

# The Achiever

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

### The Stretch Run

Attention Attention! You're almost at the end of the semester but, we are not there yet. We still have work to do! Now let's do a checkup. Did you file your FAFSA? Did you submit all of the required documents to the Financial Aid Office so that you can be packaged with aid for the 2015-16 year? If not it's important you get this done as quickly as possible or you can possibly lose out on some aid. Oh, by the way, all documents needed for financial aid are to be submitted through your **EOP Counselor**.

Now another question, did you pre-register for classes for the Fall 2015 semester? By the way, it is required and it's for your own good. All of you know you don't have to pre-register if you are graduating. Yes, only a few weeks and you will cross that stage. By the way that's the best day of the year for me is seeing each of you with the cap and gown receiving that degree, all full of joy with your loved ones. Boy that's great. Wait a minute let's not get ahead of ourselves, you still have to finish the courses and pass those final exams with flying colors, RIGHT?

Ok now for the fun. I hope that I will see as many of you as possible at the EOP Award Banquet. Now if you miss the banquet or even if you came, I know I will see you at the End of the Year Celebration, May 8, 2015, from 2:30 – 4:30 in Commissary Park (Gallery if raining). Finally since this is the last newsletter for the year, I hope and pray that each of you will have a safe and prosperous summer and return to a new EOP program with some great improvements to serve you the EOP Family in a better way. I also express my hope for each of you that are graduating that you go forward with much success in reaching your

goals.



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*EOP Banquet 2015!!*

## FINANCIAL AID NEWS!



This is an very busy time of year. There are very important tasks, related to your financial aid, which you need to accomplish prior to leaving for the summer. Make sure you are registered and have affirmed your enrollment by the time you leave for the summer. The release of your May 5th EOP check will be blocked, pending completion of these tasks. Make sure you have submitted all supplemental documentation required of you by the Financial Aid Office to your assigned EOP counselor. If you are not sure of what you need, please see your EOP counselor. Make sure you understand each item on your Fall '15 student bill. Please be aware of the changes to the Health Insurance policy. It is critical that you submit all properly completed outstanding documentation to complete your financial aid renewal process. **YOU WILL NOT BE PACKAGED FOR NEXT YEAR**

**UNTIL YOU SO. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE SUMMER TO FINISH YOUR PROCESS!!**

Make sure you thoroughly understand each item of your financial aid package. Make sure you are packaged and accept your financial aid award ASAP. This is done through Web Banner. Prior to leaving for the summer, make sure any issues, or outstanding balances concerning your Spring '15 student bill have been resolved. Unpaid balances can result in holds being placed on your account and will potentially result in your outstanding balance being turned over to collections. Holds will also prevent you from registering for classes for the Fall '15 semester. If you are planning on taking any summer classes, and are applying for financial aid, remember to complete a Summer Application for Financial Aid available at: [http://www.brockport.edu/finaid/forms\\_center.htm](http://www.brockport.edu/finaid/forms_center.htm) or in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline for this application is May 1, 2015. Summer financial aid is only available to students who have not already received the maximum of their 2014-2015 financial aid. In most cases, students will need to be enrolled in at least six credits to be eligible for Federal Stafford loans. For those of you with summer jobs, please consider using some of your funds to pay down your loans. You want to try and graduate with the least amount of loans that you can. Don't forget that the EOP staff will be here all summer. If you have any questions make sure you talk to your EOP Counselor.

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## Scholars Day: April 8, 2015

The EOP family was very well represented at this year's Scholars Day. The EOP students demonstrated scholarly research, poise, precision, and community service. Please celebrate the following students of whom the EOP family is most proud:  
Adwoa Opoku-Nsiah, Chayna Colon, Tyanda Taylor, Arthur Brooks, Joel Baque Zavala, Kimberly Guevara-Garabito, Leilana Valenzuela, Naphtalia Hawthorne, Adwoa Opoku-Nash, Anrissa Green, Queen Nefertiti Paul-Page, Darel Flores, Taryn Mongavero, Yanisvel Cordero, and Lesya Lukomskaya.

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*Enticing Beauties 2015 remaining calendar*

*Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>: Overcoming end of the semester stress with Lisa Jones*

*Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>: Beauty and the Feast*

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## EOP Nursing Support Group

Greetings!! Wow, three more weeks and the semester will be over!!! I want to thank the various nursing faculty who have come and presented at our support group sessions. If you were not present, you missed hearing about pertinent information regarding the Nursing Program – from learning about course scheduling, when to apply to the program, criteria taken into consideration when selecting students to be accepted into the Nursing Program, NCLXEX exam preparation and even participating in a hands-on activity (some students performed their first injection!!!!). Our **last** meeting for the semester will be **May 5, 2015**, and we are looking for you to be there! **Meetings for the 2015-2016 academic school year will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm!!!** As a reminder, attendance at the EOP Nursing Support Group Meetings is **MANDATORY**, and we are looking for **EVERYONE** to be at future meetings to continue building a solid support group and relationship with the faculty of the Nursing Department. Refreshments, as always, will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you all there...



EOP's **One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program** provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a peer fellow who in many instances has had the same professor, and who has received a **B+ or better** in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful in

their understanding the material for the specific content area, but may also assist in the acquisition and development of study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond.

**Why are good grades important?** We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing OR being accepted for admittance into the graduate program and graduate school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest.

