

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

► Spring 2007 Newsletter ◀

EOP Director's Corner

SSS & EOP Happy New Year!

The only thing that is constant is change, and EOP is currently going through many changes. We are trying to make the transition as smooth as possible, but bear with us. One change that happened at the end of last semester was CI Tracking, a software program used to track student services. All students should have received an email about this change and information on how to use the system, but if you missed the email or need a reminder, please see Page 7.

Another change is that the SSS & EOP office has moved to a new location,

effective January 18th. We are temporarily located in Craven Hall 5110 (the old home of Admissions and Registration & Records) while they renovate our former area. We will then move back to a renewed space in Craven Hall 4107.

In addition, EOP has a new face in our office. EOP has hired a new, full-time counselor, David Yang. He will be working with first year and "at-risk" students and will also be planning several events for EOP. Please take a few minutes to come by the office and say hello to David, and be sure to read his Biography on Page 2. Although we have many changes taking place in SSS & EOP, our quality of service

will not change; it will only get better. I hope all of you are looking forward to a wonderful, successful spring semester, and if need be, please don't hesitate to come in and get help early.

Sincerely,

Cecelia Blanks,
EOP Director

SSS Director's Corner

Welcome to Spring 2007! Student Support Services, a federal TRIO program, is pleased to continue serving you as you transform your dream of achieving a college degree into a reality.

During Summer & Fall 2006, SSS began a partnership with the National Latino Research Center to engage in a comprehensive program evaluation. The purpose of the evaluation includes assessing students' experiences of SSS program services; their relationships with staff, faculty, and fellow students; their perceptions of the effectiveness of SSS in helping them achieve their educational goals; and

their perceptions of the supportiveness of the overall CSUSM campus climate. In the first phase of the program evaluation completed in October, 85 SSS students completed an online survey. The results of this first survey were quite positive, revealing that SSS students are generally satisfied with SSS services and staff as well as the CSUSM campus climate. In the second phase of the program evaluation to be implemented in Spring 2007, focus groups will be conducted with select groups of SSS students.

This month, SSS experienced the departure of

Jessie Sell, part-time Retention Counselor. While we regret losing the strengths that Jessie brought to the SSS team, we are happy that she will be able to fully devote her energy to completing the master's program in Marriage & Family Therapy at SDSU.

The SSS team wishes you much success during the coming semester. Please stop by and see us in our temporary office space in Craven 5110.

Best,

Rodger D'Andréas
SSS Director

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New EOP Staff Member: David Yang

Greetings Everyone,

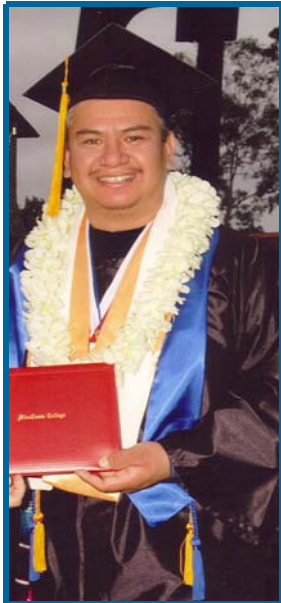
My name is David Yang, and I am excited about joining the EOP team this spring semester at CSUSM. I graduated from Cal State University, Sacramento, with my Master's of Science in Counseling Education, with an emphasis on Career Counseling. I received my Bachelor's of Art in History, with a minor in Asian American Studies at U.C. Santa Barbara. At UCSB I was a part of the EOP program, so being a part of the EOP

program now as a staff, I find is quite humbling.

I come from a family of twelve, with six sisters and four boys, so I naturally am pretty comfortable around people. I love music, sports, coaching, culture, and the performing arts.

Being a former EOP student, and being part of the first wave of Hmong students to attend universities, I am passionate and excited to work with our EOP students at CSUSM.

Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you.



Richard Perez Returns as Peer Mentor

Come get a student's perspective! Many of you had the opportunity to meet and talk with Richard Perez, one of our Peer Mentors for the Fall 2006 semester. Richard is a junior majoring in Human Development, and we are pleased to welcome him back for the Spring. Richard is available to meet with students individually regarding transition concerns, campus and community referrals, and how you can get involved at CSUSM. Richard will also be facilitating a workshop and assisting with the coordination of

SSS/EOP conferences and programs. Stop by or call to make an appointment.



EOP Student Highlight

Henry Pennerman is an SSS/EOP student pursuing a degree in Literature & Writing. He entered CSUSM in 2002 and participated in our Summer Bridge program. In the fall of 2006 he participated in Study Abroad, taking coursework in Japan. We are pleased to have him share his experience with us.

