

# Educational Development Program

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## From The Director

Greetings!

It is with great enthusiasm that I address our new freshmen; returning EDP students; EDP alumni; and the friends, families, and supporters of the Educational Development Program.

Let me begin by sharing this year's EDP theme: ***Excellence without Excuses***. EDP students and staff have embraced the mindset of having a plan of action, utilizing the available resources, staying focused, eliminating negative habits, having the willingness and desire to be successful, and knowing that there is nothing to prevent all of us from achieving our desired level of excellence.

As we continue building on our successes and addressing areas of concern, I am confident that our students will reach increased levels of achievement. To that end, this past summer 21 talented freshmen successfully completed the July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL). Students participated in rigorous academic preparation designed to assist them in identifying expectations, increasing their familiarity with SUNY Fredonia, strengthening their work ethic, and building the confidence and skills necessary to be successful on our campus.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the EDP family! In addition to the cosmetic changes and construction taking place on campus such as the Williams Center renovation project, the new

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*EDP Staff from July 2011 - Front row: Barbara Yochym, secretary; Amanda Tobin, work-study; and Janet Knapp, senior counselor. Back row: Christa Goodwin, intern; Rachel Skemer, counselor; and David White, director.*



## TUTORING SERVICES AVAILABLE

EDP tutoring services have been extremely busy for the fall 2011 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 meet with a peer tutor during drop-in tutoring hours in the Learning Center. Tutors are available to EDP from the College Tutoring Services (CTS), which held a day-long orientation for all tutors at the College Lodge on August 27. Tutoring should not be held off until the last minute. Students should contact their EDP counselor and fill out a [tuttee application](#) or go to the [Learning Center](#) on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Reed Library for tutoring assistance.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

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](#), was offered for the fall. Biology Study Skills and Survey of Calculus lab will be offered for the spring.



## RALPH WILSON BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the fall 2011 Ralph Wilson Book Award are pictured with EDP Director David M. White. **Ricardo Rose**, left, is a senior Sports Management Exercise Science major from Niagara Falls and **Nicholas Bernard**, right, is a junior Dance major from Rochester.

The initial endowment was created in spring of 2000 by the Ralph Wilson, Jr., Foundation to assist EDP students with book and other college expenses. Applicants must submit a 200 word essay as well as a list of their accomplishments and community

service activities. The essay, academic merit, and economic need were reviewed by the EDP counseling staff. This award is offered each semester.

## CHRISTA GOODWIN—EDP INTERN



**Ms. Christa Goodwin** is completing one of her master's degree internships in the EDP office. She started with assisting in the coordination of the July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL). For the fall she is meeting with students, assisting in day-to-day work projects, observing the freshmen orientation course where she taught a class, and preparing the JEWEL webpage for 2012. Christa graduated from Buffalo State College in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Art. She worked in the Educational Opportunity Program and Admissions Office at Buffalo State and has interned at the Academic Support Services Department at Daemen College. She will complete her master's degree in May 2012 in Higher Education Student Affairs Administration (HESAA), formerly known as Student Personnel

Administration, from Buffalo State. "This internship has greatly added to my experience in the Student Personnel field," said Christa. "I have discovered what it is like to build, design, create, explore and try new things out of my comfort zone. SUNY Fredonia is a great environment with excellent faculty and staff, who have shared their personal experiences to help me become a better professional."

**EDP 1<sup>st</sup> Spring 2012 General Student Body Meeting**  
**Monday, January 30, 2012 - 5 pm - G-24 McEwen Hall**

## 30th ANNUAL EDP AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD MARCH 21, 2012

The Educational Development Program will host its 30th Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, in the Horizon Room of the Williams Center at 4 p.m. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students are encouraged to attend this annual event. The ceremony is an opportunity for EDP to recognize EDP students' academic achievements. EDP students who earned a minimum grade point average of 2.7 while completing 12 credits or more for the S'11 and/or F'11 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 Awards, Arthur O. Eve Scholarship Awards, Director's Award, Exemplary Service Award, Gregory Antonio Award, and Distinguished Alumni Award. **SEE RELATED ARTICLES ON PAGE 10.**

