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## From The Director

Another academic year has begun and is carrying on in full-force. Welcome back to our returning students and welcome to our new freshmen and transfer students. We are living in exciting and invigorating times. There are a lot of “**firsts**” for all of us. “First” events present challenges but, more importantly, they also present ***opportunity!*** And EDP is all about opportunity.

~For the first time in the history of EDP at Fredonia, all incoming freshmen for fall 2008 attended a summer orientation session. Through the generosity of Dr. David E. Herman, Vice President for Student Affairs, who paid the orientation fees for incoming EDP freshmen, 41 new students were able to come to campus this summer and get an advanced look at the college; meet faculty, staff, and fellow students; and make new friends. And, best of all, they were able to get their fall courses.

~The upcoming presidential election has a few “firsts”: It is the first time in U. S. history that an African-American has been nominated and is running for President. It is the first time in history that both presidential candidates are sitting senators. It is also the first time in U.S. history where either candidate would become the first president born outside of the continental United States (Obama was born in Hawaii and McCain was born on a U.S. naval base in the Panama Canal Zone).

~For many of our students, it will be the first time they can vote in any election; for others, the first time they will be able to vote for a new president. If you have taken care of business, you registered to vote and if necessary, secured an absentee ballot. This election is your opportunity to exercise your freedom to choose and make a difference in your world. If you didn't take care of business, you still are presented

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*Janet Knapp, EDP Interim Director*



## RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the fall 2008 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Interim Director Janet Knapp. Seated are **Ms. Artrese Reid**, a junior business administration-finance major from New York and **Ms. Georgia Tiffany Dillard**, a senior music business major from Rochester. Standing are **Ms. Stephanie Strauf**, a senior social work major from Fredonia, and Ms. Knapp. The initial endowment was created in spring of 2000 by the Ralph Wilson, Jr., Foundation to help EDP students with book expenses. Students' accomplishments, community service activities, academic merit, and economic need were reviewed by the EDP counseling staff along with each applicant's personal essay. This award is offered each semester.

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## CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS

★**Benjamin Weidman** (SR/Social Work) is studying abroad in Costa Rica this semester. He has already made a side trip to Nicaragua. ★**Xiaomin Li** (SR/Bio) was part of the Biology Club's recent field trip to help preserve a unique sphagnum bog removing white pines that were re-seeding from a nearby woods survival of the rare wetland near Springville, N.Y. ★**Justin Kiera Graham** (SO/Liberal Arts), **Nathan Cogar** (SR/COMM) **Newkirk** (SO/Philosophy) are resident assistants. ★ Fredonia athletes include: **Julius Bryant** (SO/Liberal Arts), men's basketball; **Torres** (JR/Bus.Ad.), men's swimming and diving; **Leisel Pol.Sci.**), women's basketball; and **Meghan Johnstone** (FR/Bus.Ad.), cheerleading. ★**Jacob Valla** (SR/Comm. Disorders) was elected Homecoming King for 2008 along with Emily Russell for Homecoming Queen.



## NEW EDP ADMISSIONS LIAISON NAMED

The office of Admissions has named a new counselor to handle EDP student's files. **Ms. Erica Arlequin**, Admissions Counselor, will be handling all EDP applicants' folders.



Having started here in July, she compiles

all the required EDP material and recruits for EDP and the university.

Originally from Brooklyn, she was a Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP) student at Alfred University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Childhood Psychology and Clinical Counseling. She received her master's degree in Education with a concentration in School Counseling from Alfred University as well. Ms. Arlequin will also be assisting in the coordination of multicultural weekend in the spring. She may be reached at [Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu](mailto:Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu), 716-673-3251, or at 1-800-252-1212.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
SPRING 2008 DEAN'S LIST  
 RECIPIENTS**

- \* Erika Brooks
- ★ Nelson Diaz
- ◆ Rebecca Eisenman
- ★ Edward Fourcell
- \* Benjamin Frasier
- ★ Martine Jerome
- ★ Samantha Lape
- ★ Fredrick Lee
- ◆ Xiaomin Li
- ★ Jamie Luttrell
- Chris McAllister
- \* Christopher Miller
- \* Lucy Nunez
- \* Christopher Perry
- ★ Terrence Raymond
- ★ Justin Ramsey
- \* Atrese Reid
- \* Amanda Richards
- \* Alexander Ridgell
- ◆ Allen Thomas
- ★ Christian Torres
- \* Zorimar Torres
- ★ Jacob Valla
- ★ Amber Wilcox

**EDP & SUNY FREDONIA MEMENTOS  
MAKE IT TO AFGHANISTAN**

The EDP staff received an email from EDP alum **Ricky Snell** (Bus.Ad./'93) on September 3. Ricky is a captain in the US Army stationed in Afghanistan. He asked EDP and Alumni Affairs to send him a few mementos that had SUNY Fredonia on them so that he could pass them out to his troops as a morale booster. "I

am hoping to show some pride in where I earned my degree in college," wrote Ricky.



