What’s Buzzing in EOPS?

Spring 2014
Farewell – Bob Miranda

To all our EOPS Grad’s and transfer students, congratulations on a job well done and for those of you who will continue on, work hard and stick to it.

My name is Bob Miranda; I’ am the EOPS Director and Dean of Student Support Services. I have been with Fullerton College for the last 32 years, which for a lot of you, is longer than you have been around. EOPS and Financial Aid has been a lifetime career. I started working at the community colleges back in 1975 as the EOPS Assistant Director at Cerritos College. Then in 1981, I came to Fullerton College as the Director of Financial Aid and continued as the director until 2008 when I became the Interim Dean of Student Support Services/EOPS Director in 2009. EOPS staff, college and students have been a family for me ever since. It is with great pride that I retire from Fullerton College this June and make room for the next generation.

I wish you all best that life can give you, and always remember “once a hornet, always a hornet”! God speed and see you at graduation.

Bob

Message from the Program Coordinator...Andre Strong

Once again it’s time for EOPS to put the boxing gloves on and get back into the ring. We will have a few allies in the ring with us for this fight. These allies will be CalWORKS, and DSPS or as it is recognized at Fullerton College- Disability Support Services (DSS). We will be joining these programs to advocate that our programs be exempt from adopting regulations requiring that a student meet minimum academic and progress standards to be eligible for a Board Of Governor Waiver and loss of Priority Registration due to regulations governing enrollment priority. In addition for EOPS/ CARE and CalWORKS, we will be advocating for no flexibility for our programs funding. Another important issue we are advocating for is for our EOPS/CARE, CalWORKS and DSPS programs statewide to receive full restoration of our funds. By receiving full restoration of our funds, we can service and guide more of our low income, special needs, first generation, underrepresented students to be successful in college and go on to pursue great careers. So to reiterate, we are looking for a 1, 2, 3, punch knock out to assist our students to be successful!

Punch #1- Exempt EOPS/CARE, DSPS, and CalWORKS students from requiring students to meet the minimum academic and progress standards to be eligible for a Board Of Governor Waiver (BOGW) and loss of Priority Registration.

Punch #2- Stop flexibility for EOPS/CARE and CalWORKS funding.

Punch #3- Give EOPS/CARE, DSPS, and CalWORKS full restoration of program funding.

These three issues can give us the tools we need to help our students to Technically Knock Out (TKO) the barriers they face and step out of the ring of education successfully. Students will need to let their voices be heard on these issues. Hopefully by the time this article comes out we will be able to celebrate a positive outcome of these issues. Until then, EOPS family and allies stay strong in our efforts to push for student success.
President & Dean’s List

On behalf of everyone at EOPS, we would like to CONGRATULATE the following students for their academic achievement's this semester!!! Keep up the great work!!!

**President’s List: Fall 2013**
Requires 12 or more degree applicable units in a semester with a 3.75 to 4.00 gpa

- Daniel Aldana
- Fadumo Ali
- Antonio Alvarez
- Jacqueline Anaya
- Hoda Bakhom
- Alexandru Baltezar
- Alessandra Bocca
- Robert Buckingham
- Phuc Bui
- Susan Casey
- Cruz Castillo
- Ashley Charles
- Yen Chung
- Jonathan Davis
- Ashlie De La Rosa
- Jaimee Deegan
- Robin Ellwood
- Elizabeth Esqueda
- Richard Gaber
- Christopher Hagen
- Ngoc Hoang
- Hyesun Kim
- Vitaliy Knopelkin
- Alexandre Leduc
- Alma Lopez
- Reynold Macwan
- Simin Mokhtari
- Thai Nguyen
- Man Nguyen
- Yessica Pancaro
- Sabrina Pardo
- Akash Patel
- Rosita Ramirez
- Ana Ramirez Zarate
- Alicia Razo
- Crystal Reese
- Michelle Rios
- Hieu Tran
- Yen Tran
- Sok Ung
- Ana Vargas
- Charles Woon
- Yicheng Zhang
- Connie Zhu

