

EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs

FALL 2006

A Welcome from the Associate Dean

Welcome new and continuing EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs students. The 2006 fall semester promises to be eventful with the new 16 week schedule and renovations beginning on campus as a result of the Measure E Bond. We hope the compressed calendar will better accommodate your busy work and family schedules. Please remember that the semester will pass more quickly so plan ahead and take advantage of the excellent services offered through EOPS and CalWORKs. We are happy to report that all the current staff is returning, although two staff have new names

due to getting married. Please stop by to congratulate Gloria Mancera and Annette Gutierrez.

The EOPS and CalWORKs programs are here to assist you with accomplishing your educational goals to graduate, transfer or obtain employment. We offer the following suggestions for a successful semester:

- Meet with your EOPS or CalWORKs Counselor early in the semester to update your education plan, review your progress report, and register for classes through priority registration.

- Request tutoring assistance before you are having difficulty in your classes.

- Minimize the cost of books by coming early to the book lending library to check out books.

- Attend Student Success Workshops to learn new educational tools.

- Sign up for university tours to explore transfer opportunities.

On behalf of the EOPS/CalWORKs staff, we wish you the best for the coming year.

*Anne Ratto,
Associate Dean,
EOPS/CalWORKs*



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Congratulations!

2006 Spring Semester Academic Achievement Honorees

President's List

Herrera, Joshua M. Rodriguez, Rocio
Lopez, David G. Martinez, Marcella
Sanchez, Eduardo

Dean's List

Aboytes, Frank B. Fernandez, Carlos
Alfaro, Maria M. Fierro, Leopoldo
Alvarado, Adam G. Flores, Olivia V.
Bertolami, Coral R. Garcia, Jesse
Byrne, Ahnah M. Garcia, Mark A.
Clayton, Melissa J. Guerrero, Virginia
Diaz, Edward J. Hernandez, Bertha
Dowens, Tennille S. Hernandez, Dora
Espeseth, Kathy R. Hernandez, Eutiquio

Hernandez, Gracie Ponce, Juliza
Howard, Alicia G. Ramirez, Isabel
Hurtado,, Jamie Ramsay, Bianca
Jacksich, Erin Rivera, Isaac
Jones, Brian W Rodriguez, Monica
Juarez, Josefina Rodriguez, Raquel
Lares, Marina Salgado, Maria C
Lopez, Cirilo F Sanchez, Elizabeth
Lopez, Clarita Shacklett, Nicole
Maldonado, Sonia Solis, Rosalinda M
McCloskey, Jennifer Underhill, Jen N
McIntosh, Tiffany Vazquez, Maria G
Moore, Rita Vega, Christie M
Orozco, Ramon Viveros, Barbara
Parra, Danae
Pennyacsek, Jeannet

STUDENT SHOWCASE



Michelle Dominguez came to Gavilan in fall 2004 after 15 years in the workforce. She realized that in order to be competitive and earn better wages she needed a better education and a degree. She started as a medical/nursing major and quickly changed to a teaching major. She has been part of the EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs Programs since arriving at Gavilan.

This spring, Michelle was selected by the EOPS/CalWORKs staff to receive special recognition for leadership above and beyond. She is dedicated to helping others and serves as a role model to many EOPS students, AND always with a smile. She has been an active participant in ASB, community fundraisers, and president of the EOPS Club. She has also attended various conferences. This past April, she participated in the EOPS Consortium Student Leadership Conference held at Stanford University, she has attended the San Diego Student Leadership Conference and the Child Development Conference in Sacramento, just to name a few.

After graduation this summer, Michelle plans to take a few weeks off and then work as a school bus driver with the Gilroy Unified School District and apply for a substitute teaching position. She is a proud mother of three children, ages 16 to 24. When asked what advice she would give to our students, she said, "If you find yourself struggling or have a problem, come to EOPS and just vent. When studying, find a good study group and remember to always use all the resources available to you because that really helps."

-Lucy Olivares

Bret Barker is a non-traditional student with extensive work experience in Research and Development. After twenty years in the business world, Bret decided to pursue a career that would enable him to use his skills, but one that would also allow him to give back to the community. He found that nursing would be that career.



Bret is one of four children brought up in a single parent family and is the first to attend college. He is not only very capable of performing the technical duties of a nurse; but he is also compassionate, caring, and able to maintain a professional manner. He has been able to learn a great deal during his time at Gavilan. He completed the Licensed Vocational Nursing program at Gavilan spring semester. Bret was also the Co-Chair of the Men's Academic Networking Organization (M.A.N.O.) Club and did an excellent job running the meetings and coordinating M.A.N.O. activities. He has become a role model for our M.A.N.O. students.

