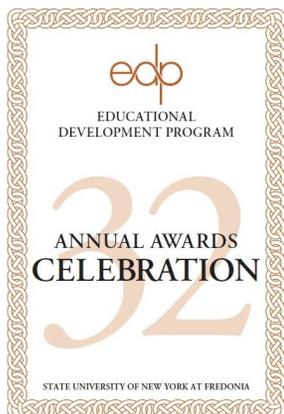
★ **Transitioning and
Transforming for Success**
2010-11

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Shaping Opportunities into Accomplishments
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**32nd ANNUAL
EDP AWARDS
CEREMONY HELD
APRIL 8**

The Educational Development Program hosted its [32nd Annual Awards Ceremony on April 8](#) 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. Virginia Horvath, President; Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Enrollment Services; and Mr. David White, EDP's Director. Student entertainment included a piano solo by **Masiur Abik** (SO/Molecular Genetics/Bronx) and vocal performance by **Alessio Farina** (SO/Music Edu/Nesconset).

Special awards presented included:

◆ *Outstanding Tutors of the Year*

Mary Cappotelli	Laura Hirst
Myungsun Kim	Ramses Rodriguez

◆ *Community Service Awards*

Kemi Balogun	Jeanie Huang
Daquella Blacks	Natasha Kundrat
Shannon Boyle	Krystal Lebron
Kalif Crutcher	Nour Mahieldeina
Darlene Cruz	Jessie Moriarty
De'Sean Cruz	Michelle Olesko
Tieliek Curry	Paul Overturf
Kenneth Dawson	Domonick Pitts
Carmelito Deleon	Shaiann Simpson
Alessio Farina	Benjamin Soto-Soto
Jennifer Garcia	Maimouna Sylla
Margaret Gonzalez	Ibrahima Toure
Emmanuel Guzman	Alexis Williams

◆ <i>Arthur O. Eve Scholarship</i>	Brittany Fraczek
Kimberly Reynolds	Michael Rowe

◆ <i>Director's Award</i>	Nuruzzaman Rafit
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◆ <i>Gregory Antonio Memorial Award</i>	Kenneth Dawson
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◆ <i>Exemplary Service Award</i>	Facilities Services
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◆ <i>Distinguished Alumni Award</i>	Kevin '94 '96 and Satoria Donovan '96
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◆ *Academic Certificates*

Those EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the spring 2013 and/or fall 2013 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:

Keyara Allen	Cory Hunter
David Asimeng	Siobhan Hunter
Jonathan Batres	Michelle Inga
Kenneth Bermudez	Sabrina Irby
Nicholas Bernard	Rachael James
Michael Bianco	Deshaun Jefferson
Daquella Blacks	Kaeleigh Jones
Andrew Blakey	Nayla Kabir
Jeremiah Blundon	Jelissa Lebron
Shannon Boyle	Krystal Lebron
Clive Brown	Sabrina Macaulay
Derrick Brown	Ivo Margic
Keah Brown	Brittany Matthews
Sykhare Brown	Lasheri Mayes
Tyler Burkett	Brittany McClellan
Seth Bush	Patrick McDonnell
Kelly Caner	Joshua Moreno
Cynthia Chan	Meghan Murphy
Rebecca Chatterton	Pilar Nelson
Tara Courtney	Sammantha Nickel
Kalif Crutcher	Michelle Olesko
Darlene Cruz	Tamiko Orasio
De'Sean Cruz	Paul Overturf
Tieliek Curry	Aiden Perrilloux
Alexander Davis	Domonick Pitts
Kenneth Dawson	Aaron Quinitchett
Ashley Ellis	Nuruzzaman Rafit
Alessio Farina	Kimberly Reynolds
Christian Figueroa	Amanda Rivera
Brandon Flores	Christina Roberts
Alexis Fores	Chabely Rodriguez
Brittany Fraczek	Jose Rosario
Mary Gagola	Eduvijez Sanchez
Jennifer Garcia	Maimouna Sylla
Jazmil Genao	Kimberly Thomas
Justin Gloss	Ibrahima Toure
Kristina Grabowski	Tamika Whittick
Michelle Guilford	Alexis Williams
Emmanuel Guzman	Christopher Wright
Julian Hernandez	

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.



RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENT

Recipient of the spring 2014 Ralph Wilson Book Award—**Krystal Lebron**—is pictured to the left with Mr. David M. White, EDP Director. Krystal is a junior [Biology major](#) from Dunkirk. She spent the summer at an internship in Puerto Rico at the Caribbean Primate Research Center. She emailed that “I have learned so much! I love it! I have had the chance to experience many aspects of veterinarian medicine that not many prospective students get a chance to experience prior to veterinary school. Thank you [EDP and Mr. White] for being such an amazing support in my academic life.”

The initial Wilson 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 300 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. Offered each semester, Spring 2014 was the 28th presentation of the scholarship and over \$17,000 has been awarded.



THIRTEEN 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 191 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 2014 included:



Danielle Bikofsky	Jelissa Lebron
Alyssa Buckley	Krystal Lebron
Kristine Bushnell	Brittany Matthews
Brittany German	Melyssa Proctor
Lauren Goeing	Alexander Vivinetto
Emmanuel Guzman	Jamirah Williams-
Brittney Herbst	Johnson

EOP/EOC ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY

On February 12, five Fredonia EDP students and EDP director David White were part of the Western New York (Fredonia, Geneseo, Buffalo State, and UB) contingent that went to the United University Professions (UUP) sponsored Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) Advocacy Day. Fredonia’s students met with several legislators



Nour Mahieldeina (SO/Criminal Justice/Farmingdale), **Jessie Moriarty** (JR/Psychology/Phoenicia), **Jennifer Garcia** (JR/Social Work/Brooklyn), **Daquella Blacks** (JR/Business Admin/New York), **Darlene Cruz** (SO/International Studies/Walden), and Assemblywoman Tenney

including Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney who represents the 101st Assembly District, which is comprised of parts of Oneida, Herkimer,

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Otsego, Delaware, Ulster, Sullivan and Orange counties.

The EDP delegation met up with **Rachael James** (SR/Comm-PR/Bronx) who was completing an internship at the Capitol.

Links to the NYS Assembly and Senate may be found on [EDP's webpage](#)—[Funding Advocacy](#).

S'14 DEAN'S LIST

3.30 or higher semester average

Jonathan Batres	Michelle Inga
Tyler Burkett	Krystal Lebron
Kalif Crutcher	Jessie Moriarty
Christian Figueroa	Domonick Pitts
Alexis Fores	Chabely Rodriguez
Cassidy Fritsch	Eduvijez Sanchez
Emmanuel Guzman	

**First Fall EDP
General Student Body Meeting
Wednesday, September 3
4:00 pm
S204A-C Williams Center**

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](#) (OOP) for their scholastic excellence and extraordinary dedication to self-improvement.

OOP oversees policy development/implementation, fiscal planning, data collection/reporting, etc., of all SUNY-wide EOP programs. This year's recipients are:

David Asimeng	Michelle	Domonick Pitts
Shannon Boyle	Guilford	Kimberly
Sykhre Brown	Emmanuel	Reynolds
Tyler Burkett	Guzman	Chabely
Kelly Caner	Michelle Inga	Rodriguez
Tara Courtney	Deshaun	Jose Rosario
Darlene Cruz	Jefferson	Eduvijez Sanchez
Kenneth Dawson	Jelissa Lebron	Maimouna Sylla
Alessio Farina	Krystal Lebron	KimberlyThomas
Alexis Fores	Sammantha	Tamika Whittick
	Nickel	Alexis Williams



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](#), which is held once a semester. The fall pickup is on September 11, national day of service, and the spring pickup is during Earth Week. Plastic gloves and garbage bags are provided, and campus and community volunteers are welcome.

