

EOPS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S CORNER

Welcome back to all EOPS students!



The spring semester has begun and classes are in full swing. I hope each one of you had the opportunity to take some time over the winter break to relax and enjoy activities not related to school. Now, once again, it is time to focus your efforts on academic pursuits. Please take full advantage of the services of the EOPS office and have an outstanding new year!

The EOPS team will continue to do our very best to offer our students essential services. Some of the most important services are intangible, such as the support of "being there" for our students. It is these types of services that can make the difference between giving up and persevering on the most difficult days. Other services are more concrete, such as tutoring sessions, workshops and removing barriers to academic success. We will assist students in any manner possible. Please maintain appropriate contact with us.

Take the time to really get to know the EOPS staff. We can offer assistance in ways that you probably never considered. For example, how many times have you needed a letter of recommendation and could not think of anyone to help you? How often have you applied for a job and could not list three to five references that were not related to you? Have you ever had a crisis and needed someone to notify your instructors? Have you ever faced an insurmountable task and felt like giving up? Sometimes, problems that appear to be monumental can be resolved much easier by having an advocate from the EOPS office speak on your behalf or assist you in clarifying a particular situation.

Have a great semester and above all, keep in touch with us. As always, we are happy to work with you. Good studying. Talk to you soon. ***Mercy***

WELCOME TO NEW EOPS STUDENTS!

As participants in the EOPS program, we congratulate you on taking steps toward ensuring your academic success. EOPS programs are changing the lives of students state wide, and you are now a part of the same cadre of aspiring students.

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Many students make the assumption that college is a time to be autonomous and independent, and, to a large extent, that is true. However, the truth is that successful college students are those students that are tied into a networking system that includes caring advisors, counselors, tutors, and support programs. In other words, students that achieve the most work with people who *help them*. This is precisely what you will receive from us in the EOPS program – people committed to helping you reach and exceed your goals.

Stop by our office and update us on your accomplishments and your challenges. We are excited to be working with a wonderful group of students. Your success is our goal!

SPRING 2007 COUNSELING CONTACT DATES

Monday, February 12 – Friday, March 30, 2007

- Your first contact must be with an EOPS counselor.

Monday, March 26 – Friday, May 11, 2007

- Your second contact can be with an EOPS counselor, Peer Advisor, or with a counselor from another program*.

Monday April 16 – Friday, May 25, 2007

- Your third contact must be with an EOPS counselor.

IMPORTANT! Starting this semester, each contact missed or two no-shows will result in \$50 being reduced from your next book grant.

For additional information pertaining to student responsibilities, please review the Student Handbook/Planner beginning on page 123 or visit or web page www.lahc.edu/eops

*You must provide a 'Counseling Appointment Verification Form' to the EOPS office to document your outside appointment.

CARE PROGRAM

Attention single parents, you may be eligible for additional services from this sub-program of EOPS. Additional services include cash grants, gasoline cards, resources and specialized workshops. For additional information call (310) 233-4265 and ask for Rodnette.

A CARE mini-conference is being planned for the spring semester. All CARE students in good standing with the program who attend the conference will receive a CARE cash grant.

Continuing CARE students will receive a gas card from the program when they attend their mandatory CARE contact.

eSARS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING IS HERE!

We are happy to announce that you now have another option for scheduling your EOPS appointments. eSARS, our online appointment scheduling system, is now operational. With eSARS you can schedule appointments over the internet. To schedule an appointment using eSARS, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.lahc.edu/sars/eops/eSARS.asp>
2. Enter your name and birth date in the manner indicated and click 'Continue'
3. Click on 'Make Appointment'
4. Select a counseling option from the list and click 'Continue'
5. Use the list boxes to narrow down your appointment choices by day of week, time, and/or counselor, or leave the default settings to search for all available appointments, and click 'Find Appointments'
6. From the list of available appointments click the select button (*) next to the appointment you want
7. Select at least one appointment reason, verify your phone number (making any necessary changes), and, if you are certain you want to make the appointment, click 'Continue'.
8. You will be given the option to print a reminder and you will be shown a verification screen of your appointment

Please take care to only schedule appointments you intend to keep. Also, in addition to making appointments, you can also view or cancel scheduled appointments, and view your appointment history. We encourage all students to use eSARS as a means of assisting you in fulfilling your program requirements.