His current goals are to complete the Registered Nurse program at Gavilan and obtain his Associate of Science Degree. He will be working as a LVN at the Mabie Skilled Nursing Facility where he has worked as a Certified Nurse Assistant for the past two years. Following the Registered Nursing program, he will begin working as a Registered Nurse while attending San Jose State University to earn his Bachelors Degree in Nursing. Once he has worked a few years as a Registered Nurse, he plans to enter the Stanford/Foothill College Nurse Practitioner program and complete his Masters Degree.

Bret has indicated that he is dedicating his life to the profession of nursing and that his future plans are to specialize in Geriatrics and Oncology to serve the increasing number of elderly over the next few decades. His goal is to reinforce the work nurses have done so far promoting this honorable profession. With such desire and motivation to succeed, Bret is sure to be an asset everywhere he goes.

-Gary Cribb



Coral Bertolami is a graduating CalWORKs & EOPS student who is transferring to San Jose State University with her AA in Business, she plans to obtain her BA in Human Resource Management and eventually get her MBA. Coral is an amazing student, mother, and all around person. She graduated with a 3.99 GPA, and was an active member of Rho Alpha Mu as well as ASB. As a returning student after being laid off from a well known company she realized that the only way she was going to be able to support her and her two boys, was to get an education. She was always academically inclined who liked school but was not given the opportunity as a young girl. Coral has made strides while at Gavilan, she is at the top of her class and has been able to share her wealth of intelligence with others while tutoring various subjects in the Tutoring Center on campus. Coral will miss the people and the friendships she has made at Gavilan College but she will venture out once again focused and determined as always. She tells all Gavilan College students and especially speaks directly to CalWORKs students when she says "Don't give up, it is worth it. The sacrifices made today will bring a better tomorrow and you can not forget that".

- Annette Gutierrez

**STUDENT SERVICES WORKSHOPS
FALL 2006**

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<i>USB Jump Drive Technology</i>	<i>Wednesday, Sept. 13 2 - 3 p.m.</i>	<i>CHEM 102</i>
<i>Job Search</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 12 12:20 - 1:20 p.m.</i>	<i>LI 171</i>
<i>USC Application</i>	<i>Friday, Oct. 27 11 - 12 p.m.</i>	<i>LS 104</i>
<i>Resume Writing</i>	<i>Monday, Nov. 6 1 - 3 p.m.</i>	<i>LI 171</i>
<i>Transfer Day</i>	<i>Thursday, Nov. 9 10 - 1 p.m.</i>	<i>Student Center</i>
<i>Transfer Requirement</i>	<i>Tuesday, Nov. 14 2 - 3 p.m.</i>	<i>HUM 104</i>
<i>Interviewing Strategies</i>	<i>Friday, Dec. 8 11 - 12 p.m.</i>	<i>CHEM 102</i>
<i>Personal Budget Mgmt.</i>	<i>Monday, Dec. 11 2 - 3 p.m.</i>	<i>CHEM 102</i>
<i>Career Explorations</i>	<i>OPEN SESSION anytime</i>	<i>Career Resource Center</i>

Open to all students
ALL WORKSHOPS FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR CARE

Hello there! Let me introduce myself. My name is Susan Sweeney and I am the new CalWORKs Director here at Gavilan College. This is my second semester in the EOPS/CalWORKs department. I am excited to be part of the exceptional EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs team. Our office is extremely student friendly.

I grew up in Virginia, and have lived in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Venice, California. My educational background includes earning a Masters in Psychological Counseling and I am married to Larry Sweeney, a Community Organizer. We have three children, Logan (14), Jordan (16) and Justin (18). Logan and Jordan attend Gilroy High School. Justin now attends



Gavilan and will be playing football for the Rams in the Fall. My hobbies include bike riding, jogging, weight training, reading, rock climbing, and someday, surfing.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and providing you with important information regarding changes in the CalWORKs (family cash aid) program.

Feel free to make an appointment or stop by our office for any CalWORKs questions or concerns. I am here to assist you.

New in CalWORKs for 06/07

- Changes in TANF regulations require all CalWORKs students to work part-time.
- Annette Gutierrez, Program Services Specialist will be available to assist you with resume development and employment options.
- Vocational English as a Second Language classes begin September 5th.

CalWORKs Reminder

Hello CalWORKs Students. I'm happy to have this opportunity to express how much I have enjoyed working with you in developing your TBA schedules as well as sharing your life-long dreams and goals. As a graduate of Gavilan I understand the effort you are putting into your education and the precious time you have set aside to meet with me each semester. It is my intention to continue to serve you in the best way possible. Just remember in order for me to serve you I need you to do your part. Make an appointment with me

each time your schedule changes that will reflect the number of hours you are participating in CalWORKs activity. It is also very important to keep your contact information up to date with our office since we are always sending you reminders for any CalWORKs activities you must participate in. I look forward to many more semesters with all of you and wish you all the best of luck as you work toward your educational goals.