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. Fredonia's Facilities Services' Grounds Crew picks up the trash bags.



Brandon Flores (SO/Molecular Genetics/Rego Park)

EDP plans on picking up litter in the woodlot on **Wednesday, September 11, 3:30 pm**. Rain date is Thursday, September 12, 3:30 pm.



FEATURED FIRST YEARS

Throughout the academic year EDP recognizes several of its first-year students as “Featured First Years.” The EDP staff accepts all nominations and selections are based on any special achievements and/or contributions of the nominee. Students’ pictures with their personal reflections of Fredonia and EDP are posted on EDP’s Featured First Year board and students receive a FSA gift card.

What makes a Featured First Year? ✓JEWEL leadership award, ✓Being on the Dean’s List,

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2014 JEWEL

The 2014 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) took place July 11-25. Forty-three new EDP students (*pictured to the left along with 8 peer advisors*) 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 and taking part in a leadership ropes course at the College Lodge (*pictured lower right*). The fee, meal, and lodging costs dur-

ing the orientation were covered for each student by contributions from the University and a grant from the [Office of Opportunity Programs](#). Located at [SUNY Central](#) in Albany, OOP oversees SUNY-wide EOP 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 JEWEL, it is found that they have a better idea of why they are here and what must be accomplished to be successful. New first-year students also participated in the [University's Summer Orientation](#) July 10-11. 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 incoming EDP students attend both the university's orientation and JEWEL. First-year students 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.

Helping to guide these new, first-year students were eight current students who acted as JEWEL peer advisors—**David Asimeng** (JR/Visual Arts & New Media/Bronx), **Kelly Caner** (SO/English/Northport), **Anthony Colquitt** (JR/Sport Management/Rochester), **Rachael James** (SR/Comm-Public Relations/Bronx), **Paul Overturf** (JR/Criminal Justice/Fredonia), **Maimouna Sylla** (SO/Social Work/Bronx), **Miles Thompson** ('14/Political Science/Massapequa), and **Tamika Whittick** (SO/Biology/Bronx). Appreciation and thanks go out to JEWEL class instructors, workshop presenters, and guest speakers:



- ◆Ms. Erica Arlequin, Admissions
- ◆Dr. William Boerner, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- ◆Mr. Brian Arrington, Pennsylvania State Police
- ◆Mr. Jeremy Corrente, Financial Aid
- ◆Ms. Anne Fearman, English
- ◆Dr. David Herman, Student Affairs
- ◆Mr. Timothy Jantzi, Jantzi Test Prep
- ◆Ms. Adia Jordan, Civic Engagement
- ◆Mr. Jeffrey Keddie, FSA
- ◆Mr. Joseph Kubek, Graduate Assistant
- ◆Ms. Amy Leclair, Academic Advising & Liberal Arts
- ◆Dr. Kathleen Lesniak, Curriculum & Instruction
- ◆Mr. Jason Letersky, FSA
- ◆Ms. Megan Mackowiak, Financial Aid
- ◆Ms. Charlotte Morse, Information Technology Services
- ◆Ms. Erin Mrocza, First Year and Transition Programs

- ◆Ms. Amber Powell, Mathematical Sciences
- ◆Mr. Joseph Pusch, FSA
- ◆Ms. Amber Rinehart, Communication
- ◆Ms. Iana Spann, Graduate Assistant
- ◆Ms. Liza Smith, Learning Center
- ◆Ms. Jellema Stewart, Center for Multicultural Affairs
- ◆Mr. Mark Suida, Campus Life
- ◆Ms. Katie Thies, FSA
- ◆Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Enrollment Services
- ◆Ms. Teresa Van Aernam, CSTEP
- ◆Ms. Monica White, Student Affairs
- ◆Mr. Steven Whitemore, Graduate Assistant
- ◆Faculty Student Association
- ◆Residence Life
- ◆Student Affairs

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✓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.

