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## From The Director

Greetings! It is my hope that this installment of the ACCENT finds you excited about the holiday season and the new year. This past spring and fall marked significant changes within the Educational Development Program — Janet Knapp, longtime EDP counselor, retired; EDP welcomed Daniel Smith as its newest staff member; EDP LEADS mentoring program was launched; credit was offered during the JEWEL summer program; the Nichter EDP Scholarship was established and awarded; and our next our next Distinguished Alumni was named (*see Ms. Johnson-Debrow with her students on page 14*). The EDP family also grew with the addition of 39 first-year students and 4 transfers.

As we ushered out the spring semester with EDP's 2014-15 theme of **Strengthening Foundations for Success**, I am proud to report that EDP assisted 26 students in being named to the spring 2015 Dean's List, which included 8 first-years, plus an additional 18 students achieving a minimum of a 3.0 semester GPA. I am extremely pleased and impressed that 38% of EDP students earned a minimum of a 3.0 semester average. EDP staff and students will continue to build on that momentum by embracing the 2015-16 theme, **Decide - Commit - Succeed!**

Let me close by expressing how grateful and appreciative I am to serve as the director of such an amazing program. EDP has increased

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## ANNOUNCING EDP'S THEME FOR 2015-16

### ★ Decide - Commit - Succeed

✦ Strengthening Foundations  
for Success  
2014-15

✦ Shaping Opportunities into  
Accomplishments  
2013-14

✦ Striving to Achieve  
2012-13

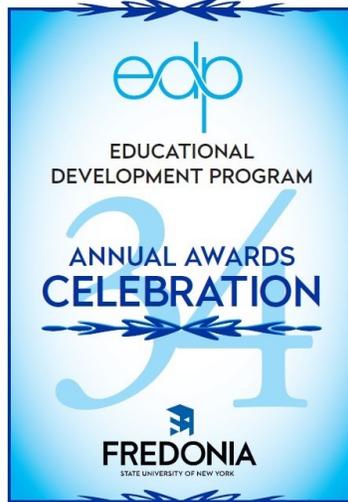
✦ Excellence  
Without Excuses  
2011-12

✦ Transitioning and  
Transforming for Success  
2010-11



**34th ANNUAL  
EDP AWARDS  
CEREMONY TO BE  
HELD MARCH 15**

The Educational Development Program will host its **34th Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center at 4 p.m.** Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students are invited to attend this annual event. The ceremony is an opportunity for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements. EDP students who earned a minimum grade point average of 2.7 while completing 12 credits or more for the S'15 and/or F'15 semesters will receive certificates. Silver certificates will be presented to students with a 2.70-3.29 GPA and gold certificates to students with a 3.30-4.00 GPA. Special awards include Exemplary Service, Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding EDP Tutor of the Year, Community Service, Arthur O. Eve Scholarship, Gregory Antonio Scholarship, and Director's Award.



Also on March 15 the [Chi Alpha Epsilon](#) (XAE) national honor society induction will take place in a private ceremony. Eligible opportunity program students must be full-time and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 for two consecutive semesters. As of December 1, these EDP students will be inducted. Others are pending fall 2015 grades.

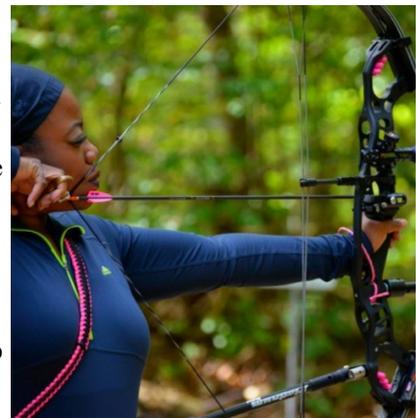
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| ◆ Wascar Almonte     | ◆ Fangfang Wei            |
| ◆ Geraldo Celeste    | ◆ Russell Wijesiriwardena |
| ◆ Rebecca Chatterton | ◆ Moseslyn Williams       |
| ◆ Natselyne Peralta  | ◆ Karyn Zea               |
| ◆ Lovina Talukder    |                           |

There are tentatively 10 [Full Opportunity Program \(FOP\)](#) students who may be eligible for induction. Fredonia's XAE Alpha Mu chapter was chartered in October 1999 and as of spring 2015 has 214 inductees from FOP and EDP.

**LAVETTE JOHNSON-DEBROW NAMED  
2016 EDP DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

**Ms. Lavette (Lovey) Johnson-Debrow '93** is being named as EDP's 2016 Distinguished Alumni. She will be recognized at the 34th Annual EDP Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 15, 4 pm, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center.

**Ms. Johnson-Debrow** is a certified teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing in Prince George's County public schools. Having earned a Masters of Arts degree in Deaf Education from Gallaudet University in 1997 with Presidential Honors, she completed her internship at the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Lavette has an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Educational Interpreting (1995) from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). She also obtained her Bachelors of Science in Education Degree in the field of Speech and Hearing Handicap (now known as Communication Disorders and Sciences) from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1993.