Also on March 21 will be the [Chi Alpha Epsilon](#) (XAE) national honor society induction. Eligible students must be full-time and hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for two consecutive semesters. Five EDP students will be inducted:



- ◆ Kenneth Dawson
- ◆ Aiden Perrilloux
- ◆ Domonick Pitts
- ◆ Kimberly Reynolds
- ◆ Jian Feng Xie

Depending on final grades, there are tentatively 18 [Full Opportunity Program \(FOP\)](#) students who may be eligible for induction. Fredonia's XAE Alpha Mu chapter was chartered in October 1999 and as of spring 2011 had 162 inductees made up of students from FOP and EDP.



### SUGGESTION BOX

Toward the end of each spring semester, EDP provides its students with a survey to anonymously express their feelings about EDP services. To provide a means of allowing student to give daily feedback, a suggestion box has been put up in the EDP hallway. "Students are encourage to make suggestions, recommendations, compliments, and complaints,"

said EDP Director David White. Comments are discussed and addressed each week during staff meetings.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL '11 EDP GRADS

- ◆ Oluwabumi Ajayi
- ◆ Derwin English
- ◆ Sheila Ramos



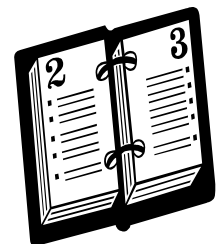
### DATES

#### 2011

- Dec 8—Last Day of Tutoring in the Learning Center
- Dec 9—Last Day of Classes
- Dec 12-16—Final Examinations
- Dec 21—Final Grades Due
- Dec 26-Jan 2—Offices closed—Please leave a voice mail or email message; will reopen January 3 at 8:30 am

#### 2012

- Jan 2-13—J-Term
- Jan 16—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day—Offices Closed
- Jan 22—S'12 Web Registration
- Jan 23—First Day of Classes
- Jan 30—EDP General Meeting - G-24 McEwen Hall, 5 pm
- Jan 30—Tutoring Starts in Learning Center and EDP
- Jan 31—Final Day to Add Courses
- Feb 6—Final Day to Apply for May Graduation
- Mar 12-16—NO CLASSES—Spring Break
- Mar 20—EDP Alumni Speaker Series & General Meeting—time/room TBA
- Mar 21—Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction and EDP Awards Ceremony, Horizon Rm/WmsC, 4 pm
- Mar 21—Mid-semester
- Mar 26—Fall 2012 Advising Begins
- Mar 30—Final Day to Withdraw from Courses
- Apr 2—Fall 2012 Registration Begins
- Apr 9—NO CLASSES—Travel Day
- Apr 24—Final Day to Completely Withdraw from the University
- May 7-11—Final Exams
- May 12—Commencement
- May 16—Final Grades Due
- TBA—JEWEL—July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning
- Aug 27—First Day of Classes F'12
- Oct 11-12—Fall Break
- Nov 19-23—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 17-21—Final Examinations



[The campus schedule calendar may be found on-line.](#)



*Rachael, Benji, EB, Rafit, and Clive.*

from the [9/19/11 Campus Report](#). Plastic gloves and garbage bags were given to the volunteers made up of EDP students, women's rugby players, faculty and staff, Brother-to-Brother members, and Speech Seminar students. All names were sent

to [Volunteer and Community Services](#) to receive official credit and entered for a prize drawing for three \$5 FSA gifts cards.



Thanks go to Fredonia's Facilities Service/Grounds Crew for picking up the trash bags. Dr. Michael Jabot/ Science Education said, "Hopefully this experience will have a ripple effect on the participants because they will

now be more aware of litter and littering." EDP plans on picking up litter in the woodlot again during 2012 [Earth Week](#)—approximately 4/16-22/12.

## BEAUTIFY THE CAMPUS WOODLOT AND HELP PICK UP LITTER—EDP COMMUNITY SERVICE

EDP Director David White suggested that the program staff and students become involved in a [community service project](#). We decided upon picking up any litter in the on-campus woodlot near Thompson Hall called "Forever Wild." The woods is also where the annual Halloween event "Terror in the Trees" takes place.