First-years selected for 2013-14 were **De'Sean Cruz** (SO/Theatre Arts/Bronx), **Danielle Dean** (SO/Criminal Justice/Dunkirk), **Shayla Lipscomb** (SO/Social Work/Buffalo), **Amanda Gusmano** (SO/Visual Arts & New Media/North Salem), and **Eduvijez Sanchez** (SO/Comm-Audio/Radio/Buffalo).

EDP COMPUTER LAB UPGRADE



EDP's computer lab, dedicated to EDP student usage, saw an upgrade over the summer. Old tables were losing their wheels and new tables were installed. Thanks go to Facilities Services and Information Technology Services staff for assisting with the installation.

Located across from EDP staff offices, the lab is equipped with eight Dell OptiPlex 9010 computers running Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2013 (software updated as of January 2014; hardware updated August 2014), work areas



for five students bringing in their own equipment or just needing a work space, and a black and white laser printer. [Other computer labs are located across campus.](#) The lab is maintained by the campus's [Information Technology Services \(ITS\)](#).

EDP STUDENT GATHERING

The EDP-hosted student/staff basketball reception was held February 15. "These kinds of activities are to draw our students closer together to assist in creating a stronger sense of school spirit and unity. By wearing our EDP t-shirts to the games, we have the opportunity to show our EDP pride, all while supporting our EDP basketball players," said EDP Director David White.

Attendees rooted for the women's basketball team, attended the reception, and cheered at the men's game. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. David Herman also joined us for



refreshments provided by FSA. Funding for this event was through EDP's Cultural Connections Project grant from FSA. **Sabrina Macaulay** (JR/Early and Childhood Edu-Social Studies/Newark) played on the women's basketball team. **Anthony Colquitt** (JR/Sport Management/Rochester) and **Xavier Mann** (JR/Sport Management/Cheektowaga) played on the men's team.

Pictured above: Seated: Margaret Gonzalez (JR/Accounting/New York), Janet Knapp, and Joshua Young (SO/Business Admin/Buffalo). Middle Row: Maimouna Sylla (SO/Social Work/Bronx), Darlene Cruz (SO/International Studies/Walden), Barbara Yochym, Tieliek Curry (JR/Social Work/Bronx), and Mary Matthews (SO/Biology/Brooklyn). Back Row: Dr. David Herman and David White. Pictures are also on EDP's [webpage](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Front and back of EDP t-shirts with new Fredonia logo.

DATES

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- August 25** – Academic Year Office Hours 8:30 am to 5 pm
 - August 25** – F’14 First Day of Classes
 - September 1**– Labor Day/ NO CLASSES
 - September 3** – **First EDP General Meeting, 4 pm, S204A-C, WmsCenter**
 - September 8** – Final Day to Apply for December Graduation
 - September 11** – **EDP Community Service—3:30 pm, Litter Pick Up—Campus Woodlot**
 - September 17**—No Classes—Professional Development Day
 - October 9-10** – Fall Break
 - October 16** – **Second EDP General Meeting, 4 pm, Horizon Room, Williams Center**
 - October 22** – Mid-semester
 - October 27-31** – S’15 Advising
 - November 3** – S’15 Registration begins
 - November 24-28** – Thanksgiving Break
 - December 1** – Final day to Completely Withdraw from the University
 - December 15-19** – Final Examinations
 - January 21, 2015** – S’15 First Day of Classes
 - TBA** – **First EDP General Meeting, Time/Place TBA**
 - February 4** – Last Day to Apply for May Graduation
 - TBA** – **Second EDP General Meeting**
 - March 11** – **EDP 33rd Annual Awards Ceremony/Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Induction**
 - March 16-20** – Spring Break
 - March 25** – Mid-semester
 - March 30** – **April 3** – F’15 Advising
 - April 6** – No Classes—Travel Day
 - TBA**—**EDP Community Service**
 - May 11-15** – Final Exams
 - May 16** – Commencement
 - July TBA** – **2015 EDP JEWEL**
 - August 24** – First Day of F’15 Classes

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

The first edition of the 2013-2014 Educational Development Program’s [Student Spotlight](#) featured two very successful students, [Alexis N. Fores](#) (’14/[Comm-Journalism](#), Fredonia) and [Domonick A. Pitts](#) (’14/ Interdisciplinary Studies: [Exercise Science](#), major; [Athletic Coaching](#), minor, Buffalo). They were recipients of the 2013 Wallace Scholarship.

