Welcome to both NEW and CONTINUING EOPS students! We are excited to have you back with us for a new semester. We included a lot of important information and deadlines in this newsletter, so please make sure you read it from cover to cover not to miss anything. We hope this semester kicks off a fantastic school year for you and we are pleased to watch you meeting your academic goals. We are here to help you every step of your academic journey.

Don’t Forget Your Three Appointments!

Remember, all EOPS students are required to complete three counseling appointments each semester.

Please make sure to schedule your appointments 3 weeks apart.

To schedule an appointment please either come to our office, located in FH 210A or call 805-378-1464.

- Extended hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 7:00 PM
- Extended academic counseling
- Priority registration
- Book grants
- CARE grants (for eligible students)
- Laptop loan
- Printer cards
- Workshops and much more...

FALL 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 17
  Fall 2014 semester begins
- August 28
  Last day to drop with full refund
- September 4
  Last day to drop a semester-length class without a "W"
- September 5-7
  Labor Day Holiday, campus closed
- September 18
  Last day to apply for pass/no pass for a semester-class
- November 5 by Noon
  Graduation & Certificate Petition Deadline
- November 9
  Veterans Day Holiday, campus closed
- November 20
  Last day to drop a semester-length class with a "W"
- November 26-29
  Thanksgiving Holiday, campus closed
- December 10-16
  Final Exams
The CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) Program is accepting students on a continuous basis. The program provides CARE grants (additional monetary support) to eligible students to help them with child care related expenses while they are completing their educational goals. To be eligible, a student must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an EOPS student enrolled in 12 units
- Receive CalWORKs cash benefits
- Be a single head of household
- Be a parent or a legal guardian of at least one child under the age of 14

The CARE grants are distributed each semester to the active EOPS students. To receive their CARE grants, continuing CARE students must maintain their full-time enrollment (unless have verified and approved exceptions) and academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher). They must meet with an EOPS/CARE counselor at the beginning of each semester to verify their continuous eligibility by providing updated verification of CalWORKs cash aid benefits.

**CARE Program and Eligibility Guidelines**

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**EOPS/CARE/CALWORKS WORKSHOPS**

**CSU Application Assistance**

Wednesday, October 21; Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Location: FH 117

**UC/CSU Application Assistance**

Thursday, November 19th; Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Location: FH 117

**Soft Skills for Student Employment**

November 18, 2015 Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm; Location: FH 117

*Lunch will be provided*

**Stress Reduction Workshop**

December 3, 2015; 12:00pm – 1:00 pm; Location: FH 218

*Lunch will be provided*
PREPARING FOR TRANSFER

It is never too early to begin preparations for transferring. Whether you are a new or continuing student, the following tips will assist you as you prepare to transfer to the university of your choice.

Think long term:
If your goal is to transfer, start NOW by researching potential schools and programs. Visit the Career Transfer Center, speak with the university reps, use online resources such as assist.org, these resources will assist you in making your choice of a transfer university.

Develop a relationship with your EOPS Counselor:
It is important to work with your counselor as you make your plans for course selection, graduation, transfer, etc. When meeting with your counselor, BE PREPARED. Bring questions, transcripts, test scores and any other related documents.

Create a plan with your goals in mind:
No one wants to take classes they don’t need. Your EOPS counselor will develop an educational plan for you that is based on your goals. Remember, requirements vary depending on the university you want to transfer to. Follow your educational plan to insure that you are meeting specific requirements.

Make grades a priority:
You can set yourself up for good grades by taking advantage of college resources. On campus resources such as the Math and Writing Centers, Career Transfer Center and our campus librarians available to support you. Further, visit your professors during their office hours or join a study group. The higher your GPA the more transfer options you will have.

Are you planning to transfer Fall 2017 to a UC or a CSU? You need to apply this Fall.

UC TAG
September 1 - 30

CSU Application Period
October 1 - November 30

UC Application Period
November 1-30
EOPS Achievement Luncheon

Congratulations 2015 EOPS Graduates!

― Confucius

― Nelson Mandela