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Important Dates:

August 18th:

Fall Book Awards Begin
Fall Classes Begin

September 1st:

Labor Day Holiday, No
Classes, Office Closed

September 4th:

Last Day to Drop Classes
without a "W" (in person)

September 5th:

Last Day of Fall Book
Awards

September 6th:

Last Day to Drop Classes
without a "W" (Webstar)

October 20th:

Short Term Classes begin

November 10th:

Veteran's Day Holiday, No
Classes, Office Closed

November 27th and 28th:

Thanksgiving Holiday, No
Classes, Office Closed

December 11th-19th:

Final Exams

December 19th:

End of Fall Semester



Group photo of 2003 EOPS graduates and/or transfer scholars, at annual EOPS Recognition Ceremony, Embassy Suites, Brea.



EOPS students (left to right) Elmi Noor, Omar Soofi, Mohammed Chawla, and Mehdi Islam proudly display their Certificate of Recognition, May 2003.



Cal State University Fullerton's Afro-Ethnic Studies Community ensemble entertains EOPS students during dinner at the Annual Recognition Ceremony.



EOPS staff members at the EOPS Recognition Ceremony: Counseling Assistant's André Strong and Sabrina Jenkins, Program Supervisor Claudia Castillo-Dallator, Financial Aid Specialist Greg Ryan, and Counseling Assistant Chan Ton.



EOPS Student Tiegist Demissie with Counseling Assistant Chan Ton.



Chan Ton and Claudia Castillo-Dallator hand out the Certificates of Recognition at the Annual Recognition Ceremony.

Meaning vs. Action: The Painless Death of a Post-Secondary Institution?



Recently, in the midst of reading of an extensive biography about a Mexican revolutionary leader, I encountered a word which obligated me to stop reading and locate my old reliable dictionary, as I was unfamiliar with the word. Although I had a vague idea what the word meant, I needed do take reasonable action to ensure that I understood the meaning and how it was being used within the context of the paragraph. As I located the word, euthanasia, in the dictionary, I experienced a rather chilling effect when I began to read the definition (meaning). According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, euthanasia means "the act of causing death painlessly, so as to end suffering."

The chilling effect did not come because of the biography I was reading. No, the chilling effect came because somehow I envisioned that because of the recent state revenue/budget crisis the proposed state budget by Governor Davis (action) may have been to "euthanize" public education in general, but specifically to community colleges, given the disproportionate cuts he had proposed to this post-secondary system.

As I placed the dictionary back on the shelf, and returned to my reading I could not get back to my comfort zone. As I read, I began to picture some of the current state leaders with revolutionary leaders in the biography. I asked myself, is there a parallel here? Does history repeat itself? As a believer and practitioner of our democratic values and rights, the answer was a resounding no. But a nagging question remained; how can I (we) inform and educate the decision-makers about the impact their budgetary decisions will have on community colleges in general, but specifically on students? The answer was as easy as starting my personal computer; send an e-mail or a correspondence to my state legislator (Assemblyperson and Senator) and convey a request for a "fair share budget" for community colleges. How do I make the contact? For an e-mail address or fax number, you need to access via the EOPS web site (<http://eops.fullcoll.edu>, and click the "Important News" button). Another resource is a statewide student led advocacy project via the website www.sos.-ccc.org.

When you forward (action) your e-mail or correspondence to a legislator, you will have earned bragging rights and can say that you contributed toward the defeat of an "euthanized" proposed budget for community colleges. You can take action immediately and as often as you want until the state budget is negotiated between the Governor and the State Legislature. And if you decide not to do anything, at least now you know the meaning of euthanasia.

Thinking positive.....

