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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Fall 2011

# A Message from the Director

**VERONICA AMERSON** 



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Some of you may be exploring the San Bernardino area or the CSUSB campus for the first time; others may be returning after a summer break. Whether you are a brand-new freshman or a returning undergrad student, EOP welcomes you to a great fall start! It is important that you take advantage of all the services EOP has to offer. I encourage you to visit our website at www-ugs.csusb.edu/eop. On our webpage, you will find our annual

EOP calendar and academic handbook. These two items provide you with a variety of dates, policies and procedures that are important for you to be aware of. The academic handbook also shares details on ways to get involved on campus and support services that are available for you to participate in. It's hard to believe that we are already midway through the fall quarter. The quarter system goes by really fast and before you know it you will be preparing for final exams. Be sure to visit the Learning Center and Writing Center. They offer tutoring and assistance with writing assignments and have a great team of folks ready to help you be successful. Best wishes on your upcoming finals and have a safe holiday break!

Sincerely, Verinica RAneisin



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New in this issue...



Look for this graphic throughout the newsletter and click the links or images for interactive features!



## FAREWELL...

## Anita Barragán

EOP says farewell to EOP counselor Anita Barragán. "This has been a very difficult decision for me but one that I know in my heart is the right one. Although I was only here at CSUSB for a short time, I take with me many valuable experiences. I wish you luck and many blessings on your journey through CSUSB and

beyond. Always remember that EOP is here to help you be successful." We wish her all the best!

# WELCOME...

#### Michael Edwards

EOP Counselor and Foster Youth Program Coordinator

Michael was born and raised in the city of Pasadena. He graduated from Blair High School in 1998, and the following fall quarter began attending Cal State San Bernardino. He received a full athletic scholarship to attend the university, and was a member of the men's basketball team from 1998 to 2002. In



2002, he graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in health administration and planning. After graduation, he decided to enter into a completely different field than what he received his undergraduate degree in. He knew he loved working with youth, and decided his passion was working with at-risk youth. He became a correctional officer with the Riverside County Probation Department. After working in this position for three years, he returned to CSUSB in 2005 and enrolled in the master's of social work program. After receiving his M.S.W. degree, he transferred from Riverside County Probation to Riverside County Child Protective Services. He worked as a social worker for Riverside County for four years. Michael says, "All of my work has led me back to CSUSB, and I am delighted to return to my roots. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at (909) 537-5042 or medwards@csusb.edu."



### Kashaunda Harris

**EOP Counselor and Coordinator of Student Development** 

Kashaunda is originally from the Los Angeles area (Inglewood); however she moved to Ontario in 1995. She attended Ontario High School, graduated in 1999 and started at UCLA the following summer. She graduated from UCLA in 2003, with a B.A. in African American Studies and a concentration in psychology. After graduating, Kashaunda took two years off and gained work

experience as a counselor and case manager. In 2005, she attended San Francisco State University and in 2007 she graduated with a M.S. in counseling with a specialization in school counseling and a pupil personnel services credential. As a school counselor, Kashaunda has worked in high schools in Oakland, San Leandro and Pasadena. For the past two years, she has worked for CSUSB's GEAR UP Inland Empire Program serving Rialto High School. She also sits on the governing board of the California Counseling Association and currently serves as president of the Black Caucus. Kashaunda says, "My one true passion is providing access and resources to higher education. If I can be of assistance, my e-mail address is <a href="mailto:ktharris@csusb.edu">ktharris@csusb.edu</a> and my office telephone number is (909) 537-5042. I look forward to meeting all of you!"

# **Student Resources**

## at your fingertips

The



Career Development Center



Women's Resource Center Computer Labs



**Textbooks** 

**SAIL** Adjunct Courses



Psychological Counseling Center



Cross Cultural Center



Preschool

Pride Center



The Writing Center

Student Survival Guide

Legal Clinic

Office of Ombuds Services



Childcare

Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD)



**Campus Housing** 

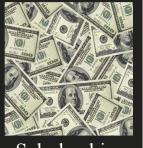
Osher Adult Re-Entry Center

Health Center

Wellness Workshops



**Financial** Aid



Scholarships

Student Recreation & Fitness Center

# **EOP**

# **Student Association**



The EOPSA (Educational Opportunity Program Student Association) Club is affiliated with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University, San Bernardino. The EOPSA Club is a charitable, non-profit organization. Mario Garcia, EOP counselor, serves as advisor of this student organization. The main goals of the EOPSA is to help serve under-privileged students and children and raise awareness about the needs of students on campus and in the community. The club plans to conduct fundraisers, such as opportunity drawings and gift sales, and has plans to support foster youth in the local community.

The EOPSA Club invites all students at CSUSB to join them in their efforts and develop good leadership skills and experiences. The EOPSA meets once per month, Fridays from noon to 1 p.m., to team build and discuss activities. Interested students can contact <a href="mailto:eopstudentassociation@yahoo.com">eopstudentassociation@yahoo.com</a> for more information.