**Dean’s List: Fall 2013**
Requires 12 or more degree applicable units in a semester with a 3.0 to 3.74 gpa

- Yasmen Abuyousef
- Christopher Aguilar
- Miguel Aispuro
- Liliana Amezqua
- Jeanette Arellano
- Aracely Arellano
- Anabel Arias
- Osiel Arriaga
- Mirza Baig
- Linda Barajas
- Lucero Benitez
- Stacey Calderon
- Geisha Camacho
- Amanda Camargo
- Brandon Carson
- Chinn Chandler
- Marisol Contreras
- Mario Dorantes
- Stephanie Elias
- Gary Escareno
- Steffany Escobar Galvez
- Daniella Estrada
- Alyssa Felipe
- Alexander Galindo
- Martin Gaona
- Teresa Gavina Medina
- Evet Ghaly
- Maryam Gholami Daryakenari
- Janet Guerrero
- Guadalupe Gutierrez
- Phoebe Hanna
- Silviana Hernandez
- Martin Hernandez
- Ana Hernandez
- Ivan Huertero
- Vanessa Jimenez
- Rajwinder Kaur
- Suman Khadka
- Alfonso Lagunas
- Veena Lai
- Alyssa Lendennie
- Jessica Lopez Gonzalez
- Luis Magdaleno
- Jessica Manion
- Angelica Marquez
- Gema Martinez
- Viridiana Martinez Parades
- Stephanie Meadams
- Miguel Mendoza
- Armando Mendoza
- Nidhi Modha
- Francisco Navarro
- Neldia Negrete
- Khoa Ngo
- Mai Ngo
- Tam Nguyen
- Franciska Niculae
- Yadira Nunez
- Jacob Milbery Jennifer Nunez
- Karina Orozco
- Yesenia Ortega
- Alma Ortiz
- Erika Ortiz
- Leslie Paredes
- Kelvina Parmar
- Selina Peralta
- Jessica Perdomo
- Patricia Perez
- David Phan
- Bianca Pichardo
- Erika Piskor
- Sylvia Plata
- Jamie Qasim
- Deisy Quezada
- Krystal Quiroz
- Kevin Ramirez
- Mario Ramos
- Norma Ramos
- Laura Renteria
- Sandra Rocha
- Diana Rodriguez
- Alexis Rodriguez
- Kimberly Rodriguez
- Veronica Rodriguez
- Alexs Rojas
- Daniel Rojo
- Patricia Ruiz
- Jose Salazar
- Zuly Sanchez
- Cynthia Santana
- Nur Sattar
- Arshdeep Singh
- Matthew Song
- Jennifer Soriano
- Yeraldid Tapia
- Anthony Tirado
- Phuc Tran
- Raymond Trandelomske
- Elizabeth Trejo
- Thanh Truong
- Bernie Vasquez
- Rosemary Vilchis
National Student Loan Database (NSLDS)
provided by Claudia Mojica Stone

What is NSLDS?
The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's central database for student aid. It receives data from schools, agencies that guaranty loans, the Direct Loan program, and other U.S. Department of Education programs like the Pell Grant. NSLDS provides a centralized integrated view of Title IV loans and grants that are tracked through their entire cycle; from aid approval through closure. NSLDS keeps track of your Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) by adding together the percentages of your Pell Grant scheduled awards that you received for each award year.

When is the NSLDS Student Access web site available?
The NSLDS Student Access web site is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, maintenance of the NSLDS database can occur on the weekends or late hours. This may cause the site to be unavailable for a brief period while maintenance is performed.

What information is available to me through the NSLDS Student Access web site?
You can use the web site to make inquiries about your Title IV loans and/or grants. The site displays information on loan and/or grant amounts, outstanding balances, loan statuses, and disbursements.

What information do I need to use the NSLDS Student Access web site?
In order to use the NSLDS Student Access web site, you will need to provide your Social Security number (SSN), the first two letters of your last name, your date of birth, and your FAFSA PIN.

How secure is the NSLDS Student Access web site?
The unique combination of SSN, PIN, and personal information needed to access the NSLDS Student Access web site makes it as secure as using an ATM.

How can I determine my Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)?
To determine how much of the maximum six years (600%) of Pell Grant you have used each year, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) compares the actual amount you received for the award year with your scheduled award amount for that award year. Of course, if you receive the full amount of your scheduled award, you will have used 100%. It’s possible that you might not receive your entire scheduled award for an award year. There are a number of reasons for this, the most common of which are that you are not enrolled for the full year or that you are not enrolled full-time, or both.

If you did not receive the full amount of your scheduled award, we calculate the percentage of the scheduled award that you did receive. For example, if your scheduled award for an award year is $5,000, but because you were enrolled for only one semester you received only $2,500, you would have received 50% of the scheduled award for that award year. Or if you received only $3,750 for the award year because you were enrolled three-quarter-time and not full-time, you would have received 75% for that year.

Three easy steps to access NSLDS

Step 1
Go to www.nslds.ed.gov and click on “Financial Aid Review.” You will need the Federal Student Aid PIN, or personal identification number, that was provided by the Department when you took out your loans. If you do not have a PIN, refer to the “Don’t have your PIN?” section after Step 3.

Step 2
Read and accept the privacy statements.
Enter your Social Security number.
Enter the first two letters of your last name.
Enter your date of birth.

