

For over 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 2009

### EOF Senior Awards Ceremony

The EOF Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Robeson Campus Center, Essex Room. The event is held every year for graduating seniors and their families.

### Graduate School Panel

For students interested in pursuing graduate or professional school upon graduation, the Graduate/Professional School Admissions Panel Discussion will be held during the free periods on Monday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Paul Robeson Campus Center, Room 255-256.

### New Staff

The Academic Foundations Center would like to welcome one new staff member:  
Dr. Traymanesha Moore, Rutgers Future Scholars Program Coordinator

### Financial Aid News

The Rutgers University priority deadline for the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is March 15, 2009. 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 May 2009 or October 2009 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](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 Eighth Annual RU-N Angel Drive collected \$948 in funds during the 2008 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 EOF PRIDE and the incoming EOF first-year students.

### Student Spotlight

**Soveira Hernandez**, a senior, is the recipient of the 2008 Rebecca S. Villers Award, and the Dorothy and David Cooper Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. **Nerley Lausier**, a senior, was featured in a Wall Street Journal article in the careers section entitled, "Summer on the Street Before the Fall" and is the President of the National Association of Black Accountants. **Corina De Lucia**, a senior, will be entering an accelerated criminal justice B.A./M.A program and is the Vice President of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Alpha Phi Sigma, Chapter Gamma Mu) and a member of the Pre-Law Society. **Michael Sawires**, a junior, accepted an internship with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). **Shante Kemp**, a junior, hosts a radio show on the Rutgers-Newark radio station, WRNU. **Vital Patel**, a sophomore, has a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and has applied to RISE, an undergraduate summer research program to advance diversity in science, math, and engineering sponsored by Rutgers and UMDNJ.

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

## 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 2, 2009. The deadline for submission of application is Friday, April 3, 2009.

## Summer Session 2009

	Session I (May 26 - July 2)	Session II (July 6 - August 12)	12 Week Session (May 26 - August 12)
<b>Registration Begins</b>	February 23	February 23	February 23
<b>Term Bills Due</b> 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 2009 Advisement & Registration Dates

Advisement Dates: Monday, March 23, 2009 through Friday, April 3, 2009

Registration Begins: Sunday, April 5, 2009

EOF students with blocked registration, students who are under 30 credits or are on probation, will be allowed to register on Monday, April 6, 2009 in Bradley Hall, Room 138 with the appropriate advisor authorization.

## 2009 EOF Summer Reimbursements

The 2009 EOF Summer Reimbursement applications will be available Monday, March 2, 2009 on our web-site at: <http://afc.newark.rutgers.edu/eof.htm>. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, May 15, 2009.

## Summer 2009 Employment

Positions are available in the Academic Foundations Center's Educational Opportunity Fund Program and Institute for Pre-College Education & Community Outreach for summer 2009. Positions include teaching assistants, tutors, peer counselors, and office assistants. Applications will be available Wednesday, April 1, 2009 on the AFC 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.

### **Fall 2009 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, Friday	8:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs. 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.
Ms. Zabrina Velez*	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	8:30 - 3:00 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.

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*"Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take,  
but by the number of moments that take our breath away." ~Anonymous~*