*Lavette Johnson-Debrow*

Lavette took up the sport of field archery for the first time in 2014, where she competes locally and across states in archery competitions. In August of 2014 Lavette won the Maryland state championship in archery for women in her division, making her the first African American woman to win the title. In the summer of 2015, Lavette competed at the national level in archery where she placed 5th in her division.

*See EDP DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, Page 8*

**EDP 1<sup>st</sup> Spring 2016 General Student Body Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - 4 pm - S204ABC Williams Center**

## SPRING 2016 ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Ms. Lavette (Lovey) Johnson-Debrow '93 will participate in the [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 the campus community to interact with EDP alumni, the event serves the purpose of highlighting the important work and success stories of EDP alumni in varying fields. These special individuals continue to epitomize what it means to go "Above and Beyond."

This event is schedule during the EDP General Meeting, Monday, March 14, 4 pm, S204ABC Williams Center. The campus community is encouraged to attend.

Go to page 8 to read about the Spring 2015 EDP Alumni Speaker Series.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICES TO RECEIVE EDP'S 2016 EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Each year during EDP's Annual Awards Ceremony an **EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD** is presented to recognize the support and dedication of those who have been instrumental in helping EDP accomplish its mission. These



contributions and commitments assist EDP in going "Above and Beyond." The 2016 Exemplary Service award will be presented to Fredonia's University Services on March 15, 2016. Under the [Finance and Administration](#) branch of the university, [University Services](#) areas and staff are:

**Administration** – Shannon Moore, Jody Myers, Soteris Tzitzis-Director

**Central & Mechanical Stores/Central Receiving** – Christopher Frommer, Mason Riggle

**Campus Photocopy Center** – Carol McKinnis

**Mail Services** – James Oddo, Nicole Raynor

**Park & Ride** – Timothy McGraw, James Pinkowski, John T. Schmidt, James Schwerk, Thomas Taylor, Gilbert Uhlendorff

**Property Control** – Janet Parsons

EDP is appreciative for all the behind-the-scenes help that University Services provides in keeping the entire campus running by offering such things as the park and ride shuttle van, last minute vehicle reservations (*sorry about that*), and getting mail and supplies delivered.

The 34th Annual EDP Awards Ceremony will be on Tuesday, March 15, 4 pm, Horizon Room, Williams Center.

## RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the spring and fall [Ralph Wilson Book Award](#) were **Jonathan Batres, Darlene Cruz, Benjamin Soto, Jelissa Lebron, and Karyn Zea** (pictured from top to bottom). Each award was in the amount of \$275. **Jonathan** is a junior Social Work major from Jamaica, NY.

**Darlene** is a junior Interdisciplinary Studies-International Studies major from Fredonia. **Benjamin** is a

senior Business Administration-Management major from Dunkirk. **Jelissa** is a senior Communication-Communication Studies major from Brooklyn. **Karyn** is a Communication Disorders and Sciences major from Jamaica, NY.



senior Business Administration-Management major from Dunkirk. **Jelissa** is a senior Communication-Communication Studies major from Brooklyn. **Karyn** is a Communication Disorders and Sciences major from Jamaica, NY.

The initial endowment of \$25,000 was created in spring of 2000 by the Ralph Wilson, Jr., Foundation to assist EDP students with books 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. This award is offered each semester. The total amount of awards presented is currently at \$19,265. Spring 2016 applications will be available February 5-19.

## *In Memoriam*

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of three EDP family members*

*Mr. John W. DeGraffenried, III '80*

*Ms. Donna Ray '77*

*Mr. Russell Wijesiriwardena '18*

## 2016 EDP RECRUITMENT

EDP's recruitment initiatives for fall 2016 have begun and will continue while students submit the necessary documentation and ultimately pay their deposits. EDP admission will close once our target enrollment is reached.



All applicants are urged to call with any questions or concerns regarding EDP's ad-

mission requirements. Seating for the [2016 entering class](#) is limited and it is essential that all required documentation be submitted as soon as possible.

Applicants will receive postal and email requests from the Admissions Office for information to complete the application. Please forward the items listed as soon as possible to Fredonia's [Admissions Office](#), Fenner House, 178 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14063. Items needed to complete an application are:

- ◆ high school transcript or GED
- ◆ [Eligibility Information Form](#)
- ◆ SAT and/or ACT test scores
- ◆ personal interview with the EDP director or staff member
- ◆ two letters of recommendation (e.g., from a guidance counselor, teacher, club leader, employer, etc.)
- ◆ autobiographical essay (relate life circumstances which you feel make you a good candidate for EDP)
- ◆ income verification (e.g., **signed** copies of the **2015 federal** parents' taxes and student's taxes (if filed) including W-2 forms)
- ◆ if taxes are not filed, then a social security statement, social services statement, etc., will need to be submitted - see Question #8 on the Eligibility Information Form for more details
- ◆ if public assistance is received, please complete and submit the [Public Assistance Benefits Verification Form](#)

Contact **Ms. Erica Arlequin**, Admissions assistant director/EDP liaison at [Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu](mailto:Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu) or 716/673-3251 or 1-800-252-1212 with any application questions or visit EDP's website—[Fall 2016 Applicant Info](#).

