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From The Director - Kathleen Bonds

Congratulations to all the students in EDP who have embraced the challenge of assuming personal responsibility for their actions and behaviors with regard to their educational, career, personal, and financial futures. You have begun the journey to become the independent thinking, civically responsible, morally adjusted, and well-educated individuals both you and we knew you could be. My staff and I encourage you to continue your journey, knowing the road you travel will not always be an easy one. We will be there, as will many others, to assist you along the way. We eagerly await the time where our relationship with you will transition from giving you guidance, direction, and sometimes mandates, to being your educational consultants and hearing all about your accomplishments and how you achieved them.

Don't be afraid to step out in faith in your ability to make the right decisions. Let your moral preparation, good judgment, and home-training guide your positive actions. Ask for help when you need it and accept good advice when it is given. Take the time to explore all the opportunities that are available to you at this institution. Embrace your independence but know that actions have consequences. While you are here, learn to assume and master personal responsibility that your college experience has afforded you. A world of unlimited possibilities await you.

Kathleen Bonds, EDP Director

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RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD WINNERS



Recipients of the fall 2007 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Director Kathleen Bonds. On the left is **Ms. Martine Jerome**, a senior communication disorders major. She is from Brooklyn, NY. **Mr. Jacob Valla**, pictured on the right, is also a communication disorders major. He is a junior from Rochester.



CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS



★**Brandon Miller** (JR/Sports Mgmt) is again pitching for the Blue Devil's baseball team. ★**Xiaomin Li** (JR/BIO) was one of 70 Fredonia students inducted into the 2007 class of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Based on academic achievement, inductees are in the top 15% of students at SUNY Fredonia. ★**Diana Vasquez** (SR/EN) gave birth to a son in September. ★**Jessica Karan** (SO/SOCIAL WK) is on the women's volleyball team. ★**Andre Salter** (FR/Liberal Arts) is on the Men's Cross Country team. ★**Danielle Zamboroski** (SR/Bus.Ad) is on the cheerleading squad. ★**Nelson Diaz** (JR/English Adolescence Education) and **Elvira Gonzalez** (SR/Bus.Ad. Finance) are tutoring for the Learning Center. ★EDP students involved with the production of *The Rocky Horror Show* included: **Harrison Santiago** (SR/COMM), **Cathy Wheeler-Bell** (SO/Theatre Arts), **Samuel Torres** (FR/Theatre Arts), **Saralyn DaSilva** (SR/Theatre Arts), **Keydra Manns** (FR/PY), **Delisse Calhoun** (FR/PY)

ALUMNI UPDATE

★**Rachael Howard Richardson** (CM/98) is still working for CNN but no longer in Atlanta. She has moved to Los Angeles and is a network video editor. ★**Marc Calixte** (CM/93) is the proud father of a baby boy who was born in September. ★**Denise Davidson Burgher** (EN/92) and **Gopal Burgher** (PS/PL/94) welcomed their second daughter on September 3. ★**Sebastian Tate** (SOC.WK./93) is a Student Success Counselor at Central Piedmont Community College/Central Campus in Charlotte, NC. ★**Dakota Lawrence** (CM & EN/95) sent EDP an email with an update on his activities. *"I went back to graduate school to get a Master of Divinity after 10 years of teaching and coaching football/track and field in Alabama and Florida (3 state championships!). My wife Michelle and I added a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth in December (3 children now). I am currently working with A.G. Edwards and Sons as an Investment Advisor in St. Peters, Missouri, and have begun the groundwork for a new church. On the side, I coach football for a private, Christian high school in the St. Louis area and have been able to find wonderful ministry opportunities in all aspects of my life. I wanted to thank you and the staff for your commitment to providing educational opportunities for kids who might have been behind the eight ball, so to speak. Thank you and God bless."*

NOTICE TO ALUMNI—Tentative plans are underway for an EDP reunion in April 2008 to coincide with the Black Student Union's annual conference.

This year marks the **40th anniversary of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)** at the State University of New York. In honor of this milestone, the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) in Albany is planning a celebratory dinner on November 2. OOP is located at SUNY Central and oversees all the EOP programs.

Bonds and EDP Secretary Bar-tending this event. The evening's a few of the many distinguished importance of the program's existence for New York State's disadvantaged population.

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The Educational Opportunity Program combines access, academic support and supplemental financial assistance to make higher education possible for students who have the potential to succeed, despite poor preparation and limited financial resources.

The Educational Opportunity Program had its origins in the late 1960's during the Rockefeller Administration. The Master Plan of the State University for 1964 set forth a long-range commitment that "every student capable of completing a program of higher education shall have the opportunity to do so." This objective was reaffirmed in the 2002-04 Master Plan which states: "As a public institution, the University has a strong commitment to ensuring broad access and opportunity for New York State residents." That commitment was reaffirmed in Mission Review.

In 1967, then first-year Assemblyman, Arthur O. Eve, of the 141st Assembly District in Buffalo, gave further force to the principles of access and opportunity by developing the appropriation bill that gave birth to the Educational Opportunity Program. Modeled on the SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) program that had been instituted by Percy Sutton in the City University of New York in the prior year, the first unit of what would become a university-wide opportunity program enrolled 249 students at the State University College in Buffalo. In the following year, Assemblyman Eve

was able to obtain sufficient funding to permit expansion to ten campuses. By the 1970-71 academic year, thirty campuses had enrolled more than 4,600 opportunity students and New York State Education Law §6452 had formally established the provisions of SEEK at the City University of New York, the Educational Opportunity Program in the State University of New York and the Higher Educational Opportunity Program at the independent colleges in New York.