Opening up the community service to the entire campus, 37 participants helped to collect eight full bags of garbage on September 26. See the article



*Mr. White, Benji, Johnathan, Rafit, and Colin.*



*Ms. Knapp, Ms. Skemer, Carmelito, Ricardo, and Patrick.*

## CURRENT STUDENT HAPPENINGS



★ **Lorenzo Parnell** (SR/Music Performance/Rochester) had a leading role in [Merry Wives of Windsor](#), the annual Hillman Opera performed November 10-13; **Alexander Davis** (SR/Music Edu/Batavia) played bassoon in the orchestra and **Brianna Lawall** (FR/Music-Applied/Bolivar) and **Johnathan Sales** (FR/Music Edu/Buffalo) were part of the backstage crew. ★ **David Chatterton** (SR/Music Edu/Oswego) and **Alexander Davis** will be playing in the College Symphony Orchestra for the Yo-Yo Ma scholarship benefit gala concert on December 8. ★ **Amanda Tobin** (SR/Social Work/Perrysburg), **James Harris** (SR/BusAdmin/Buffalo), **Glenn Hillman** (FR/Liberal Arts/Sanborn), and **Seth Bush** (SO/Communication Audio-Radio/Buffalo) were in the Gospel Choir's November 11 concert. ★ **Siobhan Hunter** (JR/Theatre Arts/Rochester)

was in the student-run Performing Arts Company's production of [Don Juan in Chicago](#) in Bartlett Theatre at the end of September. ★ **Joseph Raville** (SR/Music Edu/Castorland)—*pictured to the right*—had his trumpet student recital September 24. ★ **Sean "Parisian Tone" Brown** (SR/Econ, PolSci, International Studies/New York) is doing well on his study abroad in Paris. He is interviewing for a job at a babysitting company that teaches English to French children. ★ **Johnathan Sales** is on the lacrosse team. ★ **Erica Mule** (FR/Theatre Arts/Speonk) is part of the a cappella group "[Some Like it Hot](#)" and has performed at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House and at their fall concert on November 12. ★ **Domonick Pitts** (SO/Exercise Sci/Buffalo) was the student speaker at the



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2011 New EDP Students

## RECAP FOR 2011 “JEWEL”

The 2011 July EDP Workshop for Expanded Learning (JEWEL) took place July 8 -16. Twenty-one new EDP students, *pictured to the left*, were on campus to become better acquainted with the EDP staff and participate in some additional activities to prepare them for their college experience. Team building activities included going on a field trip to Niagara Falls (*top right*) and taking part in a leadership course at the college lodge (*bottom*



*right with EDP peer advisors and staff*). The fee, meal, and lodging costs during the orientation were covered for each student by contributions from Fredonia State and a grant from the Office of Opportunity Programs.

The [July workshop](#) is just the beginning of the on-going process that will help EDP students excel in their academic standing. Required of all program students to attend the July workshop, it is found that they have a better idea of why they are here and what must be accomplished to be successful.

New freshmen also participated in the University’s Summer Orientation and Advising Program (SOAP) July 7-8. During this two-day orientation they finalized their fall class schedule and attended presentations on topics such as financial aid, the billing process, and on-campus services. It is **mandatory** that all new EDP freshmen attend both SOAP and JEWEL.

Plans are already underway for [JEWEL 2012](#).

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science center, and the recently completed Mason Hall additions, the climate of EDP has also elevated! It is refreshing to see and feel the increased sense of pride of our EDP students.

Assuming more leadership roles, becoming tour guides and residence assistants, obtaining valuable internship positions, and studying abroad are significant examples of what our students are accomplishing. Check out the *Current Student Happenings* on pages 4 and 9 to see their other involvements!

Please peruse this installment of *ACCENT*, and note how our students are truly “Going Above and Beyond!”

In closing, I ask each of you to join EDP in celebrating *Excellence without Excuses*. I welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season,

David M. White, EDP Director



View from EDP’s windows in Thompson Hall.  
First snowfall on campus—November 17, 2011.

