

# The Achiever

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From As Time Goes Bye-Bye

Now that we have turned the corner and are about to head down the home stretch to the end of this Fall semester, I hope all of you are focused and determined to do all you can to maintain the As or improve whatever grades you received at midterm. The key word I used is FOCUS. I continue to remind each of you that the time goes by very quickly so you must prioritize and use your time wisely.

Now, the first word I used was PRIORITIZE. That means to take care of the important things first. Another word I used was FOCUS. It simply means to shut out all distractions no matter how appealing they may be or how much fun you could have. Put them in their place and pay attention to the things that are important each day. As you move through these next several weeks, and that's really all there is a few weeks, make a plan and stick to it. Use all of the help available to you. Again FOCUS and pay attention. Trust me, if you make a plan and follow it, you'll be glad you did.

I want to encourage you and your family to have a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving. Never forget to be thankful for even the little things.

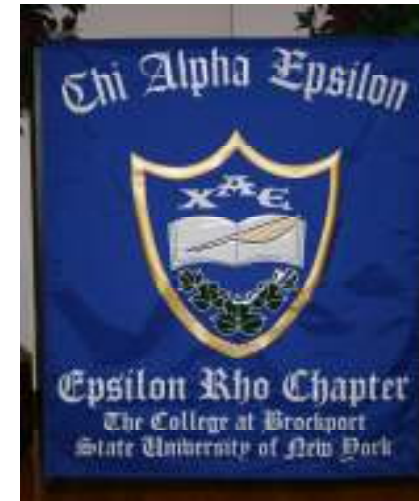
Finally, I hope to see each and every one of you at our Holiday Celebration on December 5, 2014, from 2:30 – 4:30, in the Gallery.



**Remaining Fall Check Release Dates:  
November 20  
December 4**



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**November 2014**

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# A Special Place

A poem by NyAsia Green



That special place  
is not full of space.  
Its where I feel most safe.  
Held tight in her embrace  
feeling what it feels to stare into her beautiful face.  
Next thing you know I started to call her my ace  
because I thought I would never ever be replaced.  
Her presence is all I need  
for her love is what my heart will feed.  
My Special Place.

A blue holiday-themed background with white snowflakes, blue ornaments, and white ferns.

**EOP FAMILY  
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**Join us for some food and fun!**  
**Date: Friday, December 5th**  
**Location: Gallery in the Union**  
**Time: 3-4:30PM**



## FINANCIAL AID NEWS:

As the semester draws to a close, there are several things you need to accomplish. The successful completion of these tasks will ensure a smooth transition for your financial matters into the Spring term.

### ***YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING TASKS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE TERM***

- Make sure you pre-register **and** affirm your enrollment. You will not receive your last EOP direct check if you fail to do so.
- Make sure you carefully examine your Spring'15 student bill and financial aid award to ensure that both are accurate.
- Please review your remaining Dining Dollars balance. Always remember that any fall term balance carries over to the spring term. Any balance remaining at the end of the Spring term is forfeited.
- Make sure you address any holds on your account, prior to the winter break. Certain holds can impact your ability to register and may impact your ability to remain at Brockport.
- If you have not yet done so, make sure you complete a Federal Title IV Authorization. This form allows federal aid to pay for miscellaneous account charges.
- Please review the financial aid checklist with your assigned EOP counselor.

### ***YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING TASKS DURING THE WINTER BREAK!***

- Make sure you know your PIN for the financial aid renewal process. If you don't know it, you may request it by going to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Your parent must also request a Federal PIN.
- As returning students, your FAFSA will be available starting on 1/1/15 at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Don't forget that there is a link to TAP (NY state aid) when you reach the end of the FAFSA application.
- You and any appropriate parent(s) must start gathering the needed income documentation as quickly as possible in January. This task is separate from when you actually file your tax forms with the government.
- If you had a Dependency Override in the past, you must obtain and complete the Dependency Override Update Request Form (form I12). You can download the form from the Office of Financial Aid's web site.
- Make sure you bring a copy of your FAFSA signature page or confirmation page to your EOP counselor.
- You need to apply for financial aid by March 15, 2015 or you will not receive your EOP direct check.
- If you and your parent(s) have filed their taxes by March 15, 2015, use the IRS Data Retrieval tool to input the income information. This tool should be available approximately two weeks after you submit your taxes. This will eliminate the need to provide a copy of the tax documents to the Financial Aid Office if requested.
- Pay close attention to your B-mail. Notification will be sent if you are in danger of not meeting Federal and/or State Academic Progress standards at the end of the Spring'15 term. If you receive this B-mail, please meet with your EOP counselor to develop a plan for success.



The Educational Opportunity Program Presents:  
*36th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet*

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Seymour College Union Ballroom

6:00pm-9:00pm



For More information Please Contact:

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# EOP Events



**November Birthday Celebration**  
November 20 ~ 1:30 -2:30pm ~ EOP Office



**XAE Induction Ceremony**  
November 14 ~ 3pm  
New York Room, Cooper Hall



**Holiday & December Birthday Celebration**  
December 5 ~ 2:30—4:30pm ~ Gallery

**Opening of School Celebration**  
January 30 ~ 2:30—4:30pm ~ Ballroom



**African American History Celebration**  
February 20 ~ 2:30—4:30pm ~ Eagles Look Out

**EOP Honors & Awards Banquet**  
April 4 ~ 6 - 9pm ~ Ballroom



**Come out  
And join Us!**

# EOP Alumni



## Rokia Gittens

“After graduating, the medical-surgical floor I work on at Strong hospital will hire me as a nurse when I pass my NCLEX exam. Awards I have received here at Brockport are acceptance into Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society, Sigma Tau Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society. I also received an Annette Lamphier Nursing Scholarship this past summer.”

## Helem Fabre

“I’m a graduate student at University at Buffalo for the Childhood Education grades 1-6. I work as a Graduate Assistant for LGBTQ Wellness Center. My job as a GA is to conduct outreach programming to UB students on LGBTQ materials. My focus is on allyship building, meaning how to get more allies at UB. Being in school is a struggle, but each and every day I think to myself “The hardest part is waking up and being here in the present.” It’s been a hard process getting adjusted to the demands of being a graduate student, but I am loving every minute of it.”



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**Congratulations to our  
fall 2014  
XAE inductees!**