Well, first off to anyone who's considering studying abroad, I strongly suggest you follow through with it. My experience of life in another country was invaluable. Of course there was the initial shock of being uprooted from my familiar settings here in the US and being planted into Japanese society. Going to Japan had always been a dream of mine and I think that was what made me blind to some of the adverse effects of living abroad for the first time. I had been physically separated from my entire emotional (and financial) support base back home.

Fortunately, I found that my classmates, RA, and many of the staff in the global affairs office were more than sympathetic to my situation. In fact the global affairs office put on a number of events that helped incoming exchange students get to know not only some of the resident students, but also become better acquainted with some of the new social norms we would be living with for the next few months. The school even organized a number of field trips to temples, castles, and even other Japanese islands. Next to choosing to come to college,

studying abroad was the best decision I've ever made. I made many life long friends and valuable contacts in my trip. As things stand now it's only a matter of time before I return to Japan, either for leisure or as a permanent resident. I would like to personally thank Jan Stockey and Peter Zwick from our global affairs office, as well as former Dean of Students Jonathan Poullard, for giving me the opportunity to visit such a beautiful country and interact with its incredible people. The memories from this trip will be cherished for the rest of my life.



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SSS Student Highlight

Angie Alvarado is a Junior SSS/ EOP student who is extremely interested in many cultures of the world. She holds a 3.25 GPA and is currently majoring in Human Development with a minor in Anthropology. (She hopes to change to a major in Anthropology once the university receives approval for that area of study.) We asked Angie to state a little bit about her successes as well as her hopes, dreams, and goals for the future. Here is what she wanted to share:



When I was asked about my successes I did not know what to write. I don't like speaking about myself. I like speaking about the community and the world. I am what I am because of my experiences and the place I have in this world, so it would be ridiculous to

speak only of myself. I have thought of the many things that could be counted as success. We could start by acknowledging the success of not being a pregnant, Latina high school drop-out. Another is still being in the running to get a college degree. As many from the Latino/a community know, having a daughter or son in a University is like a dream. I am still that dream despite fighting many obstacles. I have had many successes, but one of the ones I cherish the most is learning. Another success is realizing learning takes place in many settings besides a classroom. I strongly believe that a very important way for learning to occur is when we teach others what we have learned. This is why I have been involved with amazing

organizations, such as M.E.Ch.A and Teatro Molcayete. Both organizations are filled with amazing people who want to help others make it in a university, and most importantly, help them learn that they can be so much more than they may have believed.

I am currently pursuing studies in Anthropology because I believe every culture and person has something to teach. I know that we are slowly killing cultures, so I would like to help preserve some of that knowledge. For example, there are many unknown plants that can be used to heal illnesses. We could be stepping on the very cure to our illnesses and not know it. As an Anthropologist, I will be able to give voice to

the people that we so often talk about but don't know about. For example, instead of talking about immigrants from an outsider's point of view, I will allow people who are immigrants to have a say. Questions such as "Why are they here?" and "What is it like to be them?", have led to my self discovery and has enabled me to ask myself, "What does it mean to be me?"

I think that by learning from each other, we will realize we are very much alike. We have simply been taught to be afraid of each other. Maybe through learning and education, we can rid ourselves of the many false beliefs we hold due to lack of knowledge of one another. This is a personal goal for me. It is what I would like to do; learn from others and give back. I want to document "why" people do what they do through first-hand investigation. I do not want to assume anything.

Important Dates	
Jan 20	First day of Spring 2007 classes
Jan 20 - Feb 2	Add/drop period
Jan 22 – Feb 2	EOP/SSS Office only accepts <u>Walk-In</u> appointments
Feb 2	<p>Last day to apply for Fall 2007 UG graduation (applications are accepted from Oct 1 - Feb 2).</p> <p>Last day to drop classes with no academic record for full Spring semester. Withdrawals after Feb 2 for full semester classes may be granted for serious reasons only and require the College Dean's or designee's signature</p> <p>Last day to change from full-time to part-time status</p>
Mar 2	Deadline to apply / renew the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) . This is the CSU, San Marcos Priority Filing Date for the following fall and spring semesters
Mar 26 – 31	Spring break (Monday – Friday)
May 11	Last day of Spring 2007 classes
May 12 - 18	FINAL EXAM PERIOD
May 18	EOP/SSS Graduation Recognition Ceremony
May 19	Commencement Ceremonies
May 24	Grades due from instructors
Jun 1	Grades available on SMART System

Spring 2007 Walk-In Hours

All EOP/SSS counselors will be available for students on a <u>walk-in basis only</u> from January 22nd through February 2nd.	
Monday (EOP / DUAL).....10AM - 1PM	Heather Tibbetts
Tuesday (SSS / DUAL).....9:30AM - 12:30PM	Heather Northway
Wednesday (EOP).....12:30PM - 3PM	David Yang
Thursday (EOP / DUAL).....9AM - 12:30PM	Norma Larios



Welcome New SSS Students!