The Educational Opportunity Program now exists on forty-five campuses in the University. Similar programs offer opportunities in the higher education systems of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California. Today, graduates number more than 47,000. Most continue to live in New York, enriching its economic and social fabric. Among their number are physicians, teachers, scientists, engineers, attorneys, artists, entrepreneurs and public servants. And, many have returned to the University as administrators and counselors who provide support to another generation of opportunity students. As of spring 2007, over 1,880 students were admitted through Fredonia's EDP and over 650 have graduated.

EOP officially started at Fredonia in 1970. Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace, EDP director from 1972 – 1981, renamed the Educational **Opportunity** Program to Educational **Development** Program “to emphasize the developmental process that students go through to become successful, contributing citizens in society. Opportunity allows access but what a college does with and for students is the development nature of education.”

*(Information taken from Office of Opportunity Program's Guidelines for EOP—
www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=557)*

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION COURSES OFFERED

Each semester EDP offers **Supplemental Instruction (SI)** courses for its students. These SI classes help EDP students develop analytical and quantitative abilities and problem solving, communication, study, and test taking skills necessary to successfully master course material. SI courses are linked to College Core Curriculum courses and expose college freshman to introductory courses in a variety of academic fields. Courses are credit bearing and taught in a small group setting by the parent course instructor. Research has found this environment conducive for learning and retention of course material and encourages student participation in classes. Biology Study Skills, taught by **Dr. Bruce Tomlinson**, and Survey of Pre-calculus lab, taught by **Ms. Kristen Franklin**, were offered for the fall. Also offered was a grammar/writing workshop taught by **Mr. Christopher Vogt**. Biology Study Skills and Survey of Calculus lab will be offered for the spring.

WHERE IS THE EDP OFFICE??

New hallway ceiling signs have been installed giving clearer directions to the Educational Development Program offices. Special thanks go to Vice President for Admini-



stration Tracy Bennett for covering this cost and to the great Fredonia State maintenance crew for getting them installed.

TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE

EDP tutoring services are well underway for the fall 2007 semester. If any EDP students are having difficulties in a course, or wish to have a better understanding of course material, they may sign up for one-on-one assigned tutoring in EDP or drop-in tutoring in the Learning Center with a peer tutor. Tutors come to EDP from the College Tutoring Service (CTS). CTS held a day-long orientation for all tutors at the College Lodge on September 8. Tutoring should not be held off until the last minute. If you need any further help, please contact **Ms. Rachel Skemer**, EDP Counselor, E288 Thompson Hall, #3317, or go to the Learning Center on the 4th floor of Reed Library. Check out the Learning Center website at www.fredonia.edu/tlc.



DATES



- Nov 2**—Final Day to WITHDRAW from Courses;
Final Day for 1st Semester Freshmen to Drop Courses
- Nov 19-23**—Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26**—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- Dec 13**—Last day of Tutoring in EDP and Learning Center
- Dec 14**—Last Day of Classes
- Dec 17-21**—Final Examinations
- Dec 27**—Final Grades Due
- SPRING 2008**
- Jan 7-18**—J-Term
- Jan 21**—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Offices Closed
- Jan 27**—S'08 Web Registration
- Jan 28**—First Day of Classes
- Jan 28**—EDP General Meeting - 4 pm, S-104 Wms Cntr
- Feb 4**—Tutoring Starts in Learning Center and EDP
- Feb 11**—Final Day to Apply for May Graduation
- TBA**—EDP 2nd General Meeting - 4 pm, S-104 Wms Cntr
- Mar 19**—Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Wms Cntr, 4 pm
- Mar 24-28**—NO CLASSES - Sp. Break
- April 2**—Mid-semester
- April 11**—Final Day to Withdraw from Crs.
- May 12-16**—Final Exams
- May 17**—Commencement
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PEER RECRUITERS NEEDED

Any student interested in sharing their Fredonia experience with students from their high school are asked to sign up for **peer recruitment**. Visits to high schools will take place during Thanksgiving and semester breaks. Recruiters receive a FREE GIFT for their efforts. **Alfred Davis** (JR/Comm) is coordinating this project as part of his internship with the Admissions Office. Interested students should contact Alfred at davi8183@fredonia.edu or via the Admission office at 673-3251. You will need to attend one training session. Training will be held in the Williams Center on :

◆ Nov 6—5 pm—S122

◆ Nov 7—10 am—G144

◆ Nov 15—4 pm—G144



2007 EDP Freshmen Summer Orientation Participants

EDP FRESHMAN SUMMER ORIENTATION

One of the largest entering classes in EDP's history is the result of a new recruitment initiative started by Mr. Daniel Tramuta, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Service/EDP Supervisor. Because of the efforts of the Admissions and EDP

staff, 58 first-time freshmen and 4 transfer students were welcomed to campus. This was 100% participation from those students who confirmed they were coming.

This year's freshmen had the opportunity to come to a SOAP (Summer Orientation Advising Program) in June or July as well as the special EDP orientation immediately before the semester started in August. During the SOAP two-day orientation, freshmen became familiar with the campus and were able to select their fall courses. During the more intensive three-day workshop, students took part in various sessions that covered leadership, the history of EOP, classroom behavior, achieving academic success, and good decision making. The EDP staff would like to thank the EDP peer advisors who played an integral part in the implementation of this orientation program and the guidance they provided to these new EDP students: **Christian Torres** (SO/BUS.AD.), **Jacob Valla** (JR/Comm Disorders), and **Lauren Williams** (SO/Liberal Arts).

The fee, meal, and lodging costs for the SOAP and the three-day orientation were covered by the Vice President for Student Affairs David Herman and a grant from the Office of Opportunity Programs (OOP) in Albany.



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