

Happy Birthday EOPS!

EOPS is not only the original California Community College Student Success program but also the original successful community college social justice and equity program. We celebrate 50 years and it remains the model program with many failed attempts to replicate it by the rest of the community college system. EOPS has been the most scrutinized and challenged program throughout its history.

As a result of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, one of the emerging issues was the lack of access to higher education for many students affected by language, social and economic barriers.

In 1969, Senator Al Alquist authored ingenious legislation (SB 164, Alquist, Chapter 1579, Statutes of 1969) that resulted in EOPS Title 5 regulations to enable low income, educationally disadvantaged students "affected by language, social, and economic handicaps" to achieve a college education. It was born out of the legislature to fund systemically disempowered students: the lowest income and most educationally disadvantaged. The legislative intent was very clear, "to provide services to students that are over, above and in addition to" what the college offers.

For over fifty years, EOPS has continuously provided guidance, motivation, support services and resources to help students complete their educational goals, including vocational certificates, associate degrees and transfer to four-year institutions.

This categorical community college program has not only successfully served over three million students, but has brought to the community colleges, new and innovative ideas, programs and diversity of students and staff.

EOPS has historically been held to high accountability standards and scrutiny. It has always had to be one-step ahead; it is the forerunner and model for what are now institutionalized community college programs, such as ethnic studies, tutorial services, transfer centers, basic skills courses, peer advisers, recruitment/outreach programs, student educational plans, matriculation and more significantly, student success in retention, persistence and transfer.

EOPS brought students to the community colleges that never would have had the opportunity to attend and successfully complete a community college education with a certificate, a degree and/or transfer to the university. It is not only an access program but an effective retention and transition one also. EOPS also opened the door to "ethnic minority faculty". It became the back door for faculty of color.

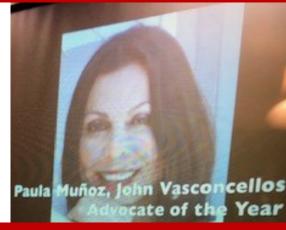
EOPS has kept the doors open. It is a successful access program with positive outcomes. It is the community colleges war on poverty program. There is no program like it.

EOPS STRONG!





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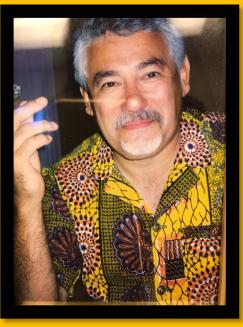


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Original application for EOPS at VC, October 1969 FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY Office of the Chancellor California Community Colleges 825 - 15th Street Sacramento, California 95814 Project No. SP 9-69 APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROJECT 1. College Name and Address: Ventura College 4667 Telegraph Road Ventura, California 93003 2. District Name and Address: Ventura County Junior College District 71 Day Road Ventura, California 93003 Give a brief description of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Project: To provide (1) a student recruitment and counseling program for students from the depressed areas of Colonia, Santa Paula, and Ventura Avenue; (2) transportation of these students from their home to Ventura College and return; (3) development of special courses and relevant studies and programs tailored to fit the needs of these students; (4) tutoring services; and (5) opportunity for student employment through an expanded work-study program. See Exhibit A. Attach Exhibit A, the project proposal and the totality of the program offered at the college
4. Total Budget Amount of the Project:

5. Name and title of the contact person at the college responsible for this appli-Total Budget \$ 59,000 Total Program Budget \$ 12,500 Dr. Richard A. Glenn Dean of Instruction Total Services Budget \$ 30,500 Attach Exhibit 5, the complete budget
6. Give a brief statement regarding the college's commitment to Extended Opportunity
Programs and Services: A pattern of support for minority oriented projects has been demonstrated by the Board through its approval of a number of projects described in Exhibits L and M. The philosophy of the District and of Ventura College is included in Exhibits N and P. Attach Exhibit C indicating this commitment 7. Signature of the President of the Board, or his designee:

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