From the Director

The spring semester is nearly eight weeks in so clearly I have been remiss in completing my portion of the “winter” newsletter. The spring has brought renewed challenges, but as we collectively tackle these new obstacles, it is important to take a moment and reflect on the experiences and achievements for the Fall 2013 term and Winter Academy. Enjoy the pictures, celebrate both your successes and those of your peers, and keep working toward your goals!

~ Shaili

Resume Workshop

Holiday Party

Lake Placid Day Trip

EOP/CFD Game Day

Mock Interview Workshop

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EOP Events!

- Raychon Gillis

Our Fall 2013 event attendance was strong; as over 80% of our EOP students met their event obligation! Let's try to beat that this semester.

Below are the tentative events for Spring 2014:

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If you have any suggestions do not hesitate to inquire with myself, an EOP Mentor, or an EOP Student Advisory Board member!

See you soon!!

~Ray

Fall 2013 Honors Corner

President’s List

Jaliza Burwell
Mariama Diallo
Ricardo Espinal
Roselyn Jimenez
Joshua Lambert
Jordan Hicks
Lina Sudiserra

Dean’s List

Ricardo Bauzile
Ajanee Biggs
Alberto Correa
Jonathan Delosangeles
Melissa Downing
Melisa Fernandez
Stephanie Hall
Katlitha Loriston
Evangelia Mastoras
Joseph Muir
Jeffri Peralta
Sabrina Peterson
Kathanna Price
Itzel Simon
Erica Vadala
Kedwin Ventura

EOP Ambassadors

EOP Ambassadors are the link to those who wish to join our EOP family. During the spring, our Ambassadors choose to assist in a number of ways! They either meet & greet those applicants and their families, give campus tours, or make phone calls to applicants after we have accepted them. Sometimes they want to do it all! Recent EOP Ambassadors include Kyla Brooks, Jean Huallanca, Shianne Washington, Roselyn Jimenez, and Lucellys Ortiz. Do you remember your EOP Ambassador?!

December 2013 Graduates

Jaliza Burwell
Syndie Dorcileen
Leacy Dupre
Evangelia Mastoras
Vincent Raleigh
Itzel Simon
Brianna Soucy
Rossanna Valdez

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Who are Tanya Dow and Latesha Fussell?

My name is Tanya Dow, and I have been living in Potsdam for the past 15 years. I did not spend most of my life this far north, however. I grew up in northeastern Pennsylvania along with four brothers in a quiet country setting that carries many wonderful memories of climbing tall pines, swimming in the "crick" and riding bikes on quiet dirt roads. Family life changes then brought me to the outskirts of Philadelphia, PA where I lived until I graduated from high school. Then I went on to Albright College in Reading, PA, where I earned a bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education.

I have been the Program Counselor at TRiO/SSS here at SUNY Potsdam since 2005. Prior to working at SUNY Potsdam, I worked at Clarkson University in Admissions, Student Support Services, the Counseling Center, and The Clarkson School, while earning my M.Ed. in Counseling and Human Development at St. Lawrence University. I earned my New York State license in Mental Health Counseling in 2005. I also spent a year working as an HEOP counselor at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY.

I am married and have a 19 year old stepson, a 17 year old stepdaughter, and a 7 year old daughter. I keep my life in balance by working out, reading a good novel when I get the chance, and spending time with my family. I am excited to get to know more of the EOP students this semester, and look forward to helping them reach their individual goals.

My name is Latesha Fussell and I am originally from Brooklyn, NY. I have three younger siblings, two sisters and a baby brother. I have wonderful memories sneaking onto the subway to go to Manhattan and the Bronx to hang out with friends at a very young age. I attended Freedom Academy High School in Downtown Brooklyn. There I was able to take college courses at the nearby community college: New York City School of Technology.

I came to SUNY Potsdam in 2008. I was not sure where Potsdam was, but I was accepted and drove up with my grandfather, mother and one of my younger sisters. The first place that I experienced was Physical Plant, that's where my grandfather's GPS took us. I looked at my mother and grandfather and said "This cannot be it". Happily, the Physical Plant area was not the entire campus. Nancy was the first person I met during my EOP orientation and she made a lasting impression on me. She made me feel safe, comfortable and helped me out every single step during my college career.

I graduated in three years with my Bachelor's in Sociology. I started my Masters program soon after in Childhood Education, and graduated in the summer of 2012. I am currently working on my second Masters in Special Education. I started in 2012 and will be finishing this summer, in exactly 6 months (but who is counting...not me). I am excited to get to know all of you this semester, and help assist anyone while stepping in for Nancy.

EOP Student Advisory Board (SAB)
The EOP Student Advisory Board prepares students for roles on club executive boards. SAB members create ideas for EOP events, projects, and services. Their ideas bridge the gap between the student and staff perspective. Do you want to develop effective group communication, strong leadership, and event planning skills? Apply to join SAB!!

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Winter Academy

Our second Winter Academy saw solid growth in the number of participants as ten freshmen participated in an intensive 2 ½ week course designed to allow them to earn course credit for a Career Planning course while strengthening their writing and reading skills. In general, students rated the experience highly and instructors described strong growth in students’ abilities with respect to both reading and writing. Great job everyone!

Participants:
Ricardo Bauzile
Angelo Bellerice
Amanda Cummings
Lennix Felix
Kathbia Loriston
Amber McShan
George Nunez
Keyanna Pryce
Lina Sinisterra
Jonathon Wagers

Instructors:
Dr. Jennifer Mitchell
Ms. Eudora Watson
Ms. Donnita Firnstein

Event Coordinator:
Mr. Raychon Gillis

Program Assistants/Tutors:
Joshua Claflin
Stephanie Hall
Brenton Johnson
Renee Krusper
Samuel Lucas

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