## NEW EDP COUNSELOR HIRED

As the Educational Development Program kicked off its 45<sup>th</sup> year on the State University of New York at Fredonia's campus, we welcomed EDP's newest counselor, [Mr. Daniel M. Smith](#). For the past three years Mr. Smith has been working in Fredonia's Residence Life office as a residence director in Chautauqua Hall. There he helped nearly 200 first-year residents with their transition to Fredonia. In addition to his work



in residence life, he has been an instructor in Fredonia's leadership program. Prior to arriving at Fredonia, Mr. Smith taught high school history for four years and coached basketball. Mr. Smith earned his Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom in 2011 from Fredonia and his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, Social Studies Education in 2006, also from Fredonia.

WELCOME, DAN! An extreme amount of THANKS and GRATITUDE go to Ms. Janet Knapp, retired EDP counselor, who contributed so much to the program for 16 years.

## DEAN'S LIST PLAQUES

Along with earning the distinction of being on the university's dean's list (3.30 or higher semester average), EDP students are presented with a dean's list plaque, which is perpetual for future semesters. Congratulations to those on the spring 2015 dean's list.



*Wascar Almonte  
David Asimeng  
Jonathan Batres  
Shannon Boyle  
Bryant Burgos  
Geraldo Celeste  
Rebecca Chatterton  
Brittany Fraczek  
Jennifer Garcia  
Rocio Gosende Suarez  
Amanda Gusmano  
Emmanuel Guzman  
Michelle Inga*

*Krystal Lebron  
Brittany Matthews  
Shanekqua McFarland  
Brittany McClellan  
Jessie Moriarty  
Sammantha Nickel  
Paul Overturf  
Natselyne Peralta  
Mondyna Prevot  
Maimouna Sylla  
Lovina Talukder  
Chenxi Wang  
Fangfang Wei*

## 2015 JEWEL



The 2015 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) took place July 10-31. Thirty-nine 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 a visit to Niagara Falls and taking part in a leadership ropes course at the College Lodge (*pictured lower right*). The fee, meal, and lodging costs during the orientation were covered for each student by contributions from the University and a grant from the [Office of Opportunity Programs](#) (OOP). 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. 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 9-10. 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 continue their intensive study skills work with EDP's orientation classes in the fall and spring semesters. (*See First-Year Orientation Class on page 9*)

Helping to guide these new, first-year students were eight current students who acted as JEWEL peer advisors—**Wascar Almonte** (SO/Comm-Video Production/Flushing), **Jonathan Batres** (JR/Social Work/Jamaica), **Geraldo Celeste** (SO/Interdisciplinary Studies-International Studies/Bronx), **Anthony Colquitt** (SR/Sport Management/Rochester), **Sammantha Nickel** (JR/Theatre Production & Design/Hilton), **Mondyna Prevot** (SO/Biology/Far Rockaway), **Maimouna Sylla** (SO/Social Work/Bronx), and **Karyn Zea** (SO/Communication Disorders & Sciences/Jamaica). Appreciation and thanks go out to JEWEL class instructors, workshop presenters, and guest speakers:



- ◆Dr. William Boerner, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- ◆Dr. Terry Brown, Provost/Academic Affairs
- ◆Ms. Deidre Clarke, Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP)
- ◆Mr. Frank DiPasquale, Residence Life
- ◆Ms. Anne Fearman, English
- ◆Ms. Evonne Hamler-Cadet, OOP
- ◆Dr. David Herman, Student Affairs
- ◆Ms. Dawn Hunt, Biology
- ◆Dr. Lisa Hunter, Academic Affairs
- ◆Mr. Jeffrey Keddie, FSA
- ◆Ms. Rachel LaPaglia, Campus Life
- ◆Ms. Amy Leclair, Academic Advising/Liberal Arts
- ◆Mr. Jason Letersky, FSA
- ◆Ms. Megan Mackowiak, Financial Aid
- ◆Ms. Denise Maze, Technology Support Services
- ◆Ms. Charlotte Morse, Technology Support Services
- ◆Ms. Erin Mrocza, First Year and Transition Programs
- ◆Mr. Gabe Northern, Guest Speaker

- ◆Ms. Lisa Noody, Campus Life
- ◆Mr. Joseph Pusch, FSA
- ◆Ms. Angela Raynor, Mathematical Sciences
- ◆Mr. Antonio Regular, Guest Speaker
- ◆Ms. Amber Rinehart, Communication
- ◆Dr. Carmen Rivera, World Languages and Cultures
- ◆Ms. Liza Smith, Learning Center
- ◆Ms. Jellema Stewart, Center for Multicultural Affairs
- ◆Mr. Mark Suida, Campus Life
- ◆Ms. Katie Thies, FSA
- ◆Dr. Jonathan Titus, Biology
- ◆Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Enrollment Services
- ◆Ms. Megan Valentine, Athletics and Recreation
- ◆Ms. Erin Willis, International Education
- ◆Faculty Student Association
- ◆Office of Opportunity Programs
- ◆Residence Life
- ◆Student Affairs



*Dr. Titus gets the group going at the College Lodge.*

Barbara Yochym, EDP secretary, saw the post and contacted Dr. Titus to arrange for EDP students and staff to help tackle the problem, thereby adding a community/learning service to JEWEL (July EDP Workshop of Expanded Learning).

