From the Director

This past semester brought renewed academic commitments from many of our EOP students and the graduation of many students from the strongest EOP class in recent memory. With students here for the Summer Academy (see page 5 to learn more) and all of the campus construction, this season has been full of energy and building for the future. We look forward to your return as you continue to put your energy toward your goals. As ever, we’re here to support you.

~ Shaili
EOP Events!

- Raychon Gillis

During the Spring 2013 semester, we had a stronger focus on academic workshops and our students responded favorably. Our EOP students attended workshops on Learning Strategies, Financial Literacy, Mock Interviews, and Stress Management in record-breaking numbers!

We took some time to relax and debunk at our joint EOP/CFD Ski Trip, EOP Game Nights, and our EOP Farewell events.

Event Attendance Winners
Sophomore Elizabeth Rodriguez was our most active student. She went to seven events!!!
Freshman Wellin Cruz, Senior Brianna Soucy, and Senior Itzel Simon all attended six events!!
Third Place goes to two graduating seniors: Carolina Batista and Marissa Richardson; and three Freshmen: Aldo Cruz, Dallas Emrich, and Jordan Garcia! They each attended five events!

Congratulations to our nine Active EOP students for their diligent attendance at our EOP events!!

Spring 2013 Honors Corner

President’s List
Adedoyin Akingba
Carolina Batista
Stephen Greenberg
Jean Huallanca
Roselyn Jimenez
Evangelia Mastoras
Marissa Richardson
Caitlin Scavone

Dean’s List
Tanasia Betts
Melissa Downing
Melissa Fernandez
Isamar Martinez
Wannita Richards
Jordan Ricks
Amanda Ursillo
Shianne Washington
David White

May 2013 Graduates
Adedoyin Akingba
Carolina Batista
Tanasia Betts
Derek Denteh
Toni Epprecht
Stephen Greenberg
Alexa Kramer
Marissa Richardson
Caitlin Scavone
Martin Schober
Maggie Stasko
Amanda Ursillo

Congratulations!

Tentative Fall Events

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Accolades

EOP students have been accomplishing great things during the past semester, as they have always done in the past! Beyond their EOP awards, the students listed below were recognized for the following:

Christina Alubankudi-
SSS Academic Award
Rosemary Alubankudi-
SSS Academic Award
Joseph Angiulo-
SSS Academic Award
Carolina Batista-
Scholarship and Creative Achievement Award in Theatre
SSS Academic Award
Tanasia Betts-
Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence
PACES Student Award Runner-up
SSS Academic Award
Deneen Cole-
Dorothy C. and John P. Flynn Scholarship
Dallas Emrich-
SSS Academic Award
Katherine Ford-
SSS Academic Award
Eric Francis-
SSS Academic Award
Roselyn Jimenez-
SSS Academic Award
Lilian Johnson-
SSS Academic Award
Alexis Kramer-
SSS Academic Award
Christopher Martinez-
SSS Academic Award
Aaron Moore-
Center for Diversity Heritage Award
Denisse Ochoa-
SSS Academic Award
Jeffri Peralta-
SSS Academic Award
Marissa Richardson-
Deboarah and Israel Kaplan Award
SSS Academic Award
Elizabeth Rodriguez-
SSS Academic Award
Caitlin Scavone-
SSS Academic Award
Itzel Simon-
SSS Academic Award
Aminata Traore-
SSS Academic Award
Rossanna Valdez-
Dorothy C. and John P. Flynn Scholarship
SSS Academic Award
Shianne Washington-
Dorothy C. and John P. Flynn Scholarship
Student Success Center Award

Why Are You Not Using Tutoring Services at Potsdam?
~ by Alexis Nuffer

At this point, no one is thinking about where they would go to get help with material they do not know for class, but often times, it is too late before a student realizes the impact tutoring services could have on their overall grade. For some, it is confidence or pride that keeps them away from seeking tutoring, and for others, it is a lack of knowledge in locating the proper place and person who can help. There are a number of options waiting for every student willing to take the extra step.

