

For nearly forty years, the Academic Foundations Center (AFC) of Rutgers University-Newark has stood at the vanguard of efforts to help students overcome cultural, economic, and social obstacles in their pursuit of an education. In addition, the Center serves as a conduit for innovative teaching and learning on the campus and in the community through constructive collaborations with university faculty, middle and high school teachers, guidance counselors, college students, middle and high school students, and corporate and industry leaders. The AFC is an important component of the University's commitment to educate a broad range of students at the University, and in the Institute for Pre-College Education and Community Outreach.

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program was established in 1968 by an act of the New Jersey Legislature. Its purpose is to increase access to higher education by providing academic support services and financial assistance to educationally and/or economically disadvantaged New Jersey residents attending the state's colleges and universities. It is administered by the Commission on Higher Education and is guided by a Board of Directors, which sets its policies and regulations.



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Educational Opportunity Fund Program Newsletter

Fall 2008

Movers and Shakers

The Academic Foundations Center would like to congratulate the following AFC staff members on their outstanding dedication and commitment to the Educational Opportunity Fund Program, Rutgers-Newark, and the community. Ms. Marsha Dickson, Head Bookkeeper, for 30 years of service and Ms. Darlene Brown, EOF Program Coordinator, for 10 years of service.

New Staff

The Academic Foundations Center would like to welcome a new staff member, Ms. Zabrina Velez, EOF Counseling Intern, who will be working with Ms. Rose Bailey-Byers for the 2008-2009 school year.

EOF Fall Events

EOF Student Reunion: The EOF Student Reunion will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, Room 255-257. The EOF Student Reunion is to give EOF students the opportunity to network and is designed to foster EOF community. For more information, please contact Mr. Francisco Colon in Bradley Hall, Room 105.

Freshman Lecture Series:

Interviewing Skills: November 11 and 12, 2008 in Robeson, Room 234 at 1:00 p.m.

Study Abroad: November 18 and 19, 2008 in Engelhard, Bove Auditorium at 1:00 p.m.

1st Annual Covenant House Drive: Covenant House of NJ located in downtown Newark "is the state's largest provider of services to homeless and at-risk youth ages 16-21." EOF P.R.I.D.E. will be collecting toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, shaving cream, sanitary napkins, q-tips, hand sanitizer, hair supplies, etc) through November 14, 2008. A box can be found outside Bradley 104.

EOF Student Spotlight

The Academic Foundations Center (AFC) would like to congratulate the recipients of the MCJ Housing Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year: Mabel Frimpong, Christopher Allen, Gregory Moore, Ana Espinal, Lenwood Brown, Chantel Kilpatrick, Crystal Navarro, Leinz Pierre-Louis, Jasmine Jackson, Katherine Reid, and A'yanna Walker. AFC would also like to congratulate: Ramon Rodriguez as the recipient of the Verizon Wireless Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year; and acknowledge Madeline Cruz and Christopher Perez who were able to visit Senegal this past summer with the Office of Student Life and Leadership's Phoenix Project.

EOF P.R.I.D.E.

The EOF P.R.I.D.E. mission is to provide leadership and opportunity for EOF students, as well as advocate for EOF students on the Newark campus and throughout the state of New Jersey. The executive board members are: Davendra Beni, President; Crystal Navarro, Vice-President; Tamara Trotz, Treasurer; Anabell Pimentel, Secretary; Adam Kwiatkowski, Event Coordinator; and Pamela Enemuo, Event Coordinator.

Upcoming November Events: Bake Sale - Bowling Night - RU-N Angel Drive

For more information on membership, events or volunteering, please contact at:
eofpride@yahoo.com.

For more information on any news or events, please see your EOF Counselor
or visit our website at <http://afc.rutgers.edu>

Winter Session 2009

<u>Winter Session Dates</u>	January 5, 2009 - January 17, 2009
<u>Winter Registration Begins</u> Fax, In-Person, Mail, or Web	October 6
<u>Last Day to Register by:</u> Fax, Mail, or Web	November 14
<u>Term Bills Due</u> Registration & Payment after this date is late	December 10
<u>Last Day to Register and Pay</u> Late fee charged; In person only	December 17
<u>Last Day for Withdrawal</u> Withdrawals will receive no refund & "W" grade	January 9

For further information, visit Rutgers-Newark Winter Session at <http://winter.newark.rutgers.edu/>

Spring 2009 Advisement & Registration Dates

The online schedule of classes for spring 2009 will be available Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the following web-site: <http://soc.ecc.rutgers.edu/soc>

Advisement Dates: Monday, October 27, 2008 through Friday, November 7, 2008

Registration Dates: Sunday, November 9, 2008 after 10:00 p.m. through Friday, November 14, 2008

EOF students with blocked registration, students who are under 30 credits or are on probation, will be allowed to register on Monday, November 10, 2008 in Bradley Hall, Room 138 with the appropriate advisor authorization.

EOF Counseling Unit

Please be reminded that all EOF students must schedule appointments with their assigned EOF counselors based on the following criteria:

- Probation students (GPA is below 2.00) must see their counselor every two weeks.
- Students whose GPA is between 2.00 and 2.39 must see their counselor three times throughout the semester.
- Students whose GPA is 2.40 and above must see their counselor twice a semester.
- Students who have not earned a GPA (transfers and freshmen) must see their counselor twice a semester.

EOF students who have not met with their EOF Counselor for fall 2008 will be placed on academic hold in December.

Fall 2008 Office Hours:

Ms. Rose Bailey-Byers*	Monday through Friday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Mr. Francisco Colon**	Monday through Friday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ms. Talaya LeGette**	Monday, Wednesday	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Mr. Carl Milton*	Monday through Friday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Mr. Brian Taylor*	Monday through Friday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ms. Zabrina Velez*	Monday and Tuesday	8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Note: Counselors are not available Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.;

* Not available Tuesday 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.; ** Not available Wednesday 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.

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AFC Web-Site

Please take the opportunity to visit the AFC web-site at <http://afc.rutgers.edu>. The EOF Student Handbook, EOF Applications, EOF Events, and other useful information and links are posted on the web-site.

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

~Theodore Roosevelt~