We are happy to announce the following students have joined the SSS Family ~

Aguero, Noe
 Barnes, Mary
 Brooks, Rachel
 Bullock, Allyson
 Calderon, Manuel
 Collison, Daniel
 Cooper, Veronica
 Corrales, Maira
 Cowart, Simeon
 Dahl, Sara
 Diaz, Jose
 Diaz, Nora
 Duris, Lynnea
 Fernandez, Sandy
 George, Alexis
 Gette, Esther Adriana
 Gomez, Lorena
 Gonzalez, Victor
 Hughes, Ethan
 Jacobo, Miguel

Jessup-Flores, Yolanda
 Johnson, Lance
 Kalaher, Meta
 Kendricks, Delexstine
 Kim, Kathleen
 Martinez-Molano, Nancy
 McCabe, John
 Mendoza, Jose
 Mohamed, Ibado
 Naylor, Erin
 Nguyen, Giang
 Orozco, Melissa
 Patterson, Marika
 Perez, Richard
 Perez, Jasmine
 Phuong, Linh
 Preciado, Rosio
 Putman, Wendy
 Sada, Sadon
 Sanchez, Anabel

Sun, Jing
 Tran, Huong
 Woldemichael, Hadera



Fall 2006 Dean's List

Congratulations to all of our EOP/SSS Students who made the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 Semester by achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher!

Acker, Rachelle
 Ainsworth, Debra
 Albana, Yanni
 Aleman, Marco
 Alva, Gricelda
 Alvarado, Angie
 Alvarado, Raisa
 Archuleta-Cazarez, Araceli
 Arias, Maria
 Armenta, Marlene
 Badillo, Margarita
 Baugh, Cheryl
 Baxter, Andrea
 Bejarano, Vanessa
 Beltran, Catalina
 Beninger, Melissa
 Bernal, Jorge
 Bezrukov, Olga
 Bobczynski, Amanda
 Bouchaleun, Juddy
 Bowman, Desiree
 Brooks, Rachel
 Bullock, Allyson
 Caro, Zoe
 Carraway, Jacylyn
 Carrillo, Leonei
 Castillo, Pamela
 Catalan, Rubi
 Caterino, Shelly

Chavez, Ana
 Conley, Jennifer
 Contreras, Carmen
 Cooper, Veronica
 Cortes, Olga
 Cowart, Simeon
 Cuautle, Zuriken
 Duris, Lynnea
 Echeverria, Andrea
 Esakoff, Melissa
 Espinoza, Jeanette
 Estevez, Cecilia
 Estrada, Juana
 Felipe, Erlinda
 Fernandez, Sandy
 Franco, Lizette
 Garcia-Velasquez, Monica
 Gates, Eufrosina
 George, Alexis
 Gette, Esther
 Gonzalez, Edwardo
 Gonzalez, Karina
 Gonzalez, Monica
 Granzella, Christopher
 Hawley, Amanda
 Heiland, Vanessa
 Henriquez, Evelyn
 Hernandez, Mayela
 Hutchinson, Veronica

Ignancio, Elizabeth
 Jessup-Flores, Yolanda
 Kenney, Ann
 Kim, Kathleen
 Kingwell, Andrew
 Lampro, Celeste
 Ledesma, Monica
 Lim, Lissa
 Lopez, Andrea
 Lopez, Elena
 Lopez, Jacklin
 Macklin, Rachael
 Marcial, Claudia
 Markussen-Kirkpatrick, Sharlene
 Marshall, Judy
 Martinez, Yesenia
 Mendez, Miranda
 Mills, Jeremy
 Muro, Omar
 Ocampo, Yassmin
 Paniagua, Maria
 Perez, Janet
 Perez, Jasmine
 Pozos, Lillian
 Preciado, Rosio
 Putman, Wendy
 Ramirez, Herminia
 Reed, Christina

Rodriguez, Javier
 Romanova, Kateryna
 Romero, Jose
 Ruiz, Gaby
 Sancap, Waylene
 Sandoval, Irais
 Sandoval, Jesus
 Scannell, Terri
 Shenouda, Dina
 Siddiqui, Samira
 Simek, Mark
 Simmons, Deborah
 Solano, Marisol
 Solano, Olivia
 Soto, Fabiola
 Speakman, Kimberlee
 Thom, Kristine
 Thomas, Clairenda
 Tran, Ngan
 Umland, Naomi
 Upham, Ryan
 Van Boxtel, Crystal
 Wilton, Geoffrey
 Yanez-Gonzalez, Jesus
 Zamora, Michao