## 2012 EDP RECRUITMENT

For the third consecutive year fall EDP admissions were closed in early May. EDP's recruitment initiatives begin in November with the EDP staff sending acknowledgment packets to each of our applicants and will continue while students submit the necessary documentation and ultimately pay their deposits. EDP admission is closed once our target enrollment is reached.

The EDP staff has begun working on enrolling our fall [2012 class](#). We urge all applicants to call with any questions or concerns regarding our EDP admission requirements.

Seating for the 2012 freshman class is limited and it is essential that all required documentation be submitted as soon as possible.

All applicants will receive a letter and packet of information, including a [yellow postcard](#), from EDP. In order to continue the application process, applicants ***MUST*** return the yellow postage paid card to us within two weeks of receiving it.

Once the yellow postcard is returned to Admissions, applicants will receive a letter from the Admissions Office requesting additional information to complete the application. Please forward the items listed as soon as possible to SUNY Fredonia's [Admissions Office](#), Fenner House, 178 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14063. Items needed to complete an application are:

- ◆ high school transcript or GED
- ◆ SAT and/or ACT test scores
- ◆ two letters of recommendation (e.g., from a guidance counselor, teacher, club leader, employer, etc.)
- ◆ autobiographical essay (tell us about your life circumstances which you feel make you a good candidate for EDP)
- ◆ income verification (e.g., **signed** copies of the **2011 federal** parents' taxes and student's taxes (if filed) including W-2 forms). If taxes are not filed, then you will need to submit a social security statement, social services statement, etc. See Question #8 on the Eligibility Information Form for more details.
- ◆ [Eligibility Information Form](#) PDF (81kb)
- ◆ personal interview with EDP director

Contact **Erica Arlequin**, Admissions counselor/EDP liaison at [Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu](mailto:Erica.Arlequin@fredonia.edu) or 716/673-3251 or 1-800-252-1212 with any application questions or visit EDP's website—[Fall 2012 Applicant Info](#). Applicants should also check out the [interactive video tour of the campus](#).



## SECOND WALLACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The second Wallace Scholarship was presented to **Ms. Pilar Nelson** in September, pictured here with EDP Director David White. Ms. Nelson is a junior Psychology major from Buffalo. She was recognized for this honor at the Fredonia College Foundation's Scholars' Breakfast October 1.

Pilar has been a member of the Black Student Union and Sister Circle; a Student Ambassador, EDP peer advisor and study hall monitor, resident hall night desk attendant and social chair; and Leadership Resource Center intern.

Criteria for the scholarship are for EDP students to have earned a minimum of 50 credit hours, must be enrolled at Fredonia at least one semester after receiving the scholarship, must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.50 CUM GPA), and must have evidence of campus and program leadership. A 500-600 word essay is required which is to include a description of successes and challenges while at Fredonia and how EDP has been instrumental in achieving such goals. The EDP staff recommends students to the scholarship committee consisting of Emma McFayden '76, Keith McFayden '77, Dr. Sherryl Weems '76, Dr. Jawaan Wallace, and Dr. Jeffrey J. Wallace '68. The EDP staff will select the next set of nominees in March 2012 with the scholarship being presented in September 2012.

## EDP ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

The **EDP Alumni Speaker Series** provides a platform for EDP graduates to motivate and inspire students from a program and campus that have had a significant impact on shaping their lives. In addition to providing a means for current EDP students and other members of our campus community to interact with our EDP alumni, the event serves the purpose of highlighting the important work and success stories of our EDP alumni in varying fields. These special individuals continue to epitomize what it means to go “Above and Beyond.” The fall 2011 [EDP Alumni Speaker](#) was **Dr. Sherryl D. Weems** ‘76/Education.



*Dr. Sherryl Weems*

Using EDP’s ‘11-’12 theme of *Excellence Without Excuses* as her presentation topic, Dr. Weems urged students to get rid of excuses on their journey to graduation, to be honest, and to know the difference between excuses and circumstances. “The calendar is your friend. You know when mid-semester is coming up. Excellence cannot be achieved if you rely on excuses. The most dangerous combination of words is ‘should have and can’t’ and don’t use coulda, woulda, shoulda to explain away failure. Keep your eye on the prize and side step the excuses. Being a student is your full-time job so concentrate on getting OUT and utilizing resources. Remove yourself from people who make excuses.” She also said that “someone is watching you. Your success will determine their next step.”



