

For over 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 principals, 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 low income, academically talented 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 2009

### Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of Academic Foundations Center/Educational Opportunity Fund Program

Welcome to the fall edition of the Rutgers-Newark EOF Newsletter. This edition comes at a busy time of the year as midterms are beginning, finals are on their way and various holidays are celebrated. While we acknowledge it's a busy time, we want to encourage you to remain focused and committed to your academic pursuits here on the Rutgers-Newark campus, as it will benefit you immensely in the future.



As you read through this edition, you'll note that there is valuable information regarding EOF events, student and staff achievements, important deadlines and activities, and various resources that are available to support you. However, using the information wisely is your choice. As an EOF student you are a part of a rich tradition of achievement and success. In fact our recent Program Performance Criteria (PPC) data used by the state of New Jersey to determine the successfulness of a given EOF program indicates that our EOF students graduate at the same rate as the overall Rutgers-Newark undergraduate student body. This is a significant accomplishment and speaks to the commitment, motivation, and talent of the students we serve—YOU!

So I encourage you to make the following pledge to yourself: "I will ALWAYS believe in myself, work hard, surround myself with positive energy, positive people and positive resources such that I can EXCEED all expectations and continue on the road to academic and personal success". If you "believe and achieve" the sky is the limit for you and your future endeavors.

Have a wonderful semester and know that we are all here for you and we're wishing you nothing but the best that Rutgers and life have to offer.

### 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. Mrs. Deborah Walker McCall, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of AFC/EOF and Mrs. Suja Patel, Assistant Dean and Associate Director of AFC/EOF for 10 years of service.

Congratulations to Engelbert Santana our new Senior EOF Counselor replacing Francisco Colon effective November 17, 2009.

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

## AFC/EOF Staff at Newark Habitat for Humanity on October 29, 2009



## Baby Announcements

Congratulations to Miriam Cruz Montalvo, director READY program on the birth of her son Elijah on June 18, 2009 weighing 8 lbs 11 ozs. & 21 inches long and to Engelbert Santana, our new senior EOF counselor on the birth of his son, Lucas Mateo on June 26, 2009 weighing 8 lbs. 10 ozs. and 21 inches long.

## EOF Fall Events

The EOF Student Reunion will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, Essex Room. The EOF Student Reunion is designed to give EOF students the opportunity to network and is designed to foster EOF community. For more information, please contact Mr. Carl Milton in Bradley Hall, Room 106 or at [cmilton@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:cmilton@andromeda.rutgers.edu). RU-Angel Drive kick-off begins November 16, 2009 through December 16, 2009.

## EOF Student Highlights

**MCJ Housing Scholarship Recipients for the 2009-2010 academic year:** Christopher Allen, Gregory Moore, Ana Espinal, Lenwood Brown, Chantel Kilpatrick, Iverri Johnson, Jasmine Jackson & Anthony Phillips.

**Congratulations** to Niviya George on receiving the National Smart Grant for 2009-2010 and to Rose Hanna for receiving the Edward J. Bloustein and Merrill Lynch scholarships. Rose has also been nominated for membership to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

**EOF High Achievers (Cum GPA 4.0):** Jennifer Lorenzo & Viral Patel

**Women's Volleyball:** Scarlet Raiders (3) Upend Cougars (1) in NJAC played on October 6, 2009 Freshmen middle blocker Stephanie Touzan made three kills and added eight digs and a match-high four service aces. Junior middle blocker Crystal Navarro chipped in five kills, an ace and a solo block.

## EOF P.R.I.D.E.

The EOF P.R.I.D.E. (Pursuing Rewards in Diversity and Education) 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.

## Winter Session 2010

<b><u>Winter Session Dates</u></b>	<b>December 23, 2009 - January 16, 2010</b>
<b><u>Winter Registration Begins</u> Fax, In-Person, Mail, or Web</b>	October 5
<b><u>Last Day to Register by:</u> Fax, Mail, or Web</b>	December 4
<b><u>Term Bills Due</u> Registration &amp; Payment after this date is late</b>	December 9
<b><u>Last Day to Register and Pay</u> Late fee charged; In person only</b>	December 23
<b><u>Last Day for Withdrawal</u> Withdrawals will receive no refund &amp; "W" grade</b>	January 7

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

## Spring 2010 Advisement & Registration Dates

The online schedule of classes for spring 2010 can be accessed at the following web-site:  
<http://soc.ecc.rutgers.edu/soc>

Advisement Dates: Monday, November 2, 2009 through Friday, November 13, 2009

Registration Dates: Sunday, November 15, 2009 after 10:00 p.m. through Friday, November 20, 2009

EOF students with blocked registration, students who are under 30 credits or are on probation, will be allowed to register on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in Bradley Hall, Room 138 with the appropriate advisor authorization. EOF Applications, EOF Events, and other useful information and links are posted on the web-site.

## 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 2009 will be placed on academic hold in December.*

### Fall 2009 Office Hours:

Ms. Rose Bailey-Byers	Monday through Friday	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Mr. Engelbert Santana**	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:30- 4:30 p.m. (effective November 17, 2009)
Ms. Talaya LeGette**	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 - 3:00 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.

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.

Ms. Darlene Brown	Monday through Friday	9:00—5:00 p.m.
EOF Program Coordinator		

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## AFC Web-Site

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

*“Never fear the space between your dreams and reality”*

*~Belva Davis~*