



Issue 6
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EOP Newsletter

Spring All-EOP Meeting

Sunday, August 28th - Fireside

Lounge @ 12:00 pm

*Carolyn Corcoran will be available for Financial Aid question and answer.

DO NOT forget to file your FAFSA!

Academic Calendar

- 8/29 – classes begin
- 9/02 – last day to add/drop
- 10/07 – fall recess begins
- 10/12 – classes resume
- 10/25 – last day to withdraw and to elect S/U
- 12/12-12/16 - finals

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Sunny Potsdam Eop

From the Director

After a challenging year, summer has been busier than expected. Within the office, we are still beaming with pride over students' many accomplishments this past year.

Nearly 20% of EOP students made the Dean's or President's List this past semester and many students improved their grades considerably over the past year. Retention and graduation numbers also indicate that our students are doing better than ever.

As you reflect on this past year or prepare for 2011-12, think hard about what you want to accomplish. The sky itself cannot limit you!

-Shaili



Annual Awards Ceremony



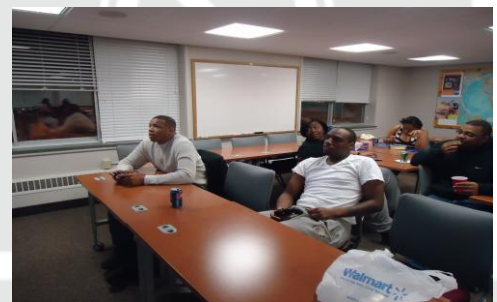
Buffalo Incentive Trip



Annual Awards Ceremony



Talent Show



EOP Game Night

EOP Events!

- Raychon Gillis



Buffalo Incentive Trip

Let's welcome the EOP Class of 2015 and start this year off right with a slew of events! Our academic workshops will be revamped for the best experience possible. Expect the Financial Literacy, Resume/Internship, and other workshops to be back with a vengeance, not to mention the fun game nights, movie nights, bowling night and trips that give you a chance to kick back and relax. Our EOP students' suggestions have been heard and implemented so this academic year will be full of new surprises! If you remember the excitement from last year, you know to expect even more this year!!

Stop by the main office and check out this semester's list of events.



EOP Game Night

Spring 2011 Honors Corner

President's List

Donna Cappel
Christopher Jenne
Amanda Joles
Kristen Ladue
Julissa Lopez
Crystal Rivera
Maggie Stasko
Brogin Van Skoik
Kayla Viau



Dean's List

Carolina Batista
Tanasia Betts
Joel Dsouza
Toni Epprecht
Alexa Goolden
William Govan
Karissa Jump
Brooke Morse
Emani Patterson
Marissa Richardson
Alishia Russell
Nicole Saltis
Samantha Sharrow
Aminata Traore
Rossanna Valdez

May 2011 Graduates

Ashley Chambers
Paul Craig
Shaneah Daise
Shelese Dupree
April Failing
Latesha Fussell
Nicole Horton
Andrea Miller
Brooke Morse
Brogin Van Skoik

Financial Aid has recently reassigned their caseloads alphabetically by last name. Please look below to see who your counselor is.

- **A-E** Amanda Prescott
- **F-L** Jennifer Gates
- **M-R** Carolyn Corcoran
- **S-Z** Susan Jones

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(Pictured above left to right: EOP Director Shaili Singh and Dr. John Youngblood)

Dr. John Youngblood named Distinguished EOP Advocate of the Year

Each year, we honor one member of the campus community with special recognition. Dr. John Youngblood was chosen as this year's Distinguished EOP Advocate of the Year.

Dr. Youngblood is an Associate Professor of Communications. He has spoken at EOP orientations and taught within EOP FIGs.

Professor Youngblood is a tremendous orator and is well-loved by students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. In fact, if you attend a campus event, you are likely to find Dr. Youngblood is the keynote speaker.

Professor Youngblood takes his role as an advisor very seriously.

Dr. Youngblood is a professor who understands what it means to struggle and joins students in their struggle, standing strongly on the side of those who need support the most in those moments where they most need support.

Message from the Financial Aid Office

“Get your Paws on BEARPAWS”

BEARPAWS gives you, the student, the ability to view your financial aid status for important items such as:

- Are there outstanding requirements that you still need to satisfy to complete the financial aid process? This could include:
 - Tax documents or other paperwork that the financial aid office may have requested from you.
 - Tasks you may need to complete such as signing an on-line student loan promissory note or completing on-line loan counseling for new student loan borrowers.
 - Other on-line applications that you may need to complete such as the NY Tap Grant application– check your TAP Grant status at: <https://web1.hesc.org/hescpub/main?target=renderer> (click on “Review/change your TAP information”).

- We suggest that you check your financial aid status on BEARPAWS every two weeks!

