

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 2010

EOF Senior Awards Ceremony

The EOF Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Robeson Campus Center, Essex Room. Please see your counselors for more information. This event is held every year for graduating seniors.

Staff Highlights

Congratulations to Assistant Dean & Associate Director Rose Bailey-Byers for 30 years of outstanding dedication and service to Rutgers University, the Academic Foundations Center and Educational Opportunity Fund Program.

New Staff

Georgia Hadjikonstantinou, Program Coordinator for the Louis Stokes Alliance Minority Program (LSAMP) and Gary Martinez, Counselor for Student Support Services.

Graduating Seniors

Students graduating May 2010 or October 2010 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 Eighth Annual RU-N Angel Drive collected \$977 in funds during the 2009 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

Congratulations to our EOF Academic Achievers (Fall 2009 3.5-4.0 cum GPA):

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| Mary Abdelsayad | Mitkumar Desai | Daniel Lazo | Arifur Rahman |
| Mohamed Aly Ahmed | Mary Ayala Diaz | Li Lin | Manjinder Rai |
| Wagner Alcivar | Estephany Diaz | Fanny Mendoza | Ligia Ramos |
| Crystal Almonte | Abdul Fabdelsayed | Elioenai Mercedes | Kaykobad Rashel |
| Leslie Aparcana | Juan Garcia | Marcin Midura | Laura Robles |
| Kenneth Arana | Niviya George | Issac Millar | Beatriz Roman |
| Marian Banoub | Carlos Gomez | Mohammad Misbah | Diana Ruiz |
| Gabriela Bardales | Maribel Granja | Eliana Munoz | Laura Salcedo |
| Karen Bejar | Rose Hanna | Faiza Nasim | Piyush Savalia |
| Davendra Beni | Faisal Hasan | Yulissa Ortiz | Fremio Sepulveda |
| Barbara Borges | Syed Hassan | Guillermo Padron | Vikram Sharma |
| Maria Cordero | Kazi Huq | Vimal Patel | Radhika Tailor |
| Jacqueline Cozart | Mieko Inghilleri | Viral Patel | Helianna Taveras |
| Sneha Daniel | Ericka Jordan | Leticia Peralta | Theresa Tran |
| Mapett Del Rosario | Katarzyna Krowicka | Jose Portocarrero | Hiral Vyas |

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

Student Spotlight (Cont.)

Congratulations to Bryan Rodriguez on being selected as the winner of the AFC Logo Contest. Jeannette Rodriguez, a senior, has been accepted into Rutgers Masters of Social Work Advance Standing Program and will start her course work this summer.

EOF Initiatives

During the fall 2009 semester, the **Community Service Initiative (CSI)** was implemented for EOF freshmen. The Community Initiative is a form of experiential education where hands-on learning occurs through a cycle of action and reflection. As students work with others through a process of applying what they are fundamentally learning to community problems, and at the same time reflecting upon their experience-students will achieve real objectives for the community and themselves. The Academic Foundations Center supports and encourages community service throughout Rutgers University, and over time will enable over five hundred students to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. Our students have provided service to the following organizations:

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| Don Bosco Youth Center | Children Learning Center | Ukrainian Evangelical Assembly of God |
| Muslim Student Association | Lyons Medical Center | RU-Newark Dept. Arts, Culture & Media |
| Sisters Network of Essex County | RU-Newark Angel | Clifton High Wrestling Program |
| William Dickinson High School | Bergenfield Public Library | EOF P.R.I.D.E. Organization |
| Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. | Shadman Restaurant | Five Corners Branch Library |
| Oakwood Towers | Our Lady of Good Counsel | Salvation Army |
| BioBay | St. George Little Falls Soyo | Passaic Public Library |

Rutgers Newark Tech Saturdays: A Community Digital Literacy Initiative serving Newark Youth and Parents. The six-week program beginning Saturday, April 10th, is designed to bridge the digital divide for Newark youth (7th-9th graders) and their families through computer instruction. In collaboration with the Chancellor's Office and other departments, EOF Counselors will be facilitating three workshops; Cyberbullying, What College Are You Going To?, and Internet Safety. Our EOF students will serve as assistants through the Leaders Invested in Newark's Campus and Communities (LINCC).

EOF Shadow Days is an AFC/EOF initiative whereby potential EOF freshmen (incoming class of 2014) were invited to shadow our current EOF freshmen throughout the day to expose the students to the college experience and get them to commit to attending Rutgers-Newark in the fall.

On February 24, 2010, sixty one students were inducted into the **Louis A. Stokes Minority Program (LSAMP)**. The Garden State LSAMP program is a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant funded alliance of nine New Jersey colleges and universities. The program is designed to enhance the success of students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields. The program creates a learning community in STEM that includes effective help with challenging classes, research opportunities, international experiences, financial aid for graduate school, and career opportunities. The program is available to Rutgers-Newark undergraduate students enrolled in the STEM majors.

Newark EOF Support

Direct support has been received for NCAS students enrolled in the Newark EOF program. Dr. Pheroze Wadia, Emeritus, Philosophy has committed to create an endowed EOF scholarship and an endowed EOF fund. In addition, the University has granted the endowment of The James Ramsey Fund for EOF students. James Ramsey (deceased) former teacher & counselor in the Urban University Department (1970-1972); director of the Rutgers-Newark EOF Program (1972-1983); and Associate Provost (1983).

Farewell

Best Wishes to Wajid Ullah in his new position as Unit Computing Manager at Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences in New Brunswick. The Academic Foundations Center & the Educational Opportunity Fund program are sincerely grateful to him for his outstanding work in addressing and upgrading our IT system.

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. The deadline for submission of application is Friday, April 9, 2010.

Summer Session 2010

| | Session I (May 26 - July 2) | Session II (July 6 - August 12) | 12 Week Session (May 26 - August 12) |
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| Registration Begins | February 23 | February 23 | February 23 |
| 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 2010 Advisement & Registration Dates

Advisement Dates: Monday, March 29, 2010 through Friday, April 9, 2010

Registration Begins: Sunday, April 11, 2010

EOF students with blocked registration, students who are under 30 credits or are on probation, will be allowed to register on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in Bradley Hall, Room 138 with the appropriate advisor authorization.

2010 EOF Summer Reimbursements

The 2010 EOF Summer Reimbursement applications are available on our web-site at:

<http://afc.newark.rutgers.edu/eof.htm>. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, May 14, 2010.

Summer 2010 Employment

Positions are available in the Academic Foundations Center's Educational Opportunity Fund Program and Institute for Pre-College Education & Community Outreach for summer 2010. Positions include teaching assistants, tutors, peer counselors, and office assistants. Applications are available 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.

Spring 2010 Office Hours:

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| Ms. Rose Bailey-Byers | 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. Engelbert Santana** | 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.

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"The best way to find yourselves is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Ralph Waldo Emerson