*Dr. Weems at the EDP Alumni Speaker Series.*

Dr. Weems received her bachelor of arts degree in Education/Spanish Concentration from the State University of New York at Fredonia ‘76; master of science degree in Education/Reading Specialist and doctorate in Education/Administration and Curriculum Planning from SUNY Buffalo; and a master of arts degree in Theology from Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, New York. She also completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education Institute for Higher Education Certification Program in Management Development.

Dr. Weems recently retired as Associate Vice-Provost for Continuing and Professional Studies and Executive Director of the [Educational Opportunity Center](#) at the University at Buffalo. In this dual administrative capacity, she had the oversight responsibility for creating access and opportunity for adult students (traditional and non-traditional) who seek formal education experiences, job training and workforce preparation on a variety of levels and in multiple capacities. Combined, these programs offer a unique response to degree and professional certificate seeking adults, adults in need of basic academic literacy, English as a Second Language, pre-college preparation, job preparation and specific job skill training. Assistance is also given to employers who have a commitment to improving workforce access, affording opportunities for training, and sustaining pipeline development.

She also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at SUNY Buffalo, concentrating her teaching emphasis on introducing undergraduate/graduate students to the profession of teaching through various course sequences. Dr. Weems worked with a number of campus committees, community organizations, local employers, and educational organizations to promote and create opportunities for literacy, continuing and professional education, and economic and workforce development throughout the region. She has held board positions on a number of community service agencies and educational and workforce development entities.

She was one of the founding members of Buffalo Prep, a member of Leadership Buffalo, and currently serves on the [Alumni Board](#) of the State University of New York at Fredonia. In addition, she is appointed as a board director for the King Center Charter School in Buffalo, and she was most recently asked to serve on the Mayor's "Pathways Out of Poverty" Planning Board for the City of Buffalo.

We wish Dr. Weems well as she starts a new chapter in her career as provost at [Victory University](#), a Christian, liberal arts college, in Memphis, Tennessee.

## STUDY HALL PROGRAM

Mandatory study hall is one part of EDP's student support services to provide a structured study time for first-semester freshmen, students currently on academic probation, and those nearing academic risk. Students may complete their study hall hours in the EDP computer lab (*pictured below*) during the day or during evening hours in other classrooms. Upperclass EDP students monitor the evening study halls.

"These study sessions provide our students with the opportunity to complete homework assignments, write papers, and prepare for exams in an environment that is



free of distractions and conducive to improving their academic standing. Regardless of whether students are required to attend, we encourage all of our students to take advantage of study hall," said EDP Director David White. "This is the second semester we are doing this and we have found that students are adjusting well and seeing the benefits of having this structured system of studying and how it reflects in their grades."

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

Alumni are invited to check out the new "[Future of Fredonia](#)" website. See the plans for the five current and upcoming construction projects: the new [science center](#), [Williams Center](#) renovation, [Dods Hall](#) fitness center renovation, [Rockefeller Arts Center](#) addition, and the [townhouse](#) village residence. Read about it in the October 19 [Leader article](#).

- **Linda (Leberman) Williams** ('74/Elementary Education) retired in June 2010 as a second grade teacher at Lake Shore Central Schools.
- **Cynthia Hall** ('79/Visual Arts) had an exhibit of paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures at two art shows at SUNY Orange County Community College's Middletown campus.
- **Dr. Mark Anthony Neal** ('87/English) was back on campus as one of the guest scholars speaking at the [7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mary Louise White Symposium November 4](#). The symposium's theme this year was dedicated to the

work and legacy of gospel great Mahalia Jackson. Dr. Neal teaches African and American Studies at Duke University.