This edition focused on two graduates, [Marcus B. Anderson](#) and [David M. Chatterton](#). Both young men have successfully completed their undergraduate course work and graduated in spring 2012 and spring 2013, respectively. They returned to campus to work on their master’s degrees with some financial help from the [EOP-GOP \(Educational Opportunity Program Graduate Opportunity Program\)](#). Marcus earned his master’s in May and David will complete his studies in May 2015.

The 2013 end-of-the-year Student Spotlight presented two of EDP’s imaginative and inventive students, [Rebecca Chatterton](#) and [Brittany Matthews](#), who are both pursuing [Bachelor of Art](#) degrees in [Visual Arts and New Media](#).

To close out the academic year the Spotlight show-



cased an [E](#)xceptional, [D](#)ependable, and [P](#)ersistent volunteer, [Mr. Kenneth Dawson](#), a [Sport Management](#) major/[Business Administration](#) minor from Poughkeepsie.

[Student Spotlights](#) may be found on EDP’s website and are coordinated by EDP counselor Janet Knapp.

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Also, I would like to introduce EDP’s 2014-15 theme — *“Strengthening Foundations for Success.”* This year’s focus is being placed on the building blocks that ensure success, with an emphasis on those areas and details that assist in going from good to great!

All the Best,

David M. White, EDP Director

Memories from EDP's 2014 Awards Ceremony



EDP Staff with Distinguished Alums—Rachel Skemer, counselor; Barbara Yochym, secretary; Kevin and Satoria Donovan, Distinguished Alumni; Janet Knapp, senior counselor; and David White, director.

EDP Exemplary Service Award Recipient—Facilities Services—Right—Kevin Cloos, Facilities Services Director and Mr. White.



Below—Several employees from Facilities Services were able to attend.



TUTORS OF THE YEAR—Ramses Rodriguez (biology) and Myungsun Kim (math/chemistry), pictured with EDP Director White, were named

Tutors of the Year along with Mary Cappotelli (psych) and Laura Hirst (history), who were unable to attend.



2014 Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Inductees and Staff
Standing: Barbara Yochym, Kimberly Mead-Colegrove/Full Opportunity Program Director, Brittany German, Brittany Matthews, Janet Knapp, and David White. Seated: Kristine Bushnell, Alyssa Buckley, Jamirah Williams-Johnson, and Jelissa Lebron. Unable to attend: Danielle Bikofsky, Lauren Goeing, Emmanuel Guzman, Brittney Herbst, Krystal Lebron, Melyssa Proctor, and Alexander Vivinetto.

Student entertainers were **Masiur Abik** (SO/Molecular Genetics/Bronx) on piano and vocal solo by **Alessio Farina** (SO/Music Education/Nescon Nesconset).



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



Along with students, faculty, and staff, family members showed their support by attending the awards ceremony. To the left is **Kimberly Reynolds** ('14/Childhood Ed: English 7-9 Ext/Buffalo) and her mother. To the right is **Kenneth Dawson** ('14/Sport Management/Poughkeepsie) and his parents.



KEVIN AND SATORIA DONOVAN NAMED EDP 2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Donovan were name EDP’s Distinguished Alumni on April 8. A Buffalo native, **Satoria (Polk) Donovan** graduated in 1996 with a degree in Psychology. She continued her education at D’Youville College where she earned a master’s degree in Special Education. She is an educator with the Buffalo Public Schools, currently a special education consultant teacher at the Academy School where she works with over-aged and under-privileged youth who have encountered adversities. Elected 2010 Business Woman



of the Year by the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Satoria recently earned her education administration certification through Canisius College.

