



EOPS PROGRAM

Getting ready for fall 2006 NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S CORNER

Closing out this year, enjoying the summer and getting ready for a new academic year....

Welcome to new EOPS students and hello to continuing students. I have just closed the books on the 2005-2006 fiscal year and what a successful year it was for our program! This year the program grew in enrollment to 713 students, 64 of our students graduated and we hosted our first graduation reception off campus at a local restaurant.

The 2006-2007 year looks promising with the early passage of the state budget and tuition set to be reduced to \$20/unit by spring 2007.

The program is planning to add new services this fall. We will pay for your ASO membership and parking fee if you have fulfilled your program requirements. We have added a thumb/flash drive to the survival kit that you will receive once you attend your required workshop in the fall.

We are also planning the **1st Annual 2006-2007 EOPS VIP Fall Kickoff** for **Monday, August 28th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** The event will feature a barbeque and you will have an opportunity to get to know your fellow students. We look forward to seeing you then.



This summer a counseling contact is not required. Continuing students should have planned their fall schedules at the time of their third contact and registered for classes on June 12th (EOPS priority registration) in order to be eligible for fall book services. If you have not enrolled for fall you will need to see one of our counselors ASAP.

Have a fun and safe summer! As always, we are happy to work with you. Talk to you soon. **Mercy**

STUDENTS BEING EXITED FROM PROGRAM

Students that have reached their program eligibility limitations will be receiving a letter from me stating the reason for this determination; 70 degree applicable units and/or 6 consecutive semesters. Upon receipt of your letter, please contact the office and schedule an appointment to see me to discuss your options.

NEW STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD

Effective July 24, 2006 the Los Angeles Community College District has converted from using social security numbers to student identification numbers. Continuing students should have received a temporary I.D. card with the new number imprinted on it in the mail. If you do not remember or do not know your new student ID number, please go to the Telephone (STEP) system by dialing (310) 605-0505 and retrieve it by entering your social security number or former student I.D. number that begins with '000' and 4 Digit Pin.

Alternatively, you can go to the college website at <http://www.lahc.edu>. Under the caption "Admissions" click on the "Registration Section" on the drop down menu. Click on "Add and drop classes online" and logon to the Student Information System to retrieve your new student I.D. number by entering your social security or former student I.D. number that begins with '000' and 4 Digit Pin.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It's worth your time!

Welcome new EOPS students and hello again to our continuing EOPS students. The EOPS counselors look forward to working with you this year and are eager to help you work towards your educational goals. As a new EOPS student, some of you may be wondering why you have to meet with an EOPS counselor three times per semester. Perhaps that sounds like a lot of time from your already busy schedule, but in total, it is only 1 ½ hours out of your entire semester – and well worth the time.



As highlighted in orientation 101 here are some reasons we like to meet with you throughout the semester and how time spent with us benefits you:

- We want to make sure your class schedule works with your personal responsibilities. If you are working, raising children, or have other outside responsibilities, it is important that you have a schedule that allows you to meet these responsibilities and succeed at your classes. As counselors, we will work with you to make sure this happens.
- While the academic counselors help you with creating the educational path, we also want to make sure you are taking classes that enhance your experience at Harbor College. Classes such as Personal Development 17 that will help you with college survival skills, study skills, etc., which are important to consider if you are struggling in a class. We will help you choose the best class for you.
- While we care for our students, we don't want you to be here for a lifetime or exceed the program's eligibility limits. Our goal is to help you receive your associate degree, certificate, or transfer to your chosen university.
- Our time with you will provide a safe place for you to talk and vent. Anything you are experiencing, whether good or bad, please share with us and we will do what we can to help and offer solutions and resources. We are your support system.
- We will monitor your academic progress and keep you updated on your EOPS status.
- And finally, we are here to give you a reality check. While we are compassionate and understanding, we will be honest and realistic with you so that you are properly prepared to move forward and be successful.

We hope this helps you understand what to expect from your EOPS counselors. We look forward to meeting and working with you this year. Good luck with your classes. Remember – WE ARE PART OF YOUR SUPPORT SYSTEM.

