

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying your fall semester. EOPS is super busy seeing students but not to busy to acknowledge the EOPS 40th birthday. It is amazing that forty years ago EOPS was born here at Fullerton College. Some of you might ask how EOPS started? Forty years of existence deserves an explanation:

The history of EOPS began during the Civil rights movement of the 1960's. Lack of access to higher education for students affected by language, social and economic barriers were the civil rights issues that helped form EOPS. Community activist and students pressured the California State Legislature to provide higher education access to underserved students. In 1968, several pilot student services programs were established. After the first year, the programs were evaluated and results submitted to the CA legislature. Because of the positive evaluation, in 1969 **Senate Bill 164 (aka EOPS)**, encouraged the state's community college to develop programs and services to meet the unique educational needs of students handicapped by language, social, and economic disadvantage, thus EOPS was born. This year EOPS turns 40 and to celebrate this anniversary Senator Duchany authored an EOPS state resolution that was supported by the state senate, assembly and legislature on September 1, 2009. The aforementioned state resolution declares October as Extended Opportunity Programs and Services month to honor its mission and purpose.

To further celebrate the EOPS fortieth birthday, on October 13th both Cypress and Fullerton College EOPS will conduct a brief presentation on EOPS success and submit a resolution for NOCCCD board of trustees to acknowledge the forty years of EOPS student success. Your support is always welcomed.

If you do not get a chance to see the NOCCCD resolution to EOPS you can view it at the EOPS birthday party on Thursday October 22nd from 1:30-3pm at the EOPS Fullerton College Office. You are all invited for cake and punch.

Sincerely,
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