On July 30 the 39 JEWEL participants, eight peer advisors, and four staff members were led by Dr. Titus into the College Lodge woods armed with clippers, loppers, hand saws and gloves.



*Another load of invasive honeysuckle .*

After two hours of hard work, the dedicated group cleared a swath of common buckthorn. “Students really bought into this effort,” said David White, EDP director. “Not only is this a service learning project, but we incorporated and completed all four of Fredonia’s baccalaureate goals: skilled, connected, creative and responsible.” Dr. Titus was pleased with the results of the pull, but the buckthorn and other invasive species will be back without the continued work and commitment of volunteers.

Enjoying the success of the JEWEL pull and the pressing need for continuous action, EDP decided to coordinate another invasive species pull for its fall community service event on September 11, the National Day of Service. Their next victim: honeysuckle. EDP-sponsored an on-campus invasive species pull, also led by Dr. Titus, in the College Woodlot inside Ring Road. Open to the entire campus, 37 students took part and over six truck loads were taken away by Facility Services. All student participants’ names were entered for a prize drawing for a Faculty Student Association gift card and they receive official credit with the [Volunteer and Community Services Office](#).

EDP will again plan an activity during the campus’s [Earth Month in April 2016](#). Details will be out in early 2016.

## EDP SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

Fredonia’s [College Lodge](#) property has been invaded by common buckthorn—a small shrub or tree that destroys the local ecosystem by aggressively spreading and forming dense stands under which few other plants can grow. [Dr. Jonathan Titus](#), one of Fredonia’s biology professors, identified the species and discovered the problem. An expert in the field, Titus alerted the Friends of College Lodge Facebook page about the invasion. Barbara Yochym, EDP secretary, saw the post and contacted Dr. Titus to arrange for EDP students and staff to help tackle the problem, thereby adding a community/learning service to JEWEL (July EDP Workshop of Expanded Learning).



*A good feeling after being out in nature.*



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Throughout each semester an EDP student(s) is featured in [Student Spotlights](#). Found on EDP’s website, Spotlights are coordinated by EDP counselor Daniel M. Smith. [Archived Student Spotlights](#) are also available. Recent Spotlights are:

[EOC/EOP Advocacy Day](#) student participants

[2015 Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace Scholarship Recipients](#) - David Asimeng and Emmanuel Guzman

[Campus Group Enactus Brings Together Two Different Students](#) - Joshua Moreno and Benjamin Soto

[Student Association \(SA\) Vice President](#) - Mary Kay Taylor



## 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 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, ✓Community service (such as Community Blood Bank, Fall Sweep, Boys & Girls Club, etc.), ✓Being on the Dean’s List, ✓Performing in a campus production, ✓Helping EDP, ✓etc. The EDP staff makes the final selection.

✓2014-15 Featured First-Years: **Geraldo Celeste** (SO/Interdisciplinary Studies-International Studies/Bronx), **Cristi Paulino** (SO/Social Work/New York), **Mary Kay Taylor** (SO/History/South Ozone Park), **Natselyne Peralta** (JR/Criminal Justice/New York), **Wascar Almonte** (SO/Communication-Video Production/Flushing), **Dontae Matthews** (SO/Social Work/Bronx), and **Jamichael Frazier** (SO/Music Performance/Rochester). ✓2015-16 Featured First-Years (as of December): **Tommy Linares** (FR/Criminal Justice/Bay Shore), **Esther Hidalgo** (FR/Interdisciplinary Studies-International Studies/Brooklyn), **Briannie Garbey** (FR/Business Administration/Brooklyn), and **Edward Santos** (FR/Business Administration-Finance/New York).



## EOP/EOC ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY

On February 10, six Fredonia EDP students and EDP director David White were part of the Western New York (Fredonia, Geneseo, Buffalo State, and UB) contingent that attended the United University Professions (UUP) sponsored Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Education-



**David White**, EDP Director; **Marlene N’Guessan** (SO/Social Works/Bronx), **Rachael James** (GR/Communication-Public Relations/Bronx); Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes; **Jelissa Lebron** (SR/Communication-Communication Studies/Brooklyn), **Jessie Moriarty** (GR/Psychology/Phoenicia), **Jayla Williams** (JR/History/Buffalo), and **Kalif Crutcher** (JR/Social Work/Buffalo).



al Opportunity Center (EOC) Advocacy Day in Albany, NY. Fredonia’s students met with several legislators including Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes (Buffalo); Senator Jesse Hamilton, III (Brooklyn); Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (Bronx); Laura Manley, Legislative Director for Senator Rich Funke (Rochester), and Legislative Aide for Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (Scarsdale). The 2016 Advocacy Day will be February 10.