COUNSELING SERVICES SUMMER 2006

EOPS counseling services are the pre-eminent service provided by the program. Counseling services during the summer are available on a drop-in basis and a summer counseling contact is **not required**.



Do I need to register for 12 units during Priority Registration to remain eligible for the fall book service?



Yes! On June 12th for continuing students. If you are not enrolled in 12 units when we do the registration sweep in August your name will be dropped from the book service list. Call us to see a counselor if you need assistance ASAP!

WILL I GET A BOOK SERVICE/GRANT?

To qualify for the fall 2006 Book Service, new and continuing students must:



- Register for 12 units during priority registration for continuing students (June 12th); New students (July 3rd)
- Be enrolled in 12 units for fall 2006
- Complete all eligibility requirements

Continuing students must also have:

- Achieved a spring semester GPA or overall GPA of 2.0
- Completed at least 9 units for spring
- Completed at least three counseling contacts
- If not, have an approved appeal on file

NOTE: In the event that a student must file an appeal; appeals are not reviewed for approval by the program's Associate Dean during the last week of August or the first week of the semester. The student will have to wait for a decision until the second week of classes. **There are no exceptions due to the rush of new students at the commencement of the fall term.**

USING YOUR BOOK SERVICE AWARD

Many of you have already started thinking about the fall semester and the amount of money you will need to spend on your books. If you planned ahead and filed your FAFSA, you should already have your award letter in hand, since our Financial Aid Office prepackaged several thousand students in the spring. If you are a continuing student in good standing or you are a new student with a completed file, you will be eligible to receive book services or a book grant. This service usually does not cover the total cost of your textbooks. Hopefully, you are saving some money (budgeting) so you will be able to purchase all of your books at the beginning of the semester.



You must adhere to the following when using the EOPS book service award:

- Book service is for use at the Harbor College bookstore only and may be used for the purchase of required books only (no supplies).
- You may use your book grant on the first day of classes after 10:00am, and you will need to furnish an official printout of your schedule and a picture ID.
- Books purchased must be for classes on your educational plan that you are registered in during the current semester only.

- If your books have been lost or stolen and you have additional monies left from your award, **you are not authorized** to purchase the book again. Contact the EOPS office to see if we can assist you.

Please remember, **misuse of the EOPS book service will result in your disqualification for future EOPS benefits.**

Nursing students can sign up for the Nursing Grant starting the first day of the semester.

CARE CORNER

It's hard to imagine that the fall semester is once again just around the corner and we are gearing up for another exciting year. Last year we added a new service to the program, gas cards, and hosted our 1st annual empowerment conference that was a great success. We are already planning this year's events. We are also working on filling Linda Hannon's position.



- We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2006-2007 academic year.
- Return your Agency Verification Form as soon as possible!

CARE fall grants will not be issued until the form is returned to our office – this will delay your award. We will be mailing out the form, but you can also pick one up from our office.

- If you need any assistance, please contact Rodnette Berger at (310) 233-4115 or Mercy Yanez @ (310) 233-4127.



Tutoring Vacancies

The program is interested in hiring tutors in the subjects of science (Biology/Chemistry) and English (up to 101). If you are interested, please contact Mercy @ (310) 233-4127.

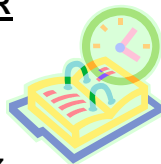
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FALL 2006 COUNSELING CONTACT DATES

Please add these dates to your 2006-2007 handbook/planner.

Monday, September 11 – Friday, October 20, 2006

* Your first contact **must be** with an EOPS counselor.



Monday, October 16 – Wednesday, November 22, 2006

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

Monday, November 6 – Friday, December 15

* Your third contact **must be** with an EOPS counselor.

Friday, August 18th EOPS (**office closed**)

Monday, September 5, 2006 **Classes Begin**

Monday, October 23rd - **Late Start Classes Begin**

Holidays – see schedule of classes (office is closed)

Last Day to Drop with a “W”

Wednesday, November 22, 2006 (office closes early)

Students who do not come in for a contact by the middle of the semester will not receive priority registration for the following semester.

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



“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.”

- Jim Rohn

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