Don't settle for mediocrity. **Why settle for a 'C' or a 'B' if you can earn an 'A'?** See your tutors as is necessary for the academic support you need to increase your chances of academic success and to end the semester with flying colors!!



## CONGRATULATIONS SPRING 2015 GRADUATES!!!

Bennett, Trishanna  
Blair, Nigel  
Bowman, Acey  
Brobby, Yaw  
Brooks, Arthur  
Bulos, Daniela  
Clark, Keturah  
Comfort, Jalyne  
Cook, Justin  
Crittendan, Solana  
Fong, Khadija  
Gittens, Rokia  
Gregory, Dyanna

Gyampoh, Dorothy  
Harewood, Teyanee  
Hughes, Eoin  
Jacob, Nayeri  
Jalowski, Nayithe  
Johnson-Tisdale, Jaquawn  
Kelly, Ochena  
Lam, Stacy  
Lovell, Crystal  
Middleton, Shaunte  
Muller, Shawn  
Passy, Maria  
Perez, Connie

Rivera, Noraly  
Robinson, Deanna  
Serrano, Ricardo  
Smiley-Jones, Brittany  
Speller, Andrea  
Sterling, Lawrence  
Twitty, Janiqua  
Vargas, Pedro  
Ward, Jenna  
Wright, Shane  
York, Gerald  
Wesley, Shakela

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**CHI ALPHA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY**



Greetings EOP Scholars and Current XAE Members!!! Congratulations to our Spring 2015 XAE Inductees who were inducted in a private ceremony on April 24, 2015!

Charles Alford  
Arthur Brooks  
Jaquawn Johnson-Tisdale  
Elizabeth McCuller

Jasmine Sanders  
Henry Sarpong  
Janiqua Twitty  
Lisa Jones  
Amorette Shaw

**The purpose of XAE is to:**

- Promote continued high academic standards
- Foster increased communication among its members
- Honor academic excellence achieved by those students
- To promote civic engagement through community involvement

**What are the eligibility requirements?**

Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters

For more information contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, XAE Co-Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or [djosephm@brockport.edu](mailto:djosephm@brockport.edu)

**ALSO....**

We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at [www.xaehonor.com](http://www.xaehonor.com) to learn information about this organization.

Be on the lookout in the EOP Achiever Newsletter for exciting news regarding the XAE Fall 2015 private/public ceremonies, events and information for **future potential XAE inductees!!! Remember... The TASSEL is WORTH the HASSEL!!**



## Notes from the EOP Academic Coordinator...

Greetings EOP Scholars,

**TWO MORE WEEKS!!!** Many of you have effectively utilized **all** of the academic supports available to you to aid in increasing your chances of academic success and maintaining a “healthy” GPA. KUDOS TO YOU!!! **Tutoring can and does make a difference!** Many of you have had a phenomenal year!!! For those of using the support of the **EOP One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program**, if you need support during exam week check with your tutors about availability! The **PAL Program** will be ending on Thursday May 7, 2015, so get the supports you need from this program while you can! Here are a few more study tips I would like to provide you with from Scholarships.com:

### How to Prepare for a College Exam

Pay attention to the topics your professor appears most enthusiastic about.

Keep a list of the topics that your professor spends an excessive amount of time exploring. This will help you remember the most important highlights of the class when the time comes to prepare for an exam. The more involved you are in lectures the less information you will have to cram the day before the exam.

### Hold on to your syllabus

Your syllabus will help you organize the information as you take it in and give you an idea about what topics will be emphasized on the exam. When it comes to preparing for the test, your syllabus will create a study guide for you. Circle books, topics, and themes which are likely to appear on an exam.



## *The 36th Annual Honors & Recognition Banquet*

On Saturday April 25, 2015 the program hosted its annual honors and awards banquet. Over one hundred and eighty people were in attendance including alumni. The Hip Hop Club and the Eagle Steppers gave a spectacular joint performance. This year two hundred seventy one academic awards were given. Fifty four fall and spring graduates were honored as well. One hundred three awards were bestowed in the areas of Artistic, Community Service, Athletics, and Leadership. Melissa Rohr received the Adult Scholar Award, Marissa Coelho received the Most Improved GPA Award, while the Senior Scholar Awards went to Teyanee Harwood and Deanna Robinson. This year Friends of EOP awards went to Katelyn Typhair and Dr. Kathleen Peterson. Our hearts are full of pride for all our students and their achievements.



*EOP's*  
*End of the Year*  
*Celebration*

*Join us for*  
*food, games,*  
*and prizes!!!*

**May 8th**

**@2:30–4:30pm**



Location: Commissary Park

Rain location: Seymour Union Ballroom

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Name: Chaynna Colon**  
**Major: Biological Sciences**  
**Hometown: Bronx, NY**  
**Counselor: Dan Askey**

The EOP has a national celebrity in our midst. Chaynna was just listed in “Who’s Who Among US College Students.” She also presented at this year’s Scholar’s Day. Chaynna has been an RA for several years. Kudos to one of EOP’s shining stars.



**Name: Nicole White**  
**Major: Sociology**  
**Hometown:**  
**Counselor: Brandon Leisten**

Nicole is a full-time student majoring in Sociology. She finished the Fall 2014 term with a 3.75 GPA and was placed on the Deans List with Honors. Nicole has a full-time job with a local day care center. She plans on focusing on her job after graduating and will pursue her Masters degree.