Syracuse native **Kevin Donovan** graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 1994 and a master’s degree in English in 1996. While at Fredonia Kevin served as class president and played on the Blue Devil basketball team. He started his career journey as a financial representative at AXA Equitable and within four years he was named regional vice president. In 2006, Kevin also ventured into the financial world of ownership as an independent financial representative. Today, Kevin is the co-founder and director of the Benefits Consulting Group (BCG), a growing financial services organization in the Western New York and Rochester areas where he and his group of eight are financially impacting over 300 new homes per year. He has served on the board for the Buffalo Zoological Gardens; is a member of Lasting Education for Women, Adults, and Children; is active in the Zion Dominion Church of God in Christ; and coaches little league football and basketball.

The Donovans are co-founders of Urban Professionals of WNY, Inc., in which area professionals gather

for networking and communicate about mentoring students from age 16 through college age; as well as Eternal Euphoria, LLC, and Milk Productions. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan reside in the Buffalo area with their three children—Kevin, Jr., Kendal, and Kaeden.

EDP is proud that this couple is fulfilling the program motto of “Going Above and Beyond.”

The EDP **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** is presented to a graduate of Fredonia’s Educational Development Program who has accomplished personal and career goals and demonstrated a commitment to leadership and academic excellence.

SEE RELATED ARTICLE ON PAGE 2 AND MORE INFORMATION AND PICTURES AT THESE LINKS:

[Campus Report](#)
[Awards Ceremony Pictures](#)

EDP ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Mr. and Mrs. Donovan spoke on March 20 at the EDP Alumni Speaker Series. They relayed their EDP story and how they got to be where they are today.

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.”

A FEW PICTURES FROM COMMENCEMENT—May 17, 2014



GRADUATION DAY — *Carmelito Deleon* (Communication-PR/Fulton), *Pilar Nelson* (Interdisciplinary Studies/Bufalo), *Seth Bush* (Communication-Audio/Radio/Bufalo), *Christian Figueroa* (Social Work/Dunkirk), *Kenneth Dawson* (Sport Management/Poughkeepsie), *Michael Rowe* (Molecular Genetics/Geneva), *Alexis Fores* (Communication-Journalism/Fredonia), and *Mr. White*.



Tara Courtney
(Visual Arts & New Media-Photography/Amherst)



Carmelito Deleon (Communication-PR/Fulton) with *Tamiko Orasio* (SR/Business Admin-Marketing/New York) and *Joshua Moreno* (SR/Visual Arts New Media/Jackson Heights)



Rachel Skemer, *Kenneth Dawson* (Sport Management/Poughkeepsie), *Domonick Pitts* (Exercise Science/Bufalo), *Marcus Anderson* (Education-Literacy II 5-12), and *Mr. White*



Christopher Wright (Exercise Science/Dunkirk)



Kimberly Reynolds
(Childhood Ed: English 7-9 Ext/Bufalo)

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL '13 AND SPRING/SUMMER '14 EDP GRADS

Marcus Anderson*
Kenneth Bermudez
Seth Bush
Tara Courtney
Kenneth Dawson
Carmelito Deleon
Ashley Ellis
Christian Figueroa
Alexis Fores
Mary Gagola

Cordell Jacobs
Ivo Margic
Pilar Nelson
Michelle Olesko
Lorenzo Parnell
Hector Perez
Domonick Pitts
Kimberly Reynolds
Michael Rowe
Treyvon Sprauve

Kimberly Thomas
Christopher Wright
*master's degree



2014 WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

As benefactresses of a one-time increase in funding from Dr. David Herman, Vice President for Student Affairs, four exemplary EDP students will be receiving the 2014 Wallace Scholarship. Scholarships, each in the amount of \$500, will be presented to **Rebecca Chatterton, Rachael James, Jelissa Lebron, and Krystal Lebron.**



Chatterton

Rebecca Chatterton is a senior, Visual Arts and New Media major from Oswego and her aspiration is to concentrate in ceramics. She has earned spots on the Dean's List.