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

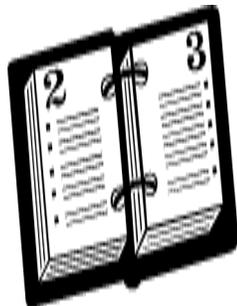
## EARLY EVALS SUBMITTED ONLINE

At the fourth week of every semester EDP sends out evaluations to each student’s professors. For over ten year this hardcopy (paper) evaluation has been sent via campus mail. With the great assistance of Fredonia’s Information Technology Services (especially Teresa Dodge, lead programmer/analyst, and Kevin Lane, manager of Enterprise data services), this is the first semester the evaluations were sent and returned electronically. With a few glitches to iron out, the 65% return rate is consistent with prior semesters. The feedback provided on these evaluations by instructors in advance of ninth week mid-semester grades, informs the counselors regarding attendance, participation, and academic progress. This information assists in providing timely advice and guidance to students regarding the individual level of engagement necessary to be successful in the classroom.



→ **2016 DATES** ←

- **Jan 20**—First Day of Classes
- **Jan 26**—EDP General Meet, S204ABC WmC, 4 pm
- **Jan 26**—Final Day to DROP Courses
- **Jan 28**—Final Day to ADD Courses
- **Feb 1**—EDP Evening Study Hall Starts
- **Feb 3**—Final Day to Apply for May Graduation
- **Feb 3**—Final Day to Elect PASS/FAIL
- **Feb 5**—NO CLASSES—Professional Development Day
- **Feb 5-19** – Ralph Wilson Book Award applications available; due noon 2/19
- **Mar 14**—EDP General Meeting/ Alumni Speaker Series—S204ABC Wms Center, 4 pm
- **Mar 15**—Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Horizon Rm/WmC, 4 pm
- **Mar 16**—Mid-semester Grades Due
- **Mar 21-28**—NO CLASSES—Spring Break
- **Mar 30-Apr 5** —Advising Week Fall 2016
- **Apr 6**—Fall 2016 Registration Begins
- **Apr 12**—Final Day to Withdraw from Courses
- **Apr 25**—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- **May 6**—Last Day of Classes
- **May 9-13**—Final Exams
- **May 14**—Commencement
- **May 18**—Final Grades Due
- **July 7-Aug 5**—**TENTATIVE DATES—JEWEL—July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning**
- **Aug 22**—First Day of Classes F'16
- **Oct 13-14**—NO CLASSES—Fall Break
- **Nov 21-25**—NO CLASSES—Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 12-16**—Final Examinations



[Campus calendars may be found on-line.](#)

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Lavette is also a published fabric collage artist. She wrote her first book in 2009, creating her own style of fabric collage which sold nationally for several years and is still available today. She has been published in several craft magazines across the nation, including Sew Somerset by Stampington and Company, Cloth Paper Scissors Studios, several online sites including Crescendo.com, blogs, and the likes. Originally from Buffalo, she currently lives in Washington, DC.

Ms. Johnson-Debrow will also participate in the [EDP Alumni Speaker Series](#) on Monday, March 14, 4 pm, S204 Williams Center. Further details about these events will be out in the new year.

EDP is proud Lavette is fulfilling the program motto of “Going Above and Beyond.”

EDP’s **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.

**SPRING 2015 EDP ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES**

The EDP spring 2015 Alumni Speaker Series on April 11 was three fold — speaker, dinner, and theatre. EDP Alum **Carmen Quinones '94** (pictured to the right) talked about her time at Fredonia, life after Fredonia, and what it was like to perform in Fredonia's 1988 performance of



*Carmen talking with Rocio Gosende*

*Hair*, as well as sang “Easy To Be Hard” from *Hair*. After dinner, which was prepared by FSA, the 39 students and

staff in attendance went to Marvel Theatre to see the 2015 performance of *Hair*.

**Ms. Quinones** graduated in 1994 with a degree in Visual Arts. Originally from nearby Dunkirk, she has traveled the world but keeps a home base here in Fredonia. She is a woman of many talents – among them being a Reiki Master (a Japanese technique meaning “Life Force Energy” for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing), certified in The dCTERRA ArÇmaTouch Technique, ordained minister under the order of Melchizedek, professional recording and performance vocalist, home baker and cook, animal and nature lover, event planning and

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## *A FEW PICTURES FROM COMMENCEMENT—May 16, 2015*



**GRADUATION DAY** — *Tamiko Orasio* (Business Administration-Marketing/New York), *Patrick McDonnell* (Psychology/Alden), *Brittany Fraczek* (Social Work/Rochester), *Jessie Moriarty* (Psychology/Phoenicia), and *Rocio Gosende Suarez* (Interdisciplinary Studies/Fredonia).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SPRING/SUMMER /FALL '15 EDP GRADS

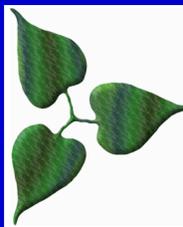
David Chatterton\*  
Rebecca Chatterton  
Brittany Fraczek  
Rocio Gosende Suarez  
Rachael James

Kaeleigh Jones  
Krystal Lebron  
Jessie Moriarty  
Tamiko Orasio

*\*master's degree*



### TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE



EDP tutoring services were extremely busy for the fall 2015 semester. Tutoring sessions are conducted out of the University's [Learning Center](#), 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Reed Library. All students are strongly encouraged to utilize tutoring and should contact their EDP counselor to complete a [tutee application](#). If any EDP students are having difficulties in a course, or wish to have a better understanding of course material, they may request one-on-one assigned tutoring or go to drop-in tutoring hours in the Learning Center. Tutors are all current university students who are available to EDP from the College Tutoring Services (CTS). A day-long training for all tutors was conducted at the College Lodge on September 6, and a spring training will take place on January 24, 2016.

