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We'll Be
There For
You

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Have you scheduled
your 1st appointment?
If you have, great! If
you have not, please
call us!

You are responsible for scheduling your required 3 EOPS counseling appointments each semester. These appointments are one of the things we use to determine your eligibility for grants and book vouchers as well as other EOPS/CARE benefits.

In order for your appointments to count, they must occur during the 3 appointment periods and be scheduled at least 3 weeks apart.

It is your responsibility to keep your appointments!

**3 EOPS appointments
each semester
REQUIRED**

Don't forget your 3
appointments each semester!

SPRING 2020 Appointment Periods

- ⇒ 1st Appointment: 1/13/20—2/13/20
- ⇒ 2nd Appointment: 2/18/20—3/27/20
- ⇒ 3rd Appointment: 3/30/20—5/14/20

The student is
**THE MOST
IMPORTANT PERSON
ON THE CAMPUS.**

Without them there would be no need for the institution.

Not a cold enrollment statistic but a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.

Not someone to be tolerated so that we can do our thing. They are our thing.

Not dependent on us. Rather we are dependent on them.

Not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

Rod Tarrar

Our
Students
Rock!



Happy New Year! Welcome Back!

EOPS wishes you the best of luck this year
and throughout your educational journey!

A special message from
E.O.P.S Counselor Kenya

"EOPS students. Happy New Year! This year's vision is 2020! If you applied to CSU's, please make sure you check your emails carefully and submit updates to your previously reported transfer course work by 11:59PM on Friday, January 31, 2020"

Spring 2020 Important Dates

January 24:

Last day to drop without a "W"

January 28:

EOPS Club Meeting 3:30pm—4pm

February 7:

Last day to apply for pass/no pass for a semester-length class

February 14—17:

Presidents' Day Holiday: Campus Closed

March 5 @ noon:

Graduation & Cert. Petition Deadline

March 19 & 20:

Non-Instructional Days: No Classes
EOPS office open (counselors available)

March 23-26:

Early Reg. in person at EOPS
(Summer 20 & Fall 20)

April 6-12:

Spring Break—No Classes
EOPS Office Open (counselors unavailable)

April 13-30:

Cap & Gown Vouchers

April 17:

Last day to drop with a "W"

April 24:

EOPS Recognition Night

May 8-14: Final Exams

May 15 @ 10 am: VC Grad. Ceremony

EOPS CLUB NEWS

TOY DRIVE



Our 2019 Toy Drive for EOPS/CARE students was a huge success! Our office space was a joy to come into with all the toys that kept piling up and spreading out. Thank you so much to every single one of you who donated and/or spread the word about the toy drive. Your generosity helped put smiles on children's faces during the holiday season.

SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO:
The Organizers: EOPS Club
The Donors: ASVC, AG Ambassadors,
EOPS Staff, EOPS Club

CAN-TREE DRIVE



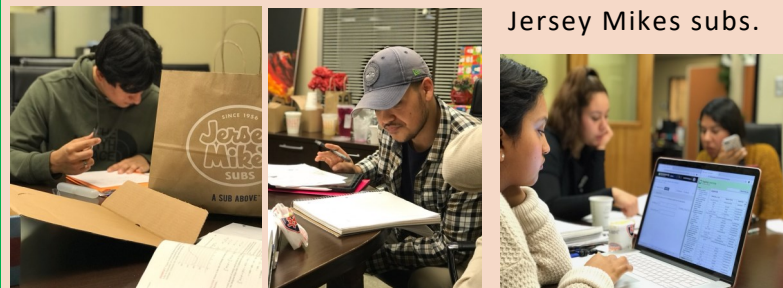
The EOPS Club gathered at Figueroa Plaza in downtown Ventura on December 13th to build Christmas trees out of cans of food.

The annual CAN-tree food drive is organized by Ventura County's food bank, FOOD Share.

STUDY SESSION



The EOPS Club gathered for a study session during finals week in December. The students shared different ideas and enjoyed some Starbucks Coffee and Jersey Mikes subs.



F Y I: For Your Information



MEET OTHER STUDENTS

VOLUNTEER & GIVE BACK

Club

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
JAN 28TH
3:30-4:00

SPRING 2020

MONTHLY MEETINGS
IN THE EOPS OFFICE

Want to join the Club?
Call 805-289-6302 to find out more!

EOPS Club text alerts

STAY CONNECTED
WITH EOPS CLUB

ENTER THIS NUMBER 81010
TEXT THIS MESSAGE @VCEOPSC

Social Media:

Twitter: @vceops
Instagram: vceops
Facebook: VC Eops

Stay Connected!

Follow us on social media for up to date information and giveaways!



December Flashbacks

Look What's Coming!

Class of 
2020!

Graduation Application &
Certificate Petition Deadline

March 5 @ Noon



E O P S
SUMMER 20 & FALL 20

EARLY REG!
MARCH 23-26



Early Registration must be
in person at the
EOPS Office!



WALK THE GRADUATION LINE!

**EOPS
PAYS FOR YOUR
CAP & GOWN**

APRIL 13-30, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

EOPS
Recognition Night
APRIL 24, 2020

"An Evening with the Stars"

- More Information Coming Soon -

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT RETREAT

CARE AND CALWORKS STUDENTS

MARCH 20, 2020

7:40AM - 3:30PM

SERRA RETREAT, MALIBU

MISSION STATEMENT: This day will provide an inclusive and empowering experience for CARE/CalWORKS students that promotes retention, student success, and the pursuit of higher education.

We will depart from Ventura College at 7:40 a.m. and arrive back at campus at 3:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! Please drop by our EOPS office to fill out an application!