Dr. Ramirez

A Message from the Editor...By Greg Ryan, M.A., EOPS Newsletter Editor

Welcome to the Fall 2003 Edition of the EOPS Newsletter. As you already are aware, community colleges have been hit with proposals for significant budget cuts this academic year. Hence, our EOPS newsletter is not as long as in semesters past. However, you will still find relevant and useful articles. We have several articles addressing the budget crisis in greater detail, as well as advocacy that took place last spring from both EOPS students and staff. There are also articles that highlight many of the EOPS activities from last spring semester, such as College Bound and the Annual EOPS Recognition Ceremony. Additionally, there are also articles devoted to Financial Aid and the CARE program.



Most important of all, I want to remind you that all information is posted on the EOPS web site located at <http://eops.fullcoll.edu>. For example, this newsletter you are currently reading is also posted on the EOPS website. In addition, you can find workshop flyers, reminders of program requirements, Book Award information, and correspond with EOPS staff and faculty via email. As we face continuing challenges in regards to the budget, more and more information will be available in electronic format. You can stay abreast of changes by continually pointing your browser to the EOPS website. In addition, if you obtain an email address, you can now receive information via the EOPS LISTSERV. If you are not already subscribed, please email me at gryan@fullcoll.edu and ask to be subscribed to the EOPS LISTSERV.

If you are not well versed in computers, I would like to inform you of a workshop called "Internet Basics" that will take place in October. Information will be posted in September on the workshop page of the EOPS web site.

If you are returning to EOPS and Fullerton College this fall, I hope you have a productive semester, and continue to make progress towards your educational and career goals. If you are joining us for the first time this fall, I would like to welcome you to the EOPS program, and hope that you take advantage of all the services that EOPS has to offer you. This newsletter is but one example. On behalf of all the EOPS Staff, welcome (or welcome back), and we look forward to meeting with each of you this coming semester.

CARE Corner; by Veronica Aguilera

Welcome to the CARE corner! This semester the CARE and CalWORK's program hosted the Single Parent Recognition Luncheon at the new Anaheim campus. The event, formerly known as the Mother's Day Luncheon, took place on May 9th, 2003. The luncheon celebrated student success, as well as, acknowledged those students who would be graduating this year. Students enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by the Culinary Arts program from Cypress College and special prizes, such as, gift certificates for F.C's Cosmetology services, Target, Harbor Cruises, and other great raffle prizes. The CARE and CalWORK's program staff would like to thank Fullerton College staff for their generous donations. With your help, our event was a great success!





Welcome to the start of another semester! Most of you have already completed your financial aid applications and financial aid file, and will be receiving your fall financial aid disbursement by the time you read this. However, if you have not yet filed your FAFSA application, or are unsure of the process, I encourage you to make an appointment with me today to complete your application. Additionally, I can send the application electronically for you, greatly speeding up the time it takes to get a response.

As the EOPS Financial Aid Specialist, you can meet with me to discuss any item ranging from the Book Service Award to student loans. If you get in a financial bind during the school year, come see me to discuss your options.

Remember that beginning in January, scholarship information will be available. For the first time, all scholarship information is now posted on the EOPS website at <http://eops.fullcoll.edu>. The website should be a 'one stop shop' and your first step toward a successful scholarship search. There is a listing of several search engines for performing scholarship searches, as well as general information on scholarships. Make sure you view the EOPS Scholarship Database, which currently houses over 600 scholarships. They are grouped in categories for easier searching. This should be your first step in looking into scholarships, and this revised electronic database replaces the former "Scholarship Supplemental Application" that used to be completed in my office. However, if after viewing the information you still have questions, or if you are unclear where to begin, you may still make an individual appointment with me. As always, there will also be scholarship workshops offered in the spring semester.

As a reminder, I am available on an appointment basis for any questions you may have regarding financial aid, such as the EOPS Book Service Award, BOGG Fee Waiver, completion and/or transmission of the FAFSA application, and status of your financial aid file. Additionally, as you get ready to transfer to a four year university, you might want to meet with me to discuss your financial aid options and add your transfer school choices to your FAFSA.

