

For 40 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

Spring 2008

EOF Program Milestone

Please join us in celebrating the Educational Opportunity Fund Program's:

40th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

The event will take place on the Rutgers-Newark campus at the Paul Robeson Campus Center's Essex Room from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with former New Jersey Governor, Thomas H. Kean as the keynote speaker.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit our web-site at:
<http://afc.newark.rutgers.edu>

Giving Back

The EOF Program will be collecting food, clothing, and monetary donations for Titon Rudra, an EOF first-year student, whose home was lost in a fire on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Donations will be collected in Paul Robeson Campus Center, Room 352.

New Staff

The Academic Foundations Center would like to welcome two new staff members:
Saskia Agustin, Business and Alumni Specialist
Wajid Ullah, Unit Computing Specialist

Financial Aid News

The Rutgers University priority deadline for the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is March 15, 2008. Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible. To access the FAFSA on the web, visit the following web-site: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Graduating Seniors

Students graduating January 2008 or May 2008 must sign up for a graduation commencement workshop by visiting the Rutgers-Newark Dean of Student Affairs web-site at: http://www.rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/dsanwk/senior_wrkshp.html
Students should also provide their updated contact information to their EOF Counselor.

EOF News

The Academic Foundations Center's Seventh Annual RU-N Angel Drive collected \$1,246 in funds during the 2007 holiday season. The funds collected were used to purchase toys and gifts for the Babyland Family Violence Program. The Center would like to acknowledge the fundraising efforts of the EOF students and especially Pedro Herrera, an EOF alumnus, and Gary Martinez, an EOF senior, who raised the most funds and assisted with organizing the fundraiser.

Student Spotlight

Esther Ragbeer, an EOF junior, has been the recipient of the following awards/scholarships: Pershing Scholarship, Cunningham Scholarship, R-U Competitive Grant, Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship, and the McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholarship.

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

EOF Senior Awards Ceremony

The EOF Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the Robeson Campus Center, Essex Room. The event is held every year for graduating seniors and their families.

Rebecca S. Villers Awards

The Rebecca S. Villers Award is given annually to an academically talented EOF student who has declared psychology as a major and is completing his or her junior year. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Applications will be available March 3, 2008. The deadline for submission of application is Friday, March 28, 2008.

Summer Session 2008

	Session I (May 27 - July 3)	Session II (July 7 - August 13)	12 Week Session (May 7 - August 13)
Registration Begins	February 25	February 25	February 25
Term Bills Due Registration & Payment after this date is late	May 15	June 26	May 15

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

Fall 2008 Advisement & Registration Dates

Advisement Dates: Monday, March 24, 2008 through Friday, April 4, 2008
Registration Begins: Monday, April 7, 2008

2008 EOF Summer Reimbursements

The 2008 EOF Summer Reimbursement applications will be available Monday, March 3, 2008 on our website at: <http://afc.newark.rutgers.edu/eof.htm>. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, May 16, 2008.

Summer 2008 Employment

Positions are available in the Academic Foundations Center's Educational Opportunity Fund Program and Institute for Pre-College Education & Community Outreach for summer 2008. Positions include teaching assistants, tutors, peer counselors, and office assistants. Applications will be available Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in Bradley Hall, Room 134.

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.

Counselors' Spring 2008 Office Hours

Ms. Rose Bailey-Byers	Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	byers@rutgers.edu
Mr. Francisco Colon	Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	fracolon@rutgers.edu
Ms. Talaya LeGette	Monday through Friday 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.	tlegette@rutgers.edu
Mr. Carl Milton	Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	cmilton@rutgers.edu
Mr. Brian Taylor	Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	btaylor@rutgers.edu

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

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"Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, desperation, perspiration, and inspiration."

Evan Esar