Rachael James is a senior, Communication-Public Relations major from Bronx. She has been an EDP JEWEL peer advisor and study hall monitor, Black Student Union Officer, completed an internship in Albany, and been on the Dean's List.



James



J. Lebron

Jelissa Lebron is a junior, Communication-Communication Studies major from Brooklyn. She was inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon in 2014, has been an EDP JEWEL peer advisor and study hall monitor, and been on the Dean's List.

Krystal Lebron is a junior, Biology major from Dunkirk. She was inducted into Chi Alpha Epsilon in 2014, received the Ralph Wilson Book Award in spring 2014, is a Keeper of the Dream scholarship recipient, and has been on the Dean's List.



K. Lebron

Criteria for the scholarship are for EDP students to have earned at least 50 credit hours; must be enrolled at least one semester after receiving the scholarship; must be in good academic standing (2.50 CUM GPA or higher); and must have evidence of campus and/or program leadership, maturity. A 500-600 word essay is required and should include (but not limited to) a description of successes and challenges while at Fredonia and the strategies used to achieve academic success. Highlights of involvement in the campus community and how the Educational Development Program has been instrumental in assisting them in achieving their goals should be addressed.

The list of eligible scholarship candidates is reviewed by the EDP staff and recommendations go to the scholarship committee consisting of Emma McFayden '76,

Keith McFayden '77, Dr. Sherryl Weems '76, Dr. Ja-waan Wallace, and Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace '68. The four scholarships will be awarded at the first EDP general meeting on September 3 and students will be recognized at the Fredonia College Foundation's Scholars' Breakfast on October 25.

CPR/AED TRAINING PROVIDED FOR EDP STUDENTS

Fredonia's office for [Environmental Health & Safety \(EH&S\)](#) is responsible for providing campus wide compliance with federal, state, and local environmental, safety, and fire regulations. In addition to providing compliance, they are responsible for the design and implementation of programs that augment the knowledge, skills and abilities of



Darlene Cruz, Krystal Lebron, Justin Gloss, Tara Courtney, and Alexis Williams.

faculty, students, and staff to have a safe and enjoyable experience both on and off campus.

One of the offerings from EHS is CPR/AED (cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator) training. For the first time, EDP offered this training to its students. Fees were paid for from EDP's FSA grant. Students appreciated this opportunity and **Tara Courtney** said "I wanted to thank the entire EDP staff for this opportunity. It was a lot of fun and now I feel like I could save a life if needed. Thank you very much, It was a wonderful opportunity!"

Mr. White and Tieliek Curry.



EDP hopes to provide funding for this training again in the future.

**Second Fall EDP
General Student Body Meeting
Thursday, October 16
4:00 pm
S204A-C Williams Center**

CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★ **Cassidy Fritsch** (SO/Theater Arts/Orchard Park) was in “Where There’s a Will” in February and was a spotlight operator and an electrician for *Rent* in April.