**Students interested in being a [2016-17 tutor](#) may apply now. Applications are due by **March 13**.**

### FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION CLASS

All first-year EDP students are enrolled in FRED 101, a pilot first-year seminar taught by Dr. Carmen Rivera (World Languages and Cultures/Interim Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and EDP counselors Ms. Rachel Skemer and Mr. Daniel Smith. The course, designed to teach incoming students the skills needed to succeed at Fredonia, focused on four student learning outcomes: ♦ Demonstrate digital literacy in academic and co-curricular environments, ♦ Communicate effectively in oral and written forms with people of different backgrounds and perspectives, ♦ Demonstrate introductory research skills, and ♦ Create a student engagement plan that combines academic, professional, and personal concerns and goals. These goals, along with the reading of Sandra Cisneros' "The House on Mango Street," served as the base of the course and allowed students to discuss personal, academic, professional, social, and financial goals. A continuation of this course will be taught in the spring, [SPST 147](#), and will continue to build a solid college foundation for EDP first-year students.



## Memories from EDP's 2015 Awards Ceremony

**EDP Distinguished Alumna—Mrs. Ana J. (Bonifacio) Santos '04.** *Mrs. Santos was not able attend but is pictured with her plaque. Below is her family, all wearing Fredonia EDP t-shirts. Mrs. Santos works in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida (USF) as the manager of fiscal and business administration.*



**EDP Exemplary Service Award Recipient—Janet Knapp, EDP Counselor 1998-2014.** *Ms. Knapp with Mr. White.*



**TUTORS OF THE YEAR—Amy Masters (Computer Science) pictured with EDP Director White, was named Tutor of the Year along with Sarah Chamberlain (physics/math) who was unable to attend.**



**Student entertainers were Vaughn Faison on vocals and guitar and Jamichael Frazier (SO/Music Performance/Rochester) on flute.**



**EDP and FOP 2015 Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Inductees**  
**Standing:** Edevijez Sanchez, Kristy Unkrich, Emily Franchina, Ashley Ammons, Courtney Stewart, Christina Geska, and Tyler Burkett. **Seated:** Allison Almeter, Jonathan Batres, Darlene Cruz, and Tamika Whittick. **Unable to attend:** Jennifer Abbott, David Asimeng, Karl Deck, Molly Greene, Michelle Guilford, Michelle Inga, Lena Katafiaz, Jasmine Mattar, Morgan Moran, Sammantha Nickel, Chabely Rodriguez, and Amanda Seewagen.



**Xavier Mann—Director's Award—**  
 Awarded to the student who has achieved the most significant cumulative improvement in academic progress over the course of one year.

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Students, faculty, staff, and family members showed their support by attending the awards ceremony. From left to right **Mary Kay Taylor** (SO/History/South Ozone Park), **Lovina Talukder** (SR/Social Work/New York), **Tre-maine Shelton** (SO/Criminal Justice/Buffalo), and **Xavi-er Mann** (SR/Sport Management/Clarence).



**Arthur O. Eve Scholarship Recipients** - Awarded to students who have demonstrated commitment to self-improvement, leadership, and service to the Educational Development Program, the University, and the community. **Jessie Moriarty** (GR/Psychology/Phoenicia), **Tamiko Orasio** (GR/Business Admin-Marketing/New York), and **Ibrahima Toure** (SR/Computer Science/New York).

**GREGORY ANTONIO MEMORIAL AWARD** - In memory of Gregory Antonio, '91 political science/pre-law EDP graduate. Established by Gregory's mother and sisters in '92 to give extra assistance to an EDP student and/or member of the Lacrosse Club. Greg was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society, a class rep, founder and captain of Fredonia's lacrosse team, and was a chair on the college judicial board. **Paul Overturf** (SR/Criminal Justice/Fredonia)



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.

## CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS



★ **Benjamin Soto** (SR/Business Administration-Management/Dunkirk) is featured on [Fredonia's landing page](#). Benjamin was named CEO of Fredonia Enactus, is a management trainee at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and wrote a LinkedIn article about his Enterprise internship which received acknowledgement from corporate headquarters. ★ Pictured below are **Natselyne Peralta** (JR/Criminal Justice/New York), **Geraldo Celeste** (SO/International Studies/Bronx), **Nia Drummond** (SR/Music Performance/Brooklyn), and **Oscar Martinez** (JR/Music Education/Brentwood). They were student speakers for a CSTEP middle school student