Step 3
Click “Submit”.

Article adapted from: www.nslds.ed.gov
1. Maximum Pell Grant Award increases from $5,645 to $5,730.

2. Maximum Pell EFC will increase from $5,081 to $5,157.

3. Effective July 1, 2013, students will lose the subsidy on existing loans if they do not complete their program within 150% of the published length of the program.

4. Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA): legally married, same-sex couples, parents or students, must report their marital status as married if they are legally married. Also, if student’s parents are not married to each other and live together, answer questions about both of them on the FAFSA. If parents are divorced or separated and live together, answer questions about both of them on the FAFSA.

5. Due to sequestration, loan fees will increase on new loans on December 1st.

6. The Fullerton College Financial Aid Office will be using new verification software to expedite the processing of files.

7. If selected for verification the Department of Education will assign students to a specific VGroup. V6 is a new verification group that has been added to verify the household number. V2 has been eliminated.

8. Middle Income Scholarship will commence for students attending CSU and UC in the Fall 2014.
I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new and continuing CARE students for the Spring 2014 semester. I hope all of you enjoyed your Winter break and are ready to take on the challenge of completing a successful semester.

The CARE Program encourages you to complete all program requirements! Don’t forget to meet with your Academic Counselor and Student Service Specialist. I know that many of you CARE students have encountered days where you have questioned your ability to complete your educational goals and handle the task of attending to your children’s needs, while being a single parent. I know that there are days where you are dealing with a sick child and trying to study for that exam, all the while stressing over finances. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you, in the famous words of one of my favorite activist, Cesar Chavez, “Si Se Puede!”, meaning “Yes You Can!” Don’t give up, whenever you encounter situations make sure that you come in to speak with the EOPS/CARE staff. We will find the resources and provide you with the guidance to help you through that difficult transition. Our goal is to assist you in completing your academic success!!!

"If you're not frightened that you might fail, you'll never do the job. If you're frightened, you'll work like crazy." – Cesar Chavez

The CARE and CalWORKs program will be hosting the Annual Single Parent Recognition Luncheon. This event is in the month of May. The event this year will take place on May 9, 2014. The theme of the event will be a “Burned out Barbecue”, since we know that it is towards the end of the semester and most of you will be dealing with finals, we figured we would add some cheer, good food and empowering success stories. Contact the EOPS office and request to speak with Lizzete Garcia if you are interested in attending!

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi
Now that I have your attention, are you aware that EOPS offers a book lending program where you can borrow books for the entire semester for FREE? Are you also aware that our entire book lending inventory exists because of students who have donated books?

**FACT:** Our EOPS students saved hundreds of dollars this semester by taking advantage of this program!!

**BECOME ONE OF THE PRIVILEGED STATISTICS!!**

**NEED:** Our inventory is critically low!! We need as many students to donate their textbooks at the end of each semester as possible. As you all know, textbooks become outdated quickly as new editions are published, so we are constantly in need of newer books. If you want more books to choose from, then it is up to YOU to donate to the lending library. This is a perfect example of students helping students!! We prefer that donated books are no more than 2 semesters old so that our inventory contains books that are currently being used.

**HELP US, HELP YOU!!**

**BENEFITS:** By donating to the lending library, the inventory will grow and the chance that we will have the books you need, will increase greatly. Instead of selling your books back and MAYBE getting $5 - $10 each for them, donate your books to the EOPS lending library which could potentially save you hundreds of dollars in the long run. If every student donated at least 2 books, our inventory would have well over 2000 titles and our students would SAVE lots of $$! **LET’S DO THIS!!!!**

**HOW TO “WORK IT”:** On the first day of each semester, before you go to the bookstore to use your book award, come to the EOPS office and check our list of books from the lending library. There is no limit to the number of books you can borrow. If we have the books you need, you can borrow them. Then, use your book award (if you qualified) for your remaining books. If we receive an abundance of donations, there is a good chance that all of your books will be covered if you take advantage of both the lending library and the book award!

**WORK SMART!!**

**HELPING THE WORLD:** At the end of each semester, we send a list of our inventory to the bookstore where they research which books are too old to use for the next semester. For those older books, we have partnered with a non-profit organization called “Better World Books”. We donate our outdated books to them, and they turn around and give the books to third world countries to assist with literacy programs all over the globe!

**YOUR DONATIONS WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!!**

**TERMS:** When you borrow books, you will be filling out a contract that states that if the books you borrow are not returned by the end of the semester, your book award (if you qualify) will be held. Abide by the terms and you’ll be good! **DON’T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!!**

**AS SOON AS YOU TAKE YOUR FINALS……..PLEASE DONATE!!!!**
I would like to take some time to congratulate one of our outstanding EOPS students and highlight some of her achievements.

