Welcome Back EOPS/CARE Students!

We are so looking forward to another year of working with you, not only to become your good friends, but advocates and troubleshooters as well. We believe that you can all succeed and reach those goals that you have set. Some of you may need a little extra help. Some of you may not need as much. One thing we do know though, is that you are deserving of all the services to assist you in reaching your goals and dreams.

Remember, you are required to keep those three visits with us each semester! We then will assist you with the hard tangibles: grants, book vouchers, bus tokens, tutors, extreme counseling, early registration, short term emergency loans, as our funding allows. We will also provide you the soft intangibles: a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, a voice to encourage you, but most important a heart that cares for you.

We look forward to serving you!

Paula S. Muñoz,
EOPS Coordinator
EOPS Students Win Big at The 2012 VC Scholarship Banquet!

Manuel Angel          Billie Hirzel          Maria R Hernandez
Reina Arbuckle        Serah Hustead          Brenda Heredia
Veronica Arenas       Christopher Lara-Cruz   Pamela Denny
Sara Bauer            Bouchra Nafi             Lina Chen
Jeannette Beltran     Khadija Nafi            Ramon Chavez
Melissa Blossom       Taylor Petrides         Tammi Chaparro
Veronica Bustamante

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Congratulations to the Winners!

Transfer Applications

The month of October begins the transfer application process. You should be applying between October 1 and November 30, 2012 for Fall 2013 admissions for the CSU, and between November 1 and 30, 2012 for the UC. Private/Independent Universities deadlines vary; you should contact the university for specific deadline. Some majors also require separate applications. EOPS Students in good standing will be provided with Application Fee-waivers for both the CSU and UC.

Transfer Day

The Ventura College Transfer Center will sponsor a Transfer Information Day on Thursday November 8, 2012 in the Ventura College Quad near the outdoor stage from 10 am to 1 pm. Representatives from many Universities will be present to provide you with campus specific information.

Reading and Writing Center-RWC

The RWC offers free peer tutoring and learning activities to help you with your reading, writing and confidence skills. Trained tutors are available in LRC-155.

EOPSSA-EOPS Student Association

Get Right Get Smart Get Active Join and Get involved

Know your student rights
Address your student issues
Make new friends
Fieldtrips to places of interest
Fundraise for EOPS Scholarships

You are welcome! Don’t be shy! Be fearless! Come check it out!

EOPS is looking for volunteers to help get this year’s club going. We need you!

Stop by EOPS for more information.

don't forget your appointments...
Tips on Writing your Essay for the UC Undergraduate Applications for Admissions

As part of the University of California Undergraduate application for Admission, you are asked to submit a personal essay. Admissions officers and selection committees need to know applicants well in order to consider each as an individual. The essay provides you with an opportunity to share important information about yourself, which is not covered by completing only an application for admission. It permits you to identify your skills and abilities, together with your educational and career goals, that support your ability to succeed at the University. The essay also allows you the opportunity to present personal abilities and experiences that could enhance the academic and student life of the campus to which you are applying. It is to your advantage to submit a thoughtful, well organized, concise, and grammatically correct essay that conveys your response to the essay prompts ......Remember this is your opportunity to write about yourself and those experiences, achievements and goals that are important to you. The following are suggestions provided by the University of California website:

**Start early.** Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation and revision.

**Choose a topic for both essays.** Look critically at the information in your application: your grades, awards, activities and work experience, family and income. Anticipate questions an admission’s evaluator will have after reading your application. The personal statement is your opportunity to answer those questions.

**Compose your personal statement in a word-processing program.** Don't type it directly into the application. This way, you will have the opportunity to print copies for review and revise.

**Write persuasively.** Present your information and ideas in a focused, deliberate and meaningful manner. Provide specific, concrete examples to support your point. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments usually is not persuasive.

**Proofread.** In addition to checking your spelling, be sure your grammar is correct and your essay flows smoothly.

**Solicit feedback.** Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others — family, teachers and friends — can offer valuable suggestions. Ask advice of whomever you like, but do not plagiarize from sources in print or online and do not use anyone's published words but your own.

**Copy and paste.** Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them in plain text (ASCII) and paste them into the space provided in the application. Proofread once more to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared.

**Relax.** This is one of many pieces of information we consider in reviewing your application. An admission decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.
All EOPS students are responsible for scheduling their counseling appointments. We may not have the staff available to remind you about this appointment. If you schedule an appointment and will not be able to keep it, please call and cancel it so we can give the opening to another student. If you are don't complete your required three EOPS Counseling appointments per semester, you will not be eligible for EOPS early registration, tutoring, book vouchers or grants.

Depending on our funding, EOPS book vouchers or grants may be awarded to continuing EOPS students who have completed their obligation of three counseling appointments, etc (please refer to your signed EOPS Student Responsibility Contract) and new EOPS students who have completed the GW2X orientation class. For Spring 2013 book vouchers grants, etc we will review your Fall 2012 counseling appointments.

“The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed”

Frank Loyd Wright
In order to keep in good standing with EOPS, all EOPS students are required to have a minimum three (3) appointments with an EOPS Counselor during the Fall 2012. The dates and deadlines are:

**1st**
Aug 23 thru Sept 28

**2nd**
Oct 1 thru Nov 2

**3rd**
Nov 5 thru Dec 14

Print out this page and put it where you will see it... In your calendar, on your fridge, or in your room.
EOPS Success Academy Workshops

On October 23, 2012 from 1:30-2:30 pm, EOPS will be conducting a mandatory workshop that will focus on assisting students whose cumulative GPA is below the required 2.0. This workshop is designed to provide students with strategies focusing on raising their grades.

Students will be notified about this requirement.

EOPS Tutoring

Free one-on-one tutoring is available to all EOPS Students who are in good standing, are full time and have completed their first Fall counseling appointment. Come into the EOPS Office and request an appointment to receive your tutor referral.

EOPS Spring 2013 Priority Registration

Tentative Dates: Nov 5-9, 2012 9 am-4 pm in the EOPS Office

Get your 2nd EOPS Counselor appointment in to be eligible

EOPS Updates Online

Check the EOPS page on the Ventura College Website for ongoing El Espejo updates throughout the semester

www.venturacollege.edu

EOPS Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8 am to 7 pm

Friday
8 am to 4 pm

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.

Sir Winston Churchill