- **Kevin Kruger** ('94/Music Education) was hired as Principal at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda, NY, Union Free School District in August 2010, after 11 1/2 years of teaching music in the West Seneca Central Schools and 4 1/2 years as an assistant principal at Kenmore West High School.
- **Jennifer Colon** ('07/Business Admin) is now working as the Project Staff Assistant at SUNY Fredonia's Technology Incubator in Dunkirk, NY.
- **Justin Bouchard** ('10/Communication Audio-Radio)—*pictured to the right*—was inducted November 6 into SUNY Fredonia's chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Golden Key is the world's largest collegiate honor society. Membership into the Society is by invitation only and applies to the top 15% of college and university sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as top-performing graduate students in all fields of study, based solely on their academic achievements.



- **Justin Ramsey** ('10/History) is now pursuing his master's degree at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, studying Soviet History. He hopes to complete it by December 2012.
- **Christian Torres** ('10/Social Work) is one of the coaches of the Blue Devils Diving Club. Having had a stellar college career as a diver, Christian is giving back to the local WNY area by coaching 5-18 year olds. The program is in its first year with hopes of making this area a better diving competitive area.
- **Kurtisha Scipio** ('11/Social Work) dropped us an email saying : *"Thank you for everything you have done for me. I was lucky to have you to guide me down the right path and I am glad to have met you. I now have a position as a foster care case manager with Lutheran Social Services. They're funded through Administration for Children's Services. I've been here for about a month and I love it. It's a lot of work, but it's all worth it. I've also applied to NYU Silver School for Social Work and Hunter College for my master's in social work."*

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## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION CLASS

All new freshman are enrolled in [EDP's Freshman Orientation classes](#) (fall SPST 127 and spring SPST 147). This is a two-part series with Part I offered in the fall and Part II offered in the spring. These courses of study are designed to help program students better understand what college life is all about, while helping students to move toward their future goals. Concepts from the "First-Year Experience" are also brought into the classroom. Topics range from learning styles, time and money management, financial aid, research paper writing, dealing with stress and anxiety, and writing a resume. The EDP freshmen orientation class is co-taught by the EDP counselors Ms. Janet Knapp (*top right*) and Ms. Rachel Skemer (*bottom left*).



## Current Student Happenings - continued from page 4

October 29 Open House. ★**Lasheri Mayes** (JR/sociology/Buffalo) is part of the Student Involvement/Student Activities segment on the new Admissions' [RealViewTV virtual tour](#). ★**David Chatterton** was part of the orchestra in the fall musical "[25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee](#)" and **Tyanna Berry** (JR/Bus Admin-Marketing/Brooklyn) was one of the electricians on the crew. ★**Johnathan Sales** and **Briana Lawall** sing in the Fredonia College Choir. They were part of Western New York Chamber Orchestra's performance on October 30. ★**Ashley Ellis** (JR/Pol.Sci./Cattaraugus) ran for Student Association vice president. ★**Zija Lubin-West** (SO/Theatre Arts/New York) was the assistant stage manager and **Nicole King** (SO/Theatre Arts/East Meadow) was on the deck crew for the Walter Gloor Mainstage Series production of William Shakespeare's [Macbeth](#) in early November. ★The women's Black Horse rugby team was ranked #1 in New York State in Division II standings for the fall. EDP students on the team are **Lasheri Mayes**, **Dorena Johnson** (SR/Social Studies-Adolescence Edu/Buffalo), and **Amanda Rivera** (SO/Criminal Justice/Lackawanna). ★**Shakira Mayne** (SR/Criminal Justice/Staten Island) has an internship with Judge Walter Drag at the Dunkirk City Courts for spring 2012. ★**Andrew Ruffin** (SR/Music Bus/Brooklyn), **Dior Jackson** (SR/Sport Management/Monticello), **Julius Bryant** (SR/Sport Management/Buffalo), and **Jonathan Herrera** (SR/Communication Public Relations/Woodside) are on the [men's basketball team](#).

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Throughout each semester a new EDP student(s) is featured in [Student Spotlight](#) on EDP's website. So far for fall 2011 [Nicole King](#) (SO/Theatre Arts/East Meadow) shared her experience of spending the summer doing community service in the Holy Land and [Mandela Avril](#) (SR/Theatre Arts/Bronx) talked about spending the 2010-11 academic year in Germany. The next feature will highlight **Joseph Raville** (SR/Music Education/Castorland) discussing his experience as a music major. The Student Spotlight is coordinated by EDP counselor Janet Knapp.