- Annette Gutierrez



Welcome new and continuing CARE students. Many of you receive services throughout the semester and I would like to remind you of the 4 hour requirement for the program. If you are unable to attend any workshops during the semester, you need to meet with me as soon as possible to make other arrangements.

To be eligible for CARE, you need to be a single parent/grandparent, head of household, 18 years of age, full time student, and eligible for EOPS, have a least one child under the age of 14 years and currently receiving cash assistance (CalWORKs/TANF) (you may be eligible if you receive assistance for your children only).

Services provided include counseling, registration, and financial aid assistance, meal tickets, parking permits, bus passes, book/school supplies, gas cards and CARE grants and other supportive services.

For more information, please come by and make an appointment or call (408) 848-4790.

- Gloria Mancera

"SAVE THE DATE"

2007 CARE Conference

March 16 & 17, 2007

San Jose State University

COUNSELING CONNECTION WITH GARY CRIBB



THE TRANSFER PROCESS

This is a guide to help you through the transfer process for the UC and CSU systems.

You must keep in mind that each step must be completed during the required month and dates for each university.

- You must have at least 30 transferable units completed.
- If you plan to do a transfer admission agreement (TAA), you will need to complete the TAA application during the month of October.
- All applications for the CSU and UC system must be submitted before November 30th. Most universities prefer that you submit your application on-line.
- The UC application does require a personal statement with their application. Workshops to help with this are usually provided by our Transfer Center in October.
- Make sure that you see a counselor before submitting your TAA or CSU/UC on-line application.
- EOPS provides you with a fee waiver for the UC & CSU application fee.
- CSU & UC Transfer Admission Application (TAA) period is during the month of October.

COUNSELOR CORNER WITH CHRISTINA GARCIA

Hello EOPS students! This is Christina Garcia, one of the counselors in the EOPS/CalWORKs department. I hope everyone studied hard and took advantage of the Gavilan tutors, Writing Center and Math lab! Just a few quick reminders I need to mention in order for you to have a successful transition into the fall 2006 semester.

If you didn't participate in our pre-priority registration, you need to register soon! If you need assistance with selecting your classes for fall 2006, please make an appointment by coming to our office in LI 101A or simply call us at (408) 848-4740 to make an appointment. You also have the option to register on your own either using phone registration or in-person registration. Don't wait until the last minute because classes will become full!

Make sure your education plan is updated!! If you had to drop a class or did not pass a class in the spring 2006, please make an appointment with a counselor ASAP so we could make changes to your education plan to make sure you stay on track to finish your coursework.

If you will be transferring to a university for the fall 2006, **LISTEN UP!** You already made the first step by applying to the university of your choice, now you have to take care of the follow-up. Make sure you carefully read all the letters that you will be receiving in the mail and send in all the information that the university asks for. Don't wait until the last minute to mail in the necessary paperwork. If you do, there could be a delay in being accepted to the university.

I hope everyone had a great semester and summer. The staff at EOPS/CalWORKs will be excited to see you in the upcoming fall 2006 semester. Don't forget to contact us with any question that you may have. We are here to help you with anything that you may need.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Fall 2006
Instruction
Tues., September 5

Last Day to Add a Class
Friday, September 8

"NRS" Deadline
Friday, October 6

Progress Report
Deadline
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Fall Graduation
Petitions Due
Monday, October 16

Veterans' Day Holiday
Friday, November 10

"W" (Withdraw) Deadline
Wednesday, November 22

EOPS Pre-priority
Registration
Monday - Thursday,
November 27-30

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thurs., Nov. 23—
Sun., Nov. 26

EOPS Holiday
Celebration
Thurs., Dec. 14

Finals Week
December 17—
December 23

Last day of Semester
Saturday, December 23

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EOPS CLUB NEWS

Are you interested in adding to your leadership skills and getting involved with campus activities? The EOPS Club is looking for you!! Join us and share your ideas while you develop new friendships. In the past, we have raised funds for EOPS scholarships and our annual holiday party for students and their families.

Please join us to brainstorm on how to become a more active campus club and share your ideas for our new direction and leadership. We are excited and looking forward to hearing from you as we start our new and improved EOPS Club.

Our first club meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 29th, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the EOPS Office—please stop by and bring a friend or two.

Co-Advisors: Lucy Olivares and Annette Gutierrez



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
GET INVOLVED!