One-on-one Tutoring:
Student Support Services (SSS), Sisson Hall 119, and the Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP), Sisson Hall 216, are your best options. SSS services often go very quickly, and the program requires that students be members in order to receive tutoring services through their office. CSTEP, similarly, requires membership, which includes students who are undeclared majors or declared Science, Math, Health or Technology majors (or pursuing a New York State licensed profession), in order to receive one-on-one tutoring.

Group Tutoring:
The Academic Support Lab, Sisson Hall 106, is the only office that offers group tutoring to students simply by submitting a request online. At least three students must request tutoring for a given class for a group to be established and for a tutor to run the session.

Other Tutoring Opportunities:
The College Writing Center (CWC) and Math Lab serve students on an appointment or walk-in basis. The CWC, Carson Hall 106, has writing tutors available to help students work through the writing process and understand it better. CWC tutors provide more than simply editing a student’s paper. EOP offers CWC satellite hours Monday-Wednesday from 3-5pm and from 5-6pm (by appointment only), right in our main office, with tutors who are often EOP students trained by the CWC.

(Cont’d on next page)
The Math Lab, Carson Hall 213, runs very similarly to the CWC, except that it is designed to help students enrolled in specific campus math courses. Tutoring hours are by walk-in appointments only, so be sure that you schedule enough time to receive the assistance you need in case there is a waiting period for a tutor. Like the CWC, the Math Lab tutors do not simply do homework with tutees, but rather, they help these students understand the steps involved in solving quantitative problems.

Now that you have more information about where to locate tutoring services and which ones in particular may be the best option for you, what are you waiting for? Even if you think you are doing well in a class, tutoring can be beneficial in making sure you really understand the course material to the fullest. Tutoring is available to all students on campus, but the ones willing to seek out these services are the ones who have the best success stories when the semester is over!

Alumni Corner – Where Are They Now?

-by Nancy Brown

Featuring Tamy Cozier

How was your experience as a student at SUNY Potsdam? Looking back, what did you take away?

Looking back, my experience at Potsdam was a positive one. Yes, there were times when I wished I could simply pack everything up and go home, but I wouldn’t change a thing. SUNY Potsdam taught me a lot about truly being independent. There’s no one there to hold your hand and make sure you attend classes or study for a test. It’s all you.

And with anything in life… what you put into the experience is exactly what you’ll get from it. This is definitely a life lesson that I learned while attending Potsdam and I apply to my everyday life.

What are your fondest memories?

My fondest memories are planning and attending BSA events and Kwanzaa Balls. Those were definitely fun times.

Would you tell us about your Graduate school? What have you been doing professionally?

I attended the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism where I studied Broadcast Journalism. It was a full-time program that took a year and a half to complete. It was very intensive and challenging but a fulfilling experience that prepared me to work in the Broadcast industry. I graduated in December 2011 and since then I’ve been working as an Associate Producer for PBS on a show called Need to Know. Unfortunately, our show was canceled but now I am taking the time to freelance and work on projects that I didn’t have the time for while working full time.

What words of encouragement do you have for up and coming students?

The advice that I would give would be to use your time wisely. Yes, you can have fun but never lose sight of your goals. With the way things are going in the world…especially in politics, it is becoming especially hard for Black and Latino kids to receive an affordable education. In between having fun and hanging out, get involved in activities that will align with your career goals. This will make it that much easier to appeal to your employers when your college career ends.

Thank you Tamy for taking the time out to talk with us!
This summer, we were blessed with enough financial support to implement an EOP “Summer Academy”. Eighteen students signed on and, immediately following the spring term, they began a credit-bearing Statistics course and a life skills experience. Over two-and-a-half weeks, our students were incredibly successful in their math class, with many students earning top grades. When they weren’t in class, they: cooked their own dinners, worked on their career plans, held dance competitions, competed in kickball, and drank all of Thierry’s orange juice! We miss their energy, but we know that you will all return soon, reminding all of us on staff why we do what we do.