If you have simple questions, such as what tracking requirements you have yet to complete, or questions regarding your financial aid disbursements, most of the time these can be answered via a brief email to me. My email address is gryan@fullcoll.edu. I normally will respond to you the same business day. If your question requires more in depth attention, I may email you back and request that you make an appointment. Many continuing students took advantage of this email option to have their fees waived for summer school, and I think most will agree the process was much quicker than completing additional paperwork and waiting in lines, which was the process prior to this summer.

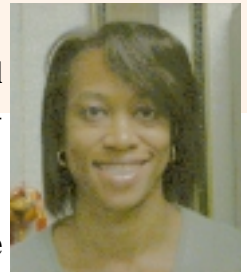
Another change to be aware of is starting this past summer, the Financial Aid Office will no longer mail hard copies of student award letters. Students must log onto Webstar to view their financial aid awards. If you do not have a computer, we have two student workstations in the EOPS office that have internet access. Or you may meet with me to go over your award individually.

New FAFSA applications for the next school year will be available approximately December 1st. If I transmitted your FAFSA electronically for you this past academic year, you will most likely receive only a PIN Number and/or Renewal FAFSA. I will offer a series of Financial Aid Workshops in December to pass out the new applications and cover changes to the application. You may meet with me on an appointment basis anytime I am available after January 1st to transmit your application for next year.

If you have any other questions relating to financial aid, please email or schedule an appointment. I look forward to hearing from you. Remember, meeting deadlines means getting attention promptly!

College Bound Comes to An End, by Sabrina Jenkins

Due to mandated budget cuts for next year, we will not be able to continue the College Bound program. In Spring 2003, we successfully concluded our final season of College Bound with over 700 students visiting Fullerton College.



Some of the faculty speakers who were on hand to speak to sixth graders included: Milton Randle from the MESA program, Heidi Lockhart from the Transfer Center, Elizabeth Gaitatjis from the ESL department, Asim Ansari from the Chemistry Department, and Cindy Vyskocil from Campus Diversity.

College Bound is an outreach program that was implemented in 1990 when Fullerton College collaborated with the elementary schools of the Anaheim City School District to arrange field trips for sixth graders to visit our campus. The goal of College Bound was to provide awareness about all of the opportunities and possibilities that are available to students who attend college. In thirteen years, we have had close to 9,500 sixth graders visit Fullerton College with the hopes of getting a glimpse of college life. All of the students were from Franklin, Jefferson1, Jefferson 2, Lincoln, Palm Lane, and Price elementary schools.

As coordinator of College Bound for two years, I would like to say that the experience has been rewarding, exciting, and challenging. I hope the sixth graders, who were fortunate to be a part of this program, and visit Fullerton College, left our campus with an interest in college, an appreciation of college, and most of all, an incentive to attend college.

The College Bound Program has relied on faculty, staff, and volunteers for its success throughout the years. All of these individuals lent their time, energy, and support every year to make our program better each week.

Thanks to all of those involved in College Bound and best wishes for the future.

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Transfer Fee Waivers: by Andre Strong

Hi EOPS students, my name is Andre Strong, for those of you that do not know me already. I hope you are having a very nice and productive semester. Remember, if you are planning to transfer, make an appointment with me to get a fee waiver for your transfer application. You can get a fee waiver for as many CSU's you want to apply for, and up to four UC's. If you want to apply to a private or out of state University, I can write a letter requesting that your application fees be waived. Application terms for CSU's start for Summer the previous February, for Fall the previous October, for Winter the previous June, and for Spring the previous August.

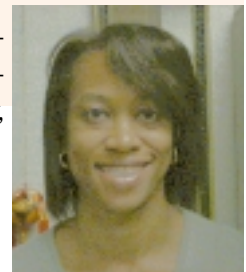


Application terms for UC's start for Fall the previous November, for Winter the previous July, and for Spring the previous October. Application terms from private and out of state Universities may vary, it is best to contact the University you plan on attending and retrieve this information.