“Check your Potsdam email account regularly”

- You will be receiving **IMPORTANT** emails starting in July, 2011 about your semester bill.
- Potsdam will **NOT** issue paper bills to your home address anymore!
- You will be getting information from the Student Accounts Office that will explain the new, non-paper, billing process.

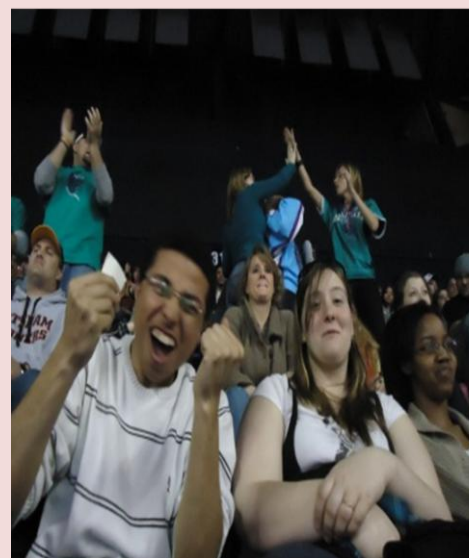
- Be sure to carefully follow the billing instructions when you get them from the Student Accounts Office as your financial aid payment is affected by you properly processing your bill on-time.

When you have questions/concerns that you need answered, contact the Financial Aid Office:

- By email (suggested) at finaid@potsteam.edu
 - Include student's name and Potsdam I.D. number in the subject line
- By Phone at (315) 267-2162
 - Phone lines are open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Stop in/visit our office
 - Raymond Hall, 3rd Floor

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you in late August!

-Carolyn Corcoran



Buffalo Incentive Trip



Special Recognition

Please give recognition to the following students for achieving great things:

Carolina Batista will be the new *SGA secretary*, starting Fall 2011.

Latesha Fussell received the *Division of Student Affairs Award & Deborah and Israel Kaplan Award*.

Christopher Jenne received the *Allen J. Danks Memorial Scholarship*.

Kanzada Juste received the *Pete Baker Award for Student Leadership in Support of Diversity*.

Damaris Negrón received a *Paces Scholarship Award*.

Elizabeth Pulsifer received the *Lloyd Deshawn Osborne Memorial Scholarship*.

Wannita Richards received the Student Success Center's *Success Through Achievement and Commitment Award*.



Alumni Corner – Where Are They Now? Featuring Danielle Currier '10 -by Nancy Brown



What is your best memory of the Potsdam EOP Experience?

My best memory of the Potsdam EOP experience has to be the moment I left Draime Hall (Orientation 2005) because I was angry and my EOP friends came looking for me because they were worried. I knew at that moment I had found friends that I could depend on throughout my college experience and am proud to say we are all close to this day.

You were able to get a job in your chosen field, Danielle. That is so exciting in this economy! Can you share with us where you work and what you do on a typical day?

I graduated with a degree in Community Health with a concentration in Workplace Wellness. I did my first internship with Canton-Potsdam Inpatient Rehabilitation Center and the second one with NCAO (North Country Adolescent Outreach). I enjoyed both of my internships thoroughly but had a strong connection with working in the rehabilitation center. I enjoyed the purpose of the program and the reality of everyone's situation. I would say I was able to receive a job within my major because the community health department as a whole helped me become the hard working employee I am right now. I currently work at Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare, a chemical dependency company focused on helping Onondaga and surrounding counties through inpatient, outpatient, detox, evaluation and residential services. I work in the residential program as a Resident Manager for the Women & Children's Program providing them with case management. A typical day is full of meetings focused on the safety of each program because confidentiality of each client and resident is of most importance; meeting with each of my clients to provide them with the proper treatment, care and services in the area while being a resident in the program; and speaking to each of my client's service providers such as counselors, doctors, CPS workers or probation officers to make sure everything is as it should be. It proves to be extremely exhausting at times but the job has provided me with many opportunities and I am definitely blessed to be given a job right after graduation.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I am currently working on obtaining my CASAC (Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor). I hope to have it by next spring. I've been contemplating getting my LMSW (Licensed Masters Social Worker) or LMHC (Licensed Mental Health Counselor)-not sure just yet. So, in five years, I plan to have my CASAC and to be working on a Master's Degree.

What words of wisdom can you share with our up and coming students?

I would tell them: "Embrace College." I adore *Criminal Minds* and the quotes that are said in each episode. One quote in particular speaks volumes to me and I wish I had known it my freshmen year. It is "Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself." William Faulkner.

Students work hard to be the people around them and forget that they first must outdo what they have already done. Work hard to get a better grade. Be known to your professors and they will remember you. Stand out, represent your community, class and organization and best yet: YOU!!! It is easy to get caught up in drama or procrastination. Who's looking for easy? Difficulty and hard work is what you came to college for. So, again I would say EMBRACE COLLEGE!!!

Thank you Danielle for taking the time out and being the strong leader we remember you as!

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