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From The Director

Time Is Moving On

Hey guys, guess what? Its Thanksgiving already and there will only be two weeks of school remaining before its final exam week and the semester will be over. Ok, now this is just a wakeup call or my sounding the alarm, so that each of you can return from your holiday ready to focus on those remaining tasks that you need to do to complete your semester on a high note. Now there are some items I need to draw your attention to so that you are prepared in Spring 2012. First, did you pre-register for spring? If you expect to graduate, did you apply for graduation and have you laid out plans for your future career goals? For those of you who plan to be with us next fall 2012, the financial aid process will begin in January and your 2012 – 13 FAFSA must be filed by February 20, 2012. This means you and/or your parents must file your 2011 federal income taxes as soon as possible. So prepare your parents and yourselves, so that all of your business can be complete by April for the Fall 2012. Please complete the satisfaction surveys. We need your input.

Now as we near the end we expect you to be part of our Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, from 12 – 3pm in the Gallery. Finally, if I don't see you have a wonderful and safe break.

Tutoring Corner

IMPORTANT – All Students who have received tutoring for the Fall 2011 Semester in the Peer Tutor Program: Please make sure you see your EOP Counselor's office and fill out a Peer Tutor Student Evaluation form, so you can play an active role in evaluating and maintaining the success of the Tutoring Program!



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Quick Quote

Simeon Ben Eleazar
*Greater is he who acts
from love than he who
acts from fear.*



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Financial Aid News

The end of the semester is quickly approaching. This is a busy time of year in the financial aid process. There are tasks you need to do before you leave for the winter break, **and** tasks you need to do during the winter break.



The following are your tasks to accomplish 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 until these tasks are completed.
- Make sure you examine your Spring '12 student bill and financial aid award very carefully to make sure they both are accurate. Make sure there are no unpaid balances from the Fall 2011 student account bill.
- Make sure you remember that the alumni fee is optional and that Easy Money is a charge, not financial aid.
- Check your semester meal plan balance. Always remember that any fall term balance carries over to the spring term. Make sure you also remember that at the end of the academic year in May, any remaining balance 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.
- Complete a Federal Title IV Authorization. This form allows Federal financial aid to pay for miscellaneous account charges.

If you are an independent student and had a Dependency Override in the past, you must obtain and complete the Dependency Override Update Request Form (Form I12). You can obtain the form from the Financial Aid Office's online Forms Center.

The following are your tasks to accomplish during the winter break:

- You need to start the financial aid application process for the 2012/13 academic year. The FAFSA starts the process and is key to renewing your financial aid application. It provides the college with your updated financial information. It is strongly encouraged that you use accurate and timely information and do not use estimated information. Use of estimated information could seriously delay the process.
- As returning students, your FAFSA will be available at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1, 2012. * **Don't forget that there is a link to TAP (NY State aid) when you reach the end of the FAFSA application.**
- Make sure you know your PIN for the financial aid application process. If you don't know it, you may request it by going to www.pin.ed.gov. Your parent may also need a PIN. The PIN is your personal identification number which allows you to access your FAFSA file.
- You and your parent(s)/guardian(s) must start gathering the needed income documentation as quickly as possible in January. This documentation could include, but is not limited to, such items as W2's Social Security Benefits, Social Service Benefits, etc.

We strongly encourage you to complete the FAFSA with your EOP counselor or a Financial Aid Office professional.

- Make sure you bring either the signature page or confirmation page to your EOP counselor. You need to apply for financial aid by February 15, 2012. Failure to do so will result in your EOP direct check being blocked.

Students Spotlight

Name: Katherine (Katie) Feeney
 Hometown: Cortlandt Manor, New York
 Major: Health Science
 Career Goal: Possibilities are endless due to extreme talent
 Counselor: Gabriel Marshall



Senior Katie Feeney, President of Alpha Phi Omega, has made significant contributions to The College at Brockport as well as the EOP program. As a member of several honor societies (Order of Omega, Eta Sigma Gamma, Chi Alpha Epsilon), Katie prides herself on being the best student she can be and that is clearly represented by her academic brilliance of maintaining a 3.50 grade point average. When Katie is not focused on her academics, she maintains two part time jobs, babysitting off campus and being a Student Manager at BASC. In addition, she volunteers her services as a tutor for some of our students as well as many other events both on and off campus. Katie's delightful personality, positive attitude, willingness to help others, and passion for life makes her a pleasure to be around. She is a wonderful example of what any student can achieve when they are willing to put forth the necessary effort and work hard.



On Friday October 21, 2011 the Brockport Advocates for individuals for Disabilities (BAD) hosted a marvelous wheel chair basketball game to raise funds and awareness. The Brockport athletes competed against the Rochester Wheels. Jeiri Flores, The BADest EOP student around, organized the event. A large number of the EOP family was there in support of the event. Several of our students also competed in the event. EOP was also well represented in APO volunteers who helped with the concessions. The EOP family is very proud of Jeiri and the rest of the family members who helped organize and supported this beautiful event.

One November 5, 2011 4 EOP seniors Sabrina Kerfoot (24:45), Kala Rounds (25:29), Elizabeth Lara (31:59), Gary Dickson (26:06), EOP Academic Advisor Sophea So (25:48) and Admissions Advisor Megan Sarkis (30:12) participated in the The East Ave 5K Grocery Run. 100% of proceeds go to feed the hungry right in Rochester. It was a day filled with fitness, family fun, competition and all for a great cause!

Join the EOP Family for a spectacular Holiday and December Birthday Celebration

December 7, 2011, 12-3pm
 Gallery

Food, Music, Fun



