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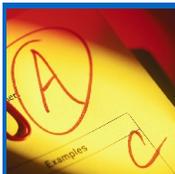
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A Message from the Director



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You are in the final stretch, wrapping up the academic year. It can be a stressful time, but please remember that the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is here to provide an environment conducive to your personal and academic growth. I urge you to take advantage of the services available to you as an EOP student. Each of you is assigned a counselor to assist you in making your academic decisions.

For those students that graduated this year and were able to attend the EOP graduate reception on June 8, we really enjoyed celebrating with you and recognizing your many accomplishments and success at CSUSB. I encourage all of you to think back to when you first stepped onto this campus and acknowledge just how far you have come. We are extremely proud of you. Please know that your EOP family will always be here for you, even long after graduation.

For those continuing student who are planning on attending summer school, summer financial aid applications are now available on the CSUSB Financial Aid webpage. I urge you to submit your application soon and to visit our office for assistance in selection of your summer coursework.

Remember to stay connected with EOP, your major department and the great services the university has to offer. We are here to help. Wishing you a successful spring quarter and enjoyable summer break!

Sincerely,

Virginia R. Amerson



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Did You Know?

Undergraduate students must request a Graduation Requirement Check (grad check) at the Office of Records, Registration and Evaluations (UH-171) when you intend to graduate, as early as after you have completed 135 units towards your degree. To avoid late fees, the grad check should be filed by the established deadlines listed below. For more information, please visit [Records, Registration & Evaluations](#)

Graduation Term
Summer Quarter
Fall Quarter
Winter Quarter
Spring Quarter

Filing Date (first business day)
January
February
May
November

Staff Spotlight: Velda Rodriguez

EOP ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT

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"Velda cares a lot about our students. I remember one time a student came in and was very upset. She asked for a hug and Velda didn't hesitate or say wait for your counselor to come back from lunch. She immediately got up and gave the student a hug."

ANITA BARRAGAN

"Velda's stories are too funny! If I could, I would bottle her as a stress reliever and take her three times a day."

LILY ALDAMA

Why did you initially come to work for EOP?

I accepted a temporary position in EOP and I liked what EOP represented and how it helps students. I was offered a permanent position and I have been with EOP for more than 12 years. I enjoy working with the EOP staff and students.

What did you do before EOP?

I worked for a company that develops software for a hospital information system.

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

I like to sew, especially quilting. I love my pets. I have two dogs, Rosie and Sophie, and one cat named Kitty.

If you could pick anywhere, where

would you pick as your next travel destination?

I am not much of a traveler, I am more of a home body, but given the opportunity I would like to visit Italy, Spain and Greece.

What would you like our students to know about you?

I am proud to be a grandma! I have four wonderful grandkids and two great-grandsons.

If you had one piece of advice for our students, what would it be?

Don't give up, think positive. The mind is a powerful tool.

What is your favorite quote?

This quote is from my mother, Carmen Rodriguez:

"El que come y cante loco se levanta."

Advisor's Corner: Grade Forgiveness

By Tristan Garcia

Did you know that if you repeat a class, you are allowed to "forgive" your first grade with your second grade through the grade forgiveness process, also called "Discounting of Repeated Grades." Here is what you should know:

1. In order to take advantage of grade forgiveness, you must repeat the exact same class. For example, if you took ENG 170 and failed it, you must repeat ENG 170 to be able to use grade forgiveness, not TA 160 or ENG 111, which also fulfill the same GE requirement.
2. You must repeat the class here. Grades for classes repeated at a community college for example, cannot replace the grade of your first attempt at CSUSB; they can only be averaged.
3. You may only repeat classes in which you earned a grade of "C-" or lower.
4. A class may be repeated for grade forgiveness no more than two times.
5. Since you are only allowed 24 units of grade forgiveness during your undergraduate tenure, grade forgiveness does not happen automatically; a "Petition for Grade Forgiveness" must be filed with the Office of Records and Registration to request that a class be discounted. When it is processed, the new grade will replace the former grade when calculating your GPA; however, the first attempt will remain on the transcript with a footnote indicating the course has been repeated. The first attempt will not be calculated in the GPA or units earned.
6. For more information, please visit <http://rre.csusb.edu/records/discofrgrades.html>

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 have plans to support foster youth programs in the local community.

The EOPSA Club invites all students at CSUSB to join in developing good leadership skills and experiences. Interested students can contact eopstudentassociation@yahoo.com. We meet every month to team build and discuss activities.

Current Club Officers:

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



PHOTO BY CRAIG SCHOTT

CSUSB's EOP says farewell to EOP counselor and Foster Youth Program coordinator, Tristan Garcia!

Tristan is greatly missed by her students and coworkers! We wish her the best of luck and know that CSU East Bay's EOP students are in good hands!

"I have been truly blessed to be able to work with and get to know each and every one of you. Thank you for making my experience here a truly enriching one. You will be missed!"

~Tristan Garcia

Congratulations to Mario Baeza, EOP counselor and admissions coordinator, for being recognized as CSUSB's 2011-2012 Employee of the Year!



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EOP Alumni Chapter

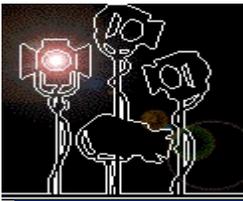