Application processing fee for the CSU's are \$55 dollars, and \$40 dollars for the UC's. Private and out of state application processing fee may vary, and students should contact these schools and inquire about their application cost. Don't forget to also find out about campus tours, you can learn so much about the University you may be planning to attend!

Tutoring: An Extra Hour for EOPS Students, by Sabrina Jenkins

Did you know that as an EOPS student, you can now receive one additional hour of tutoring per subject over the weekly allowance of two hours, per week at the Tutoring Center? This extra hour in tutoring is available for the appointment subjects of ESL, English, Foreign Languages, Geography, History, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Reading, Science, Sociology, Statistics, and more.



You must make an appointment for these subjects. There is no walk-in tutoring available.

What this means is if you are taking four courses you can have 12 hours of tutoring or if you are taking 5 courses, you can have 15 hours of tutoring, and so on.

In EOPS, we want to increase your level of academic success and give you all the assistance you need to get through your college career. If you have not taken advantage of the tutorial services at the Tutoring Center, now is a good time to start making frequent visits and improving your grades.

Accounting, Chemistry, Math, and Physics are walk-in subjects only and no appointments are available.

For appointment subjects, you can schedule an appointment by calling 714 992-7483. For walk-in subjects, you may stop by during the Center's regular hours of operation which are Monday through Thursday 9:30am to 7:00pm, Fridays 9:00am to 1:30pm, and Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm. The Tutoring Center is located in building 2000 room 2023 above the Bookstore.

* Hours may be subject to change depending on the budget.

Happy end of the academic year! Hopefully by now, you have recovered from finals and end of the year projects. It is now time to gear up for a new academic year. But first let me tell you about all the things we accomplished during the spring semester. The calendar year did not have a very good start for us. The Governor announced his proposed mid year cuts and the news was devastating for EOPS and CARE. The Governor proposed a 10.8% cut to both programs among other disproportionate cuts to the Community College system. But, you did not sit still. With the help of our counseling assistants and academic counselors, we got the word to you and you responded by sending letters to your state Assembly members and Senators.



It was great to see the number of students and staff that got involved in the letter writing campaign. I am very proud of the group of students who accompanied me to Sacramento (John Abelon, Rosa DeAlba and Diane Temal). On March 17, 2003 over 60 students, faculty, staff and administrators hopped on a bus and drove to Sacramento to participate in the March 18, 2003 "Keep the Doors Open" rally. All expenses were paid by the Region VIII EOPS Association. It was a very exciting day which began by meeting with several legislators and then participating in the rally. It was reported that there were over 10,000 students, faculty and staff present at the rally. It was a sight to see.

Because of the letter writing campaign and the rally, our budget was restored to 100% for the 2002-2003 academic year. But it is not over yet. The Governor proposed a 1.2% cut to EOPS and 45% cut to CARE for the 2003-2004 academic year. As you can see by this year's action, your voice counts. Please continue to write to your representatives. Register to vote and know that your vote counts. It is imperative that we restore the budget as any type of budget cuts means less services available to you.

If you need help finding your legislator or getting your letter started, please visit our EOPS Web Site (<http://eops.fullcoll.edu>). We have sample letters, a list of legislators and updated budget information. We also have a computer available for your use in the EOPS office.

**Congratulations to the 2003 EOPS
Men & Women of Distinction!**

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Omid N. Eghterafi
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Hetwarth V. Italia

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Vanessa Corona
Katherine T. Khuat
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Maryam Moghaddam
Oksana Niknafs
Serena A. Smith-Patten



Alpha Gamma Sigma Life Members: by Claudia Castillo-Dallator, MA; Program Supervisor

The following EOPS students are Alpha Gamma Sigma Life Members and have completed a minimum of sixty units with a minimum of thirty units completed at Fullerton College and meet the requirements of a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or better and active membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma for two or more semesters.



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Phi Theta Kappa International Lifetime Members

The following EOPS students are Phi Theta Kappa International Lifetime Members who have completed at least twelve hours of coursework leading to a degree and maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average or better.

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