YiCheng “Eva” Zhang has been recognized as the new American Mathematics Association for Two Year Colleges (AMATYC), female champion. She defeated students in a nationwide competition.

Eva Zhang joined EOPS in the Fall of 2013. She is the first in her family to go to college. Eva did not let any obstacles or barriers get in the way of her academic success and quickly made her dedication known by earning straight A’s during her first semester at Fullerton College. It was not good luck that she had such excellent grades, as she proved it in her second semester when she again, earned straight A’s. Eva’s hard work is clearly reflected in her overall GPA of 4.0. However, there is a lot more to Eva than receiving good grades. She truly believes that helping and giving to those around her is a vital component and a duty that defines what it means to be a human being. She currently volunteers at the Fullerton College Tutoring Center, where she tutors in Math and Physics. In addition, she is also doing service learning at the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) with the outreach team where she helps with student success activities and is the current treasurer of the Student Access and Success through EOPS club. She does all of these services while learning English as a second language and carrying 20 units for the current semester.

Her career goal is to transfer to University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) or University of California Berkeley, where she is planning to pursue a degree in Computer Science and continue to help her community and those around her.

Please help me in congratulating Eva Zhang for her present and future achievements! Great job Eva!

Josue Abarca
EOPS Outreach Specialist

You can find more information about Eva Zhang on our Fullerton College Math Department Website for Math Scores and Ranking.
“Alicia Razo has been involved in Phi Theta Kappa and served as an officer for two and a half years. As the public relations officer, she produced and directed a documentary showcasing the artists from Hope University. The purpose of this documentary was to raise public awareness for adults with disabilities. Working on this project raised her own awareness for adults with disabilities. Through the Honors Program, Alicia became an honors ambassador and worked closely with the college’s outreach specialist. She learned how to present herself professionally and talk about her experiences at college comfortably. Alicia enhanced her public speaking skills when giving campus tours and, with practice, was able to lead a group. She plans to study visual digital media at Chapman University’s Dodge Film program and earn a bachelor’s degree. In the long run, she will pursue to be a television editor for a family sitcom.”

Article adapted from: 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team Awards

Reminder of EOPS Requirements

Continuing Students:
You must complete 2 visits with an EOPS Academic Counselor, 2 visits with your Assigned Student Services Specialist, 3 hours of Tutoring OR 1 Workshop.

New Students:
You must complete 2 visits with an EOPS Academic Counselor, complete your Student Educational Program Plan (SEPP), 2 visits with your Assigned Student Services Specialist and 3 hours of Tutoring.
If you are planning to apply to a California State University System (CSU) for any of the upcoming terms, please see the application filing period. For those considering to transfer in Winter 2015 or Spring 2015, please check filing status report on CSUMentor.edu to find out if the campus will be accepting applications, please log onto: https://secure.csumentor.edu/filing_status/.

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All students should make sure to file for graduation if they are earning an AA Degree or ADT Degree. For students who will complete an Associate’s Degree in Transfer (ADT), also known as AA-T/AS-T, should indicate this on the CSU application and make sure to file for graduation with Fullerton College for the appropriate term. The CSU system will require proof of your ADT degree and the only way to provide proof that you are eligible for an ADT will be your FC graduation application form. It’s also highly encouraged for students to apply for the EOP program in the CSU system. The EOP program has an entirely separate application that requires you to answer autobiographical questions and 2 recommendation forms.

For students planning to apply to the University of California System (UC) for Fall 2015, please read the timeline below.

**Fall 2015 Application Timeline**

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<td>Early January – Online application update opens for transfer applicants to report final Fall grades and in-progress or planned coursework (open through January 31, 2015)</td>
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<td>March 2, 2015</td>
<td>Notification of Fall 2014 admission decisions begins.</td>
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<td>Notification of Fall 2014 admission decisions for transfer applicants is complete.</td>
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<td>Deadline for admitted transfer students to submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).</td>
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Some Facts about the EOPS Newsletter

This newsletter is produced by Fullerton College’s EOPS department by Sonia Duran and editorial direction by Christi O’Daniel. For more information on the EOPS program, contact:
EOPS: (714) 992-7097 or http://eops.fullcoll.edu

Mission Statement

Fullerton College EOPS is committed to supporting students in achieving their academic and personal goals. To this end, the EOPS staff commits to the following actions:

- To stimulate and support student interest in their intellectual, educational and vocational achievement;
- To recruit and retain EOPS students;
- To provide personal and accessible services;
- To facilitate the transfer and career placement of students;
- To supplement the traditional educational and student support programs of the college; and
- To positively affect student self-concept and self-esteem.

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