THIS RETREAT HAS A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

VENTURA COLLEGE

CAREER CENTER

Career Fair

Grow Your Professional Network

Discover New Companies

Find Potential Job/Internship Opportunities

MARCH 17 • TUESDAY

10 AM TO 2 PM

FYI: Some Resources

2020-2021 FAFSA

IT'S ~~NOT~~ TOO LATE!
to apply for financial aid!

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION? You can get help at the Financial Aid Office (by the Bookstore). Financial Aid assistance is also available at the Ventura College East Campus every Tuesday between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

CASH @ COLLEGE

VENTURA COLLEGE
9AM - 1PM Learning Resource Center

SATURDAY FEB. 8

VENTURA COLLEGE EAST CAMPUS
9AM - 12PM SANTA PAULA

SATURDAY FEB. 22

VCCCD.EDU/CASH4COLLEGE

The Cash for College event provides opportunity for students, families, and residents of Ventura County, to complete their financial aid applications for the 2020-2021 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the California Dream Act application. Pre-registration is recommended but not required.

EOPS AT VENTURA COLLEGE
IS MUCH MORE THAN ACADEMIC COUNSELING...

EOPS can help you with:

- Priority Registration (be the first to enroll for Summer & Fall 2020!)
- Book Vouchers
- Personalized and mindful 1:1 Counseling
- Extra Tutoring

We complete your Graduation Application!
We pay for your Cap & Gown!
We waive up to 4 University Fees!

FREE LEGAL HELP
CLEAN YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD
CRLA
FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE - OPEN TO PUBLIC

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), McGuire Woods and Bank of America will offer free legal help for individuals who are eligible to clean their criminal record.

During the event, volunteer attorneys will analyze individual criminal records and then complete criminal record expungement paperwork for free.

SPACE IS LIMITED




CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!
(805) 483-8083

Thursday, January 30th, 2020
11a.m. - 5p.m.

WHERE:
CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES
221 E. Ventura Blvd.
Oxnard, CA 93036
Rooms A/B Building 211

Interpreting between Spanish and English will be provided.
To request interpreting for another language, please call to make an appointment no later than Thu., Jan. 23.

VC STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES FINANCIAL AID AND BASIC NEEDS

Basic Needs: John Ruff Basic Needs Specialist john_ruff@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6583	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal Fresh application assistance • Food Pantry • Transportation assistance • Housing Referrals • Referral for additional resources
Foster Youth Liaison: Danielle Rodriguez Financial Aid Specialist danielle_rodriguez2@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6125	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/ CADAA application assistance • CHAFEE Grant application assistance • Referral to additional resources
Homeless Student Liaison: Annette Hernandez Financial Aid Specialist annette_hernandez1@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/ CADAA application assistance • Shower facility referrals in accordance with AB1995 • Referral to additional resources
Undocumented / Dreamers Liaison: Wendolyne Lopez Financial Aid Specialist - Bilingual wendolyne_lopez2@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6574 Paulina Salazar Perez Financial Aid Specialist psalazarper@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6581	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Dream Act application assistance • Bilingual assistance • Referral to additional resources • Scholarship referrals
Veterans Liaison: Shasta Hanson Financial Aid Specialist shasta_hanson@vcccd.edu (805) 289-6575	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA application assistance • Coordination of GI Bill and Financial Aid • Referral to additional resources

COLLEGE STUDENTS...
Ride the BUS for FREE!

FREE DACA RENEWALS



You may qualify for Free Application Assistance from El Concilio Including the USCIS fee!!

Limited Time Offer Call Today! 805-486-9777

or visit us at
301 South C Street,
Oxnard, CA 93030

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DREAMERS

TheDream.US Scholarship is open to all undocumented students who came to the United States before November 1st, 2014.

TWO SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Dream.US offers two scholarship opportunities for students. Deadlines are coming up soon, so please be sure to follow the links below for more information.

The Opportunity Scholarship, an up to \$80,000 scholarship, for students who live in targeted, locked-out states where they cannot get in-state tuition will be closing on January 30th, 2020.

The National Scholarship, an up to \$33,000 scholarship, for first-time college students or community college graduates will be closing on February 27th, 2020.

For more information, visit <https://thedream.us/scholarships/>.

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EOPS Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-7pm
Fridays: 8am-4pm
805.289.6302

FROM VCCCD

EOPS RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services

WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), and in recognition of this historic milestone, EOPS is deserving of special public honors and commendations for its ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of diverse student populations and providing high-quality education to the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, established by the passage of California Senate Bill no. 164 in 1969, EOPS was created with the primary mission to encourage the enrollment, retention, and transfer of students affected by language, social, economic, and educational barriers and to facilitate the successful completion of their goals and objectives in higher education, and today, EOPS has distinction in California as a long-standing social justice, educational rights, human rights, and equity program; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, EOPS has provided dynamic and innovative services in early outreach programs serving hundreds of thousands of potential EOPS applicants and summer bridge learning communities, as well as community building efforts that retain students who impact the larger campus communities, and over the years, EOPS has successfully developed local partnerships among community-based organizations, public agencies, legislative institutions, universities, and K-12 public school systems, and

WHEREAS, in 1982, EOPS added the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program to expand services for welfare-dependent, single-parent EOPS students, and since that time, the services offered by CARE have brought hope, vision, guidance, and activism to underserved communities, heightened the awareness of educational pathways and sociocultural opportunities, and invested in developing the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, after 50 years, EOPS continues to serve as a model in meeting the student equity gap in education within the California Community Colleges system, and its decades-long commitment to serving California's economically and educationally disadvantaged students is deserving of acknowledgment and praise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ventura County Community College District recognizes the fiftieth anniversary of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and commends Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura Colleges EOPS for the invaluable contributions made to the intellectual and social growth of California's students.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2019.