Alumni Affairs director **Patty Feraldi** went right into action and shipped out some t-shirts, key chains, pen sets, and a Fredonia State pennant. EDP shipped out some pens and magnetic clips, along with some "edible" treats. Ricky received the package on September 27 and said "The Cracker Jack was a big hit. Thank you so much for helping me keep our troops' spirits up."

**ALUMNI UPDATE**

★ **Judy "JuJu" Thames** (Special Studies/'91) was married in New Rochelle, NY, on August 16, to Jemal Potter. ★ **Emma J. McFayden** (Edu/'76) received the SUNY College at Buffalo's President's Award for Excellence in Academic Advisement earlier this semester and was one of the twenty Western New Yorkers honored at the 36th Annual Black Achievers in Industry banquet on October 4. Emma is the Assistant Director of Recruitment and Retention at the Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program at Buff State. Emma and her husband **Keith McFayden** (Bus.Ad./'77) will be celebrating 30 years of marriage on November 1. ★ **Ricky Snell** (Bus.Ad./'93) is a captain in the US Army stationed in Afghanistan. SEE PREVIOUS ARTICLE. ★ **Jermaine Kenner** (Eco/'01) has started to work on his Ph.D. at Capella University in General Psychology. ★ **Jamel Corbett** (Bus.Ad./'06) is currently working for R.J. Reynolds Co. and living in Albany, NY. After graduating from Fredonia, he attended Buffalo State College and received his Master's degree in Multi-Disciplinary Studies/International Business.

## EDP FRESHMEN SEMINAR INCORPORATES FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

EDP counselors **Rachel Skemer** and **Dinecia Pierre-Louis** are each teaching a freshmen orientation seminar for EDP freshmen. The primary purpose of this course is to assist new freshmen with their transition to SUNY Fredonia and college life in general. It is an opportunity to learn and improve those skills essential for success here and beyond. The mission is to empower students to be successful academically, professionally, and personally while learning a variety of self-management and study techniques that can be applied to current and future courses. An ultimate goal is to be able to define and explain what "success" means to each individual.

Helping with the development of this class and also a co-teacher is **Cindy Thorp**, SUNY Fredonia's newly-hired First Year Program coordinator. Cindy has a great deal of experience with first-year seminars, academic success programs, teaching, and working with students on probation.

This course will continue into spring 2009 with topics such as time management, study skills, and career exploration. Guest speakers will also come in to discuss possibilities on how to enhance a college career.

### 27th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD MARCH 11

The Educational Development Program will host its 27th Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in the Horizons Room of the Williams Center at 4 p.m. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students attend this annual event. The ceremony is a way for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements. EDP students who earned a 2.70 and above grade point average while completing 12 credits or more for the S'08 and F'08 semesters will receive certificates. Silver certificates will be presented to students with a 2.70-3.29 GPA and gold certificates will be presented to students with a 3.30-4.00 GPA. Special awards are also presented for Outstanding EDP Tutor of the Year Award, Community Service Award, Arthur O. Eve Scholarship Award, Director's Award, Exemplary Service Award, The Gregory Antonio Award, and Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Also on March 11 will be the CHI ALPHA EPSILON (XAE) national honor society induction. Eligible students must be full-time and hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA for two consecutive semesters. The ten EDP students we will be inducting are **Keli Cochran, Rebecca Eisenman, Terica Evans, Shawn Farrell, Corinna Kester, Samantha Lape, Chris McAllister, Lucy Nunez, Artrese Reid, and Alexander Ridgell.**



Fredonia's XAE Alpha Mu chapter started in October 1999 and as of spring 2008 had 122 inductees made up of students from the Full Opportunity Program (FOP) and Educational Development (Opportunity) Program.

## EOP GRADUATE TUITION WAIVER Post Baccalaureate Support Program

To further expand educational opportunity and to promote graduate and professional study, tuition assistance can be provided to students who are graduates of the Educational Opportunity Program or similar New York State college access programs (i.e., HEOP, CD/SEEK). Funding support is contingent upon the availability of resources and attendance at a participating SUNY campus that awards graduate degrees. All students must first apply and be accepted into a graduate school prior to being considered for the Graduate Opportunity Program award. Students should identify themselves as an opportunity program student on the graduate school application for tuition assistance consideration. What does this really mean?? As a graduate of SUNY Fredonia through EDP, if you go to graduate school, full-time, at a SUNY institution, you are ELIGIBLE for a tuition waiver if funding is available. Keep this in mind when you pursue your master's degree.



## SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION & WRITING WORKSHOP OFFERED

Each semester EDP offers Supplemental Instruction (SI) courses for its students. These SI classes help EDP students develop analytical, quantitative, and problem solving abilities and communication, study, and test taking skills necessary to successfully master course material. SI courses are linked to College Core Curriculum courses and expose college freshmen 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. Sarah Yates**, were offered for the fall. Also offered was a grammar/writing workshop taught by **Mr. Matthew Brysinski**. Biology Study Skills and Survey of Calculus lab will be offered for the spring.