Spring 2007 EOP/SSS Workshops

Week of February 12-16 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Financial Aid Renewal Process Presenter: Financial Aid Office
Feb 21 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Balancing School with Personal Struggles/Conflict Presenter: Student Health & Counseling Services
March 1 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Asserting Yourself Presenter: Heather Northway, SSS Coordinator / Counselor
March 5 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Resume Writing Presenter: Career Center
March 6 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Topic: TBD Presenter: David Yang, EOP Counselor
March 13 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Procrastination 101 Presenter: Heather Tibbetts, EOP Counselor
March 29 6:00 - 6:50 PM	Addressing Difficult Components of Computer Competency Requirement (CCR) Presenter: Dr. Ahmad R. Hadaegh, Computer Science Faculty
April 10 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Job Search Strategies Presenter: Career Center
April 11 12:00 - 12:50 PM	Identity Presenter: Richard Perez, Peer Mentor
April 25 5:00 - 5:50 PM	Academic & Financial Aid Probation Presenter: Norma Larlos, EOP Transitional Counselor
April 26	Citation styles (creating bibliographies with MLA and APA style)



Additional information about the Financial Aid workshop, as well as workshop room locations, will be available soon. Be sure to check your CSUSM email and flyers in The Center for more information.

Reminder: Program Contact Requirements

To maintain good standing with SSS/EOP, and remain eligible for SSS/EOP grants and services, all students must make a minimum of 2 contacts per semester. The contacts must include at least:

- ⇒ One 1:1 appointment with an EOP or SSS Counselor
- ⇒ One group contact --- EOP/SSS workshop, cultural event, graduate school fieldtrip, supplemental instruction, etc. **OR** a meeting with an EOP/SSS Peer Mentor

Your first SSS/EOP contact must take place within the first 6 weeks of the semester in order to avoid a hold on your Fall 2007 registration.

New to The Center – C.I. Track

SSS & EOP have selected CI Track, a data collection software, for student tracking services. The services being tracked include: use of computers in The Center, lap-top computer check out, meeting with counselors, meeting with peer mentors, meeting with staff, making copies, studying, and socializing.

Students must log-on to the system in order to utilize the computers in The Center, and only students enrolled in SSS/EOP may use our services.

It is very important for students to log-on and log-out according to listed instructions.

CI Tracking Log-on / Log-off for Students

1. Ctrl Alt Delete
2. User name and password

Note: *The system will take less than a minute in most cases to bring-up the CI Track Logon screen*

The CI Track Logon screen

3. **“ENTER YOUR CAMPUS ID NUMBER WITHOUT @”** will appear
The student enters his/her # and must press enter

Note: Student workers on campus must use their alternate ID #.

4. The Card Holder Information will be displayed, and ***the student will select the services she/he is using and press enter.*** The CI Tracking screen will indicate **“Your Session Has Started.”** Wait briefly, then the student’s desktop will appear and he/she can begin using the terminals as needed.

Logoff

5. Student must logoff CI Track (Not from “Start” menu). Logoff is located in the lower toolbar bottom. Right “clock” indicates “Logoff CI Track.” Answer yes.

We Have Moved!



The EOP & SSS main office previously located in Craven Hall 4107 has temporarily relocated to Craven Hall 5110.

Most of the EOP & SSS Staff will be housed in this area, with the exception of Norma Larios (EOP Transitional Counselor) and Joe LeDesma (SSS Operations Coordinator), who are both located on the 6th floor of Craven Hall. Please be patient with this temporary change as our permanent home on the 4th floor is renovated for a more student friendly center.

Cultural Event Highlight: Fall 2006

During the Fall 2006 semester, a group of SSS/ DUAL students and staff enjoyed another night at the theater. After a fun dinner filled with lively conversation, the group was treated to a performance entitled *Zorro in Hell* by Culture Clash, a Chicano / Latino performance troupe out of San Francisco. The play was a creative and chaotic, yet humorous and insightful, look at many different stereotypes and political agendas. All in all, everyone said that they enjoyed the opportunity to leave the stress of school behind and just have fun with other TRiO friends.

The SSS staff is currently working on several ideas for the spring semester. We are considering some performances on campus as well as out of the area. There are lots of great possibilities to choose from and we will be making an announcement soon. Be sure to check your emails and look for flyers in the SSS/EOP office shortly after the beginning of the new semester.



“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

~Malcolm X