★ **Keyara Allen** (JR/Earth Science-Adolescence Ed/Rochester), **Eduvije Sanchez** (SO/Communication Audio-Radio/Buffalo) and **Zija Lubin-West** (SR/Theatre Arts/New York) were in “The Vagina Monologues” 2/13-15. ★ **Zija Lubin-West** was an assistant stage manager for “Fredonia Dance Ensemble” 2/21-23. ★ **Alessio Farina** (SO/Music Education/Nesconset) and **Johnathan Sales** (SR/Music- Applied/Buffalo) sang in the SOTA (Student Opera Theatre Association) production at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House 2/27. ★ **Johnathan Sales** took part in the Mock Trial 4/1. ★ **Justin Gloss** (JR/Psychology BS/Dunkirk) was in the Pride Alliance Drag Show 3/28. ★ **Jennifer Garcia** (JR/Social Work/Brooklyn), **Krystal Lebron** (JR/Biology/Dunkirk), **Domonick Pitts** (‘14/Exercise Science/Buffalo), **Tamika Whittick** (SO/Biology/Bronx), and **Maimouna Sylla** (SO/Social Work/Bronx) attended the CSTEP (Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program) conference at Sagamore Resort in Lake George in 4/11-13 and **Jen Garcia** was Fredonia’s Student Ambassador. ★ **Kelly Caner** (SO/English/Northport) and **Zija Lubin-West** participated in the Big Read poetry slam 3/31. ★ **Oscar Martinez** (JR/Music Education/Brentwood) had a viola recital 3/30 and received a scholarship at the School of Music Convocation in May. ★ **Kalif Crutcher** (JR/Social Work/Buffalo) and **Krystal Lebron** were student speakers at the 3/29 accepted student open house. ★ Students who assisted with the University’s summer orientation in June and July were: **Domonick Pitts**, parent coordinator, **Justin Gloss**, orientation leader, and **Alexia Williams** (SO/Psychology/Buffalo), first-year programming and late night activities. ★ **Bryanna Palmer Cacio** (SO/Criminal Justice/Fredonia) secured an internship with Dunkirk City Court for F’14. ★ EDP students who were recognized or presented at the Leadership Banquet 4/30 were: **Kemi Balogun** (SO/Pol Sci/Long Island City), **Tieliek Curry** (JR/Social Work/Bronx), **Brandon Flores** (SO/Molecular Genetics/Rego Park), **Nayla Kabir** (SO/Bus Admin/Bronx), **Maimouna Sylla**, **Tamika Whittick**, and **Alexis Williams**. ★ **Tara Courtney** (‘14/Visual Arts & New Media/Amherst) showed her photos 4/14-18 and was part of the senior show in the Marion Art Gallery in early May. ★ **Patrick McDonnell** (SR/Psychology/Fredonia) had an internship with STEL (Southern Tier Environmental Living) for the summer. ★ **Eduvije Sanchez** and **Emmanuel Guzman** (JR/Communication Disorders & Sciences/Bronx) were selected to be resident assistants for fall 2014.



ALUMNI UPDATE

◆ **Deidre DeBose ’00/Social Work** is the Assistant Director of Higher Education Opportunity Program at Canisius University in Buffalo. She is pursuing her doctoral degree at the SUNY Buffalo.

◆ **Kofi Begyabeng Genfi, Jr. ’14/Math** was awarded his posthumous degree in May. Three of Kofi’s brothers and two of his best friends (also EDP alumni) were



in attendance. Thanks go to Dr. H. Joseph Straight from Mathematical Science and the Math Education alumni for assisting in covering transportation expenses.

◆ **Christian Torres ’10/Bus Admin** is the assistant diving coach for the Blue Devils.

◆ **Serene Lazaro ’11/Comm-PR** is employed with [Imagine Staffing](#), a national recruiting/staffing firm, as a junior recruiter.

◆ **Christian Figueroa ’14/Social Work** has secured a job in California at the Children’s Home of Stockton. He is settling in and lives in Lathrop, CA.

◆ **Pilar Nelson ’14/Interdisciplinary Studies** and **Seth Bush ’14/Comm-Audio/Radio** worked for Fredonia’s Upward Bound Program during the summer.

◆ **Seth Bush ’14/Comm-Audio/Radio** will take part in a Disney internship in Orlando this fall.

Visit “Alumni News” on EDP’s webpage.

EDP staff is 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 Barbra.Yochym@fredonia.edu. The EDP staff will make the final decision. Please send any alumni news to Barbra.Yochym@fredonia.edu.

EXCITING NEWS—

The next EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion will be April 24-26, 2015. Details will be finalized by the end of this year.

See pictures from the [2008](#) and [2011](#) reunions.

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