## Alumni Update - continued from page 8

- **Vincent Outerbridge** ('11/Business Admin) stopped by to express his appreciation for the EDP services he received. He is currently employed at a charter school in Massachusetts as a special education learning specialist. He is enjoying it and hopes to pass down lessons learned in EDP. He has agreed to return and address our students in the near future.
- **Keli Cochran** ('11/Comm/PolSci/IDS) attended Diversity Day November 10-11 at the University of Minnesota. Diversity Day is a two-day program coordinated to expose students who are historically underrepresented in higher education to master's degree programs at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Nomination came through the Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) <http://www.ppiaprogram.org/>, which is a national program that prepares young adults for an advanced degree and ultimately for careers and influential roles serving the public good. PPIA has an outreach focus on students from groups who are underrepresented in leadership positions in government, nonprofits, international organizations and other institutional settings.

Please send any alumni news to [Barbara.Yochym@fredonia.edu](mailto:Barbara.Yochym@fredonia.edu).

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL IDA M. BOYD NAMED EDP 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Ms. **Ida M. Boyd** is being named as EDP's 2012 Distinguished Alumni. She will be recognized at the 30th Annual EDP Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Boyd earned her undergraduate degree in Communication/Media with a minor in Sociology in 1985.

While at Fredonia Ms. Boyd was a member of the ROTC—Reserve Officer Training Corps, receiving her commission in July 1986. Her present assignment is as G-1, Army Reserve Legal Command in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where she is the senior human resource officer. Having completed her masters degree in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University, she is a PhD candidate from Capella University in Organizational Management.



*From the 2011 EDP Alumni & Friends Reunion, Ida (right) is pictured with Mrs. Susan (Nebrich) Arthur, whom she met in 1981 and they have been best friends ever since.*

Lieutenant Colonel Boyd has risen through the ranks of the United States Army, served in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and received many decorations and badges including the Meritorious Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.



*Senior picture—1985*

LTC Boyd will give the next presentation of the EDP Alumni Speaker Series on March 20. This is open to the entire campus community.

**EDP's DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD** is presented to a graduate of SUNY Fredonia's Educational Development Program who has accomplished personal and career goals and demonstrated a commitment to leadership and academic excellence.

## SUNY FREDONIA PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE EDP'S 2012 EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Each year during EDP's annual Awards Ceremony an **EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD** is presented to recognize the support and dedication of those who have been instrumental in helping EDP accomplish its mission. These contributions and commitments make EDP able to go "Above and Beyond." The 2012 Exemplary Service award will be presented to SUNY Fredonia's President **Dr. Dennis Hefner** on March 21, 2012.

Dr. Hefner has attended and given welcoming remarks at the 2008 and 2011 EDP alumni and friends reunions and at nearly every EDP awards ceremony since 1997.

During his annual general campus meeting to kick off the fall 2008 semester, Dr. Hefner said this about EDP: "Finally, I want to share with you two events that made



*Dr. Hefner talked with EDP alum Adelia Davis '76 during EDP's 2008 reunion.*

*me so proud of this campus. The Educational Development Program recently held its 40th Reunion, bringing more than 100 alumni back to the cam-*

*pus. Following dinner, each alum was asked to stand and say a few words. One by one these remarkable graduates, most of whom had graduated 20 or more years ago and who had originally come to our campus from humble economic circumstances, stood and talked about the faculty and staff who made a difference to them. They talked about their families, about what their education meant to them, and how they have given back to society. I wish we had recorded those comments because they were a vivid reminder of how you each impact the lives of our students. It was an inspirational evening, and I wish everyone could have been there." [Click here to read the full address from August 22, 2008](#)*

Dr. Hefner joined the campus in 1996 and is the longest-serving president in the history of the modern Fredonia campus. He announced his intentions to [retire](#) following the close of the 2011-12 academic year. The [search process](#) is underway for Fredonia's next president.

***Happy Holidays from the EDP Staff.  
We wish you a happy and healthy 2012.***

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