#### **Current Club Officers:**

President - Cathy Cosgrove Vice President - Jasmine Ocegueda Treasurer - Sharon Awad

# **CSUSBAlumni**

#### **EOP Chapter**



In an effort to continuously support EOP and its efforts, a group of EOP alumni joined forces in 2004 to form the EOP Alumni Chapter.

The mission of the EOP Alumni Chapter is to enhance alumni membership and to

inform the community at large about the program, its goals, and benefits. Additionally, the EOP Alumni

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all school year.

Chapter will work continuously to establish a network that EOP students and alumni can turn to for personal, educational, and professional support.

The EOP Alumni Chapter works tirelessly to raise money for EOP students in the form of book awards. There are some great events being planned so please look out for future fundraising notices in your email and partner with us to support current EOP students!

For more information regarding the EOP Alumni Chapter, contact Kashaunda Harris, EOPAC advisor, at (909) 537-5042.

#### **Did You Know?**

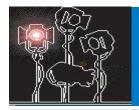
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# **EOP Young Alumni Spotlight:** Sendy Sanchez

Sendy Sanchez recently graduated in June 2011, but she does not see this as a time to be idle. Between Sept. 3 and Sept. 14, 2011, Sendy and 12 other CSUSB students, staff and supporters traveled to Washington, D.C., with Latinos On Fast Track (LOFT), a program focused on providing the public and private sector workforce with vetted, well-rounded, top, emerging Latino professionals to move America forward. The group raised funds to pay for its trip, and with the amazing support of individuals on campus and in the alumni community at large, they were able to arrange meetings and networking opportunities with a

number of individuals and organizations, including the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Justice, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), George Washington University, and Congressman Joe Baca's chief of staff, Linda Macias. The goal of this trip was to introduce students to traveling; networking; and learning more about internship, fellowship and scholarship opportunities. Sendy truly enjoyed this opportunity and says that the group plans to coordinate a trip for additional students next year.

To Sendy's surprise, when she returned from Washington, D.C., she was informed that she was nominated and selected as a recipient of State Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter's 62nd Assembly District 30 Under 30 award. The award honors 30 of the most accomplished Latinos and Native Americans in the 62nd Assembly District, between the ages of 20 and 35, who have made an extraordinary contribution to our community through their talent, skill, imagination and achievements. These individuals are said to serve as examples and role models to other young people in our community, and demonstrate what is possible through their passion and dedication.

Sendy is definitely deserving of this recognition, as she has been extremely involved in both our campus

and the local community. "Being involved on campus is one of the best things you can do. Not only do you get yourself out there, but you are helping others too. I always try to go above and beyond and stay



really involved so I know what's going on."

Sendy's favorite quote: "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa. Leonardo Da Vinci. Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Sendy obtained her bachelor of science in biology, with a minor in Spanish. Throughout her time at CSUSB, Sendy worked and interned in a variety of positions on campus, including working as a resident assistant/student program assistant for EOP's Summer Bridge program for five years, interning with the Admissions and Student Recruitment department to provide outreach to prospective CSUSB students, serving as a teaching assistant for the biology department, conducting research with the Department of Biology regarding the HLB pathogen that affects citrus fruit, and serving as a student assistant and mentor for various educational support programs on campus. In these positions, she provided mentorship to Hispanic Scholarship Fund students and students in the "I'm going to college" project.

In Sendy's spare time, she also did a substantial amount of volunteer work. Sendy continues to volunteer at Loma Linda University for a community partnerships and diversity program, Si Se Puede, where she mentors high school students. She also volunteers at the Tzu Chi Free Health Clinics, where she

interprets for Spanish-speaking patients, enabling them to communicate more effectively with their doctors. Sendy also founded the "Adopt-A-Class Project," which aims to educate and encourage low-income fifth grade students to pursue a college education.

EOP is very proud of Sendy and her accomplishments, and we are confident that she will continue to leave her mark on the world for years to come.

## **EOP Scholars**

### Spring 2011

Alyssa Acosta Nina Acosta Dannette Allen Fatima Alrahem Ana Alvarenga Hope Alvizar

Jonathan Aragon-Martin Cristina Araujo

Brenda Arnold Sharon Awad\* Kayla Ayers Jennifer Bacon Erika Barajas Meza

Desiree Barela Ashlee Barker\* Kaneez Batool\* Elizabeth Becerril Daisy Beltran

Amada Beltran Medrano Catherine Bernasconi Bernabe Bolanos\* Shea Boone

Surapongse Boonyadit\*

Gene Brown Amanda Burdette

Jacqueline Burns-Kamstra

Naomi Cabrera
Maria Carbajal deNava
Antonio Castaneda
Marisela Cavazos
Yecenia Cervantes
Veronica Copado
Brenda Cortes
Monique Cruz
Melissa Davila

Maria Del Socorro Sanchez Grana\* Savanah Diaz\*
Virgilio Dizon
Cynthia Emenike
Crystal Escobedo
Illeana Escobedo\*
Angelica Espinoza
Cristina Estrada\*
Bryan Flores
Cecilia Flores
Ruth Fuentes

Sandra Fuentes Bravo Cesar Garcia\* Darlyn Garcia Erica Garcia Jessica Garcia Lucerito Garcia Crystal Gastelum Jessica Gomez