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## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS PROJECT

The EDP staff applied for and received a grant from SUNY Fredonia's Faculty Student Association to fund the EDP Cultural Connections Project. The main purpose of the resources from this grant is to enable EDP students to participate in activities and cultural events on campus, in the surrounding community, and throughout Western New York. Often the lack of financial resources prevents program students from participating in such activities which would enhance their connection to this area and round out their educational experience. Because of this grant, students will be able to attend shows such as *A Christmas Carol*, *Fredonia Dance Ensemble*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. A field trip back in August for the entering freshmen to Niagara Falls' Cave of the Winds was also covered.

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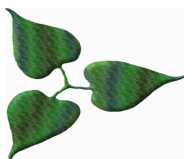
with an opportunity: be proactive in taking care of your life (both in and out of the classroom). This can be your opportunity to be better organized and conscientious.

Let's make 2008 the year of first opportunities. You have a great start. Yes, there are challenges and uncertainty in all our lives. For our first-time freshmen, EDP presents you with your first opportunity to get a college education so that you can make a better world for yourself and others. And for all of our students, EDP provides opportunity for success so that you can perhaps be the first in your family to graduate from college.

The EDP staff and I want to be among the first to watch you all walk across that stage with your diploma in hand, knowing that you seized the opportunity.

**TUTORING SERVICES**  
**AVAILABLE**

EDP tutoring services are well underway for the fall 2008 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 Services (CTS). CTS held a day-long orientation for all tutors at the College Lodge on September 6. Tutoring should not be held off until the last minute. If you need any



further help, please contact your individual counselor or go to the Learning Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Reed Library. Check out the Learning Center website at [www.fredonia.edu/tlc](http://www.fredonia.edu/tlc).

**DATES**

- Nov 3**—Spring 2009  
Registration Begins  
**Nov 24-28**— Thanksgiving  
Break  
**Dec 1**—Final Day to  
Completely Withdraw  
from the University  
**Dec 11**—Last day of Tutoring in EDP and  
Learning Center  
**Dec 12**—Last Day of Classes  
**Dec 15-19** – Final Examinations  
**Dec 26**—Final Grades Due  
**SPRING 2009**  
**Jan 7-18**—J-Term  
**Jan 21**—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Day – Offices Closed  
**Jan 25**—S'09 Web Registration  
**Jan 26**— First Day of Classes  
**Jan 26**—EDP General Meeting -  
4 pm, S-104 Wms Cntr  
**Feb 2** —Tutoring Starts in Learning  
Center and EDP  
**Feb 9**—Final Day to Apply for May  
Graduation  
**TBA**—EDP 2nd General Meeting -  
4 pm, S-104 Wms Cntr  
**Mar 11**—Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction  
and EDP Awards Ceremony,  
Wms Cntr, 4 pm  
**Mar 16-20**—NO CLASSES - Sp. Break  
**Mar 25**—Mid-semester  
**April 3**—Final Day to Withdraw from Courses  
**April 6**—Fall 2009 Registration Begins  
**April 13**—Travel Day  
**April 27**—Final Day to Completely  
Withdraw from the University  
**May 11-15**—Final Exams  
**May 16**—Commencement  
**May 20**—Final Grades Due  
**August 24**—First Day of Classes F'09
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The EDP staff encourages all eligible students to vote in the November elections. You CAN make a difference.



*2008 EDP Freshmen Summer Orientation Participants*

**EDP FRESHMAN  
AUGUST  
WORKSHOP**

A first happened with this year's entering freshmen . . . all participants visited the campus and attended a summer orientation advising program (SOAP), selected a full course load before the first day of the semester, and attended the EDP August Workshop.

In the past not all new students came up for a SOAP and the EDP August workshop. It is immensely beneficial to students if they can come to a college-sponsored SOAP in June or July because, during this two-day orientation, freshmen become familiar with the campus and are able to select their fall courses. During the more intensive three-day, EDP-sponsored, August workshop, students take part in various sessions that cover leadership, the history of EOP/EDP, classroom behavior, achieving academic success, and good decision making. This EDP-sponsored workshop ran August 21-23, which was immediately before the first day of classes.

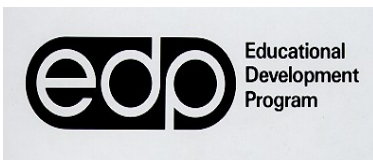
EDP's recruitment initiative starts in November of the academic year when we make a first contact with our applicants and continues on until the confirmed students arrive on campus.

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: **Christopher Hillman** (SO/Comp.Sci.), **Mercedes Sornoza** (SO/Criminal Justice), **Jacob Valla** (SR/Comm Disorders), and **Serene Lazaro** (SO/Comm).

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

*Field trip during the August Workshop included a stop at Niagara Falls and the Cave of the Winds.*





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