visit. ★ **Oscar Martinez** (viola) played in the College Symphony 10/31 and took part in the Shanghai Quartet master classes earlier in the semester. ★ **Nia Drummond** sang with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra on campus 9/26. She also sang the national anthem at New York City's 9/11 memorial service. ★ **Kelsey Tsitso** (SR/Social Work/Jamestown) was awarded Cranston Marche's September 2015 Employee of the Month. ★ **Sammantha Nickel** (JR/Theatre Production and Design/Hilton) was the assistant charge artist in "Cabaret" and was set designer for "Six Characters in Search of an Author." ★ **Rebecca Chatterton** (SR/Visual Arts and New Media-Ceramics) had her senior art show 12/4-11. ★ **Mary Kay Taylor** (SO/History/South ozone Park) was elected 2016 Student Association vice president (along with Jason Burgos as president). **Mary Kay** spent three weeks in Russia during the summer with others from Fredonia's History department. ★ **Teanna Lacoste** (SR/International Studies/Bay Shore) will be studying in Cuba spring 2016. ★ **Eduvijez Sanchez** (JR/International Studies/Buffalo) plans to study abroad in Italy spring 2016. ★ **Jeany Melendez-Santiago** (SR/Political Science/Fredonia) served as an intern in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. ★ **Darlene Cruz** (JR/International Studies/Fredonia) studied abroad in Japan for fall 2015. ★ **Nayla Kabir** (JR/Business Administration/Buffalo) had a great experience in France S'15 at the Igap Business School in Nice. ★ **Denaysha Smith** (SO/Business Administration/Buffalo) is in France F'15 at the same institution. ★ Of the 68 resident assistants (RAs) on campus, 13 are EDP. The RAs include: **Wascar Almonte** (SO/Comm-Video Production/Flushing), **Daquella Blacks** (JR/Business Administration/New York), **Kelly Caner** (SO/English/Northport), **Geraldo Celeste**, **Sharrell Halley** (JR/Comm-Video Production/Brooklyn),

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## ALUMNI UPDATE



◆ **Jacqueline (Baran) VanBrunt '91** (advising and counseling services director at Corning Community College) visited with EDP director David White at the end of the spring semester to discuss EDP's proactive advising model, retention rates, and the summer JEWEL program.

◆ **Pilar Nelson '14/Interdisciplinary Studies** spent the summer in California on an internship. She received an EOP Graduate Opportunity Program tuition waiver at Buffalo State and a grad assistantship at D'Youville College.

◆ **Diedre D. DeBose '00** will be assuming the position of the director of EOP at SUNY Geneseo. She has been the assistant director of Opportunity Programs for Education at Canisius College in Buffalo. From EOP student to EOP director—CONGRATULATIONS!

◆ **Dr. Mark Anthony Neal '87** spoke on campus March 10 about African Americans' pursuit of social justice. He addressed a broad history of social protest, particularly highlighting the role of social media during his talk, "What If the Greensboro Four Had Twitter?: Black Protest from Sit-Ins to Die-Ins." Dr. Neal is pictured with EDP Director David White.



◆ As graduates of EDP/EOP, students are eligible for the [EOP Graduate Opportunity Program](#). EOPGOP provides financial assistance to cover tuition to EOP graduates undertaking graduate study at a participating SUNY graduate and/or professional institution when attending full-time. Application details may be found on [EDP's website](#).

Please send any alumni news to [edp@fredonia.edu](mailto:edp@fredonia.edu)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to EDP secretary **Barbara Yochym** for receiving Fredonia's "Heart of Fredonia Award." The "Heart of Fredonia Award," created by President Virginia Schaefer Horvath in 2013, is presented to a Fredonia employee in recognition of commitment to serving the campus and community, and generosity in support of the students and mission of Fredonia.

This was presented during the fall 2015 all-campus meeting on August 20.



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**Emmanuel Guzman** (SR/Communication Disorders and Sciences/Bronx), **Shayla Lipscomb** (JR/Psychology/Buffalo), **Chabely Rodriguez** (JR/Comm-Video Production/Bronx), **Eduvijez Sanchez**, **Daequan Starkes** (JR/English/Rochester), **Maimouna Sylla** (SO/Social Work/Bronx), **Marina Ward**

(SO/Social Work/ Buffalo), and **Karyn Zea** (SO/ Communication Disorders and Sciences/ Jamaica).



Chabely, Sharrell, Duvi, Daequan, Manny, Daquella, Was-car, and Maimouna are pictured above. ★ Fredonia Blue Devil EDP athletes are: **Sabrina Macaulay** (SR/Early and Childhood Education-Social Studies/Newark) women's basketball, **Sabrina** was SUNYAC Player of the Week 11/30; **Brian Baril** (FR/Sport Management/Cambria Heights), **Richard De La Cruz** (JR/Accounting/New York), **Tyler Roberts** (FR/Comm-Communication Studies/Rochester), and **Tremain Shelton** (SO/Criminal Justice/Buffalo) men's basketball; **Alexandra Allard** (FR/Comm-Media Management/Buffalo) women's volleyball; **Mia Walker** (FR/Exercise Science/Rochester) and **Michelle Guilford** (JR/Communication-Public Relations/Bronx) women's track and field; and **Alexander Egeli** (SO/Liberal Arts/Batavia) and **Nicholas Serefin** (FR/Computer Science/Buffalo) men's track and field.