Yesenia Gomez Castillo Estefania Gonzalez Kyle Gonzalez Merry Gonzalez Monica Gonzalez Neyda Gonzalez Alana Grove

Paola Gutierrez Gonzalez

Omar Guzman\*
Donna Hale
Andrea Harlin
Damian Hearn
Mirella Hernandez
Jasmine Hinojosa
Nicole Holderness\*
Louis Holguin
Tina Hollman
Katherine Hoyos
Danielle Huf

Hav Hung Caren Inda Perez

O'Shonda James-McDowell\*

Michel'le Jones Cherylynne Kissinger Melinee Ledbetter Alisha Leon\* Steven Lim Katie Linder

Marissa Lindsey Efrain Loera Maribel Lopez Brenda Luis Jessica Luna

Jacqueline Magallanes Reanna Marchman\* Felipe Marquez Ramirez\*

Maria Martinez
Natalia Martinez\*
Lavonne Marzett
Jonathan Meisser
Nancy Molina

Natasha Muguertegui Olivia Mustelier Parvaneh Najumi Tania Navarrete Trisha Newaz Blanca Ortega Heidi Panichello Edward Pantoja\* Norma Parra Jessica Patalano Jasmine Perez Fanny Perez Rico Kasia Pierce\*

Janet Ponce

Tessy Pumaccahua Valencia\*

Jose Ramirez Daisy Renteria\* Lillianna Renteria **Beatriz Reves** Israel Rios\* Araceli Rodriguez Shana Rodriguez Michelle Roque Elise Rosencrans Nanette Salazar De Andra Salley Celina Sanchez Jennifer Sanchez Steven Sanchez Vickie Smith Nina Snell

Partenamaria Stefanidis\*

Kevin Teagarden Jemma Tellez Dean Thap Jahara Tinsley **Anthony Torquato** Jessica Torres\* Magali Torres Christopher Trujillo Stephanie Uribe Secia Vasquez Maria Vera Daisy Vidrio Viviana Villanueva Lisa Villarreal\* Melanie Ware George Washington **Brittany Westrick** 

**Anthony Wilkins** 

EOP Scholars are EOP students that completed a minimum of 12 units and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in Spring 2011. An asterisk \* identifies those students who earned a 4.0 for the term.

Keep up the great work!



#### Seniors...

If you are planning to graduate in June 2012, then you should have filed your Graduation Requirement Check with Records, Registration and Evaluations no later than Nov. 1, 2011. The fee for filing the grad check is \$25 for each major/option requested. Grad checks filed after the deadline are also charged an additional \$20 late fee for each major/option. If you have not done so, we encourage you to file your grad check as soon as possible.



# CONGRATULATIONS EOP GRADS!

EOP would like to congratulate our students who graduated during the summer 2011 term! You have worked very hard to get to this day and we wish you nothing but success!

Fatima Alrahem Tina Hollman
Brenna Armijo Joshua Latham
Grecia Arvizu Chimamkpa Metu
Muhawyh Asad Marcella Morgan

Doris Cardenas Nhu-Y Nguyen
Theresa Davis Jennifer Pearce

Shaniqua Plummer Kimberly Rodas Bertha Rodriguez

Marsale Sayegh

Jorge Valadez

Are you planning to attend a California State University, San Bernardino graduate school program during the spring 2012 or fall 2012 terms?

The **spring 2012** application deadline is **Jan. 27, 2012**. The **fall 2012** application deadline is **July 15, 2012**.

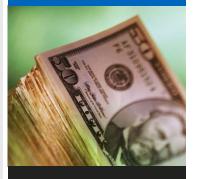
**Applications are due soon!** 

Please note that certain majors have earlier application and document deadline dates. Check with the department of the intended major to find out if they require documents to be submitted at an earlier date.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Fall quarter 2012 priority registration	Nov. 1-22, 2011
Veteran's Day holiday—campus closed	
Thanksgiving Day holiday—campus closed	Nov. 24-27, 2011
Last day of fall classes	
Fall 2012 final examinations	
Commencement	Dec. 10, 2011
Winter break	
Campus closed	Dec. 23, 2011 (noon)-Jan. 2, 2012
Summer 2012 grad check deadline	Jan. 3, 2012
Winter 2012 last day for full refund of fees	
First day of Winter classes	
Last Day to add open classes via MyCoyote	
Martin Luther King holiday—campus closed	
Winter 2012 Census: Last day to drop classes without re	
EOP mid-quarter meeting (first year students only)	
EOP mid-quarter meeting (first year students only)	
EOP spring priority advising	Feb.1-10, 2012
Spring 2012 priority registration	Feb. 13-March 5, 2012
Last day of winter classes	
Winter 2012 final examinations	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Spring 2012 last day for full refund of fees	March 29, 2012
Spring break	
Cesar Chavez holiday—campus closed	
First day of spring classes	March 31, 2012

# FINANCIAL AID



Don't forget to renew your FASFA for the 2012-2013 academic year!

Complete your application online
Jan. 1!