EOPS BOOK LOAN LIBRARY

If you still need a book for one of your classes, stop by the EOPS office and let us know! Our "Lending Library" is still an option for those students that didn't receive a book grant, or are having a hard time stretching their

Financial Aid and EOPS dollars. If we have the book in our Lending Library, it will only take a few minutes to get it into your hands. Our Lending Library has been successful THANKS to all the EOPS students who donate unneeded textbooks to us rather than selling them back to the bookstore. If you or someone else you know would like to contribute to our Lending Library, stop by the EOPS office to drop off those textbooks. THANKS!

Have you checked out books from the EOPS Lending Library in previous semesters? Have you so kindly returned them? If not, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BOOKGRANT or BE ABLE TO BORROW ANY MORE BOOKS this semester.

Please be so courteous and return them so that another student that needs help may use them just as you did. Thank you for your understanding.

COUNSELING SERVICES SPRING 2007

EOPS counseling services are the pre-eminent service provided by the program. We will again be offering evening counseling services to accommodate students' varying schedules. Additionally, we will attempt to make some Saturday hours available. Please be prepared and plan ahead in order to ensure that you make your 3 required contacts prior to the end of the semester. Evening counseling hours will be available by appointment from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

TUTORING SCHEDULE SPRING 2007

This semester, the EOPS program will again be offering tutoring services in the subjects of English and Math. There will also be limited tutoring available for Accounting and some CIS courses. Feel free to come in the office to check the tutors' availability and schedule an appointment.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mid-term progress reports will be mailed in the middle of March and are due at the time of your second counseling contact. They will also be available on our website at www.lahc.edu/eops/latestnews.html shortly before second contacts begin.

SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES

Each semester, EOPS students are required to attend one workshop. This semester's workshop listing is available in the EOPS office, or online at www.lahc.edu/eops/latestnews.html.

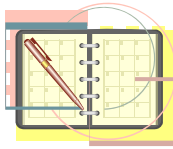
Students taking Personal Development 17 will receive credit for the workshop requirement. Also, we will accept workshops from other programs with the proper verification.

Students newly admitted to the EOPS program in the spring will receive a complimentary USB Flash Drive once they have attended a workshop.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day to use your EOPS Book Grant

February 28, 2007



Nursing Grant Sign-up/deadline

February 5, 2007 – March 2, 2007



Be a priority financial aid applicant. File your FAFSA by March 2, 2007 and submit all requested college financial documents to the college financial aid office by May 1, 2007.

Graduation Petition Spring 2007

If you are planning on graduating this June, the deadline to file your petition is March 1, 2007.

Cap & Gown Sign-up

All graduating EOPS students should sign up for a complimentary cap & gown ASAP.

Last Day to Petition for Graduation

March 1, 2007

LAHC Scholarship Application Deadline

March 9, 2007

Last Day to Drop Classes with a "W"

May 10, 2007

Final Exams

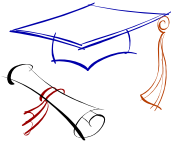
May 29 – June 4, 2007

EOPS Graduation Reception

June 1, 2007 (tentative)

Commencement Day

June 6, 2007



IMPORTANT DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

LAHC Scholarship Reception
CARE Program Mini Conference

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each spring, the EOPS program issues scholarships to deserving EOPS students. By completing the LAHC Scholarship application and indicating you are an EOPS

student, you may qualify to receive a scholarship from the EOPS program.

Quote of the Month



“A task left undone remains undone in two places - at the actual location of the task, and inside your head. Incomplete tasks in your head consume the energy of your attention as they gnaw at your conscience. They siphon off a little more of your personal power every time you delay. No need to be a perfectionist, that's debilitating in an imperfect world, but it's good to be a 'completionist.' If you start it, finish it - or forget it.” - Brahma Kumaris

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