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promotions coordinator, medical advocate, research and data specialist, problem solver and solutions expert, and lifetime student. As one who is also always aware of giving back to her community, Carmen volunteers with the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry and teaches cooking and nutrition classes. Carmen participates as an educator for the annual Great Lakes Experience Festival held in Memorial Park, Dunkirk, NY, each June and presents natural solutions for summer skin care, gardens, and invasive weeds.

She wrote in her autobiographical essay as an entering first-year student that "My family is a family of faith, hope, and love." Her presentation—Life is a Circle of Reciprocity—showed how she continues to live and fulfill these three honorable traits.

## SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The EDP staff hosted a special luncheon April 25 in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center. This luncheon saw the 2015 Wallace [Scholarship](#) recipients and finalists recognized, 2014 scholarship recipients honored, 2015 graduates acknowledged, Wallace Scholarship plaque unveiled, and the new Nichter Going Above and Beyond EDP scholarship was announced (*SEE RELATED ARTICLE ON PAGE 14*).

The **Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace Sr. Leadership and Excellence Scholarship Endowment Fund** was established in fall 2008 in recognition of the contributions, dedication, and leadership of Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace Sr. who was director of the Educational Development Program from 1972-



*Dr. Wallace and Davis Asimeng, 2015 recipient along with Emmanuel Guzman, who was unable to attend.*

zens. The selection committee looks for candidates who demonstrate the characteristics and determination exhibited by Dr. Wallace in his quest for student success.

Criteria for the scholarship are for EDP students to have earned a minimum of 50 credit hours; must be enrolled at least one semester

### WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



Saturday, April 25—11:30 am  
Horizon Room, Williams Center

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 and maturity. Once a student is invited to apply for the award, 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. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.

The list of eligible scholarship candidates is reviewed by the EDP staff and recommendations are sent to the scholarship committee consisting of Emma McFayden '76, Keith McFayden '77, Dr. Sherryl Weems '76, Dr. Jawaan Wallace, and Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace '68. Contributions may be made to the Fredonia College Foundation, earmarked Wallace Leadership and Excellence Endowment Fund, at any time—[www.fredonia.edu/foundation/](http://www.fredonia.edu/foundation/). Many thanks go to those who have already made a contribution.



*2014 Wallace Scholarship Recipients—Rachael James, Dr. Wallace, Krystal Lebron, and Jelissa Lebron. Rebecca Chatterton was unable to attend*



*David White, Barbara Yochym, Dr. Wallace, Patricia Wallace, Ann Marie Nichter, Alan Nichter, Emma McFayden, and Keith McFayden*

*Read about EDP in the [Spring 2015 Statement](#).*

## NICHTER ABOVE AND BEYOND EDP SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

Alan Nichter '69 and Annmarie Woloszyn Nichter '70 were freshman orientation leaders when they met on campus. They are both very appreciative of their Fredonia education and have established two scholarships through the Fredonia College Foundation—the Kenneth Cutler Scholarship in honor of History Professor Kenneth Cutler and the Alan Nichter and Annmarie Woloszyn Nichter Scholarship in Communication Disorders and Sciences.



*Mary Kay Taylor and Alan and Annmarie Nichter*



*Annmarie Nichter, Alan Nichter, Amanda Gusmano, and Karen West*

The Nichters became aware of EDP when they met **Mary Kay Taylor** (pictured to the left), a recipient of the Cutler History scholarship in the fall of 2014. After talking with EDP Director David White and getting a good idea of what EDP was all about, they graciously formed a third endowment to benefit an EDP student. With the help of Ms. Karen West, senior director of Development/University Advancement, the Nichters named the endowment the Above and Beyond Scholarship in recognition of the Educational Development Program's motto and commitment by the staff, students, and faculty.

The criteria for the \$500 Nichter Above and Beyond EDP Scholarship are: must be coded as an independent EDP student; must have earned a minimum of 24 credit hours at Fredonia; must be enrolled at least one semester after receiving the scholarship; and must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.50 CUM GPA). Eligible EDP students must submit a 300 word essay to include (but not limited to) a description of the challenges an independent student has as well as successes here at Fredonia. Essays are submitted to Mr. and Mrs. Nichter to make the selection. The recipient is recognized during the Fredonia College Foundation's Scholars' Breakfast. **Amanda Gusmano** (JR/Visual Arts and New Media: Graphic Design/North Salem) was the first recipient and is pictured above with the Nichters and Ms. West.

### *FROM THE DIRECTOR - continued from Page 1*

alumni interactions, strengthened academic support and mentoring, and created a nurturing environment that is conducive to our students having an amazing experience. As a result, EDP's graduation and retention rates continue to soar! Please join me in celebrating EDP!

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

David M. White, EDP Director



*Ms. Johnson-Debrow with some of her students*

**EDP 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring General Student Body Meeting and EDP Alumni Speaker Series**  
Monday, March 14 - 4:00 pm  
S204A-C Williams Center

➤ More pictures may be found on [EDP's Facebook Page](#) and on [EDP's website](#)

***Happy New Year from the EDP Staff.  
We wish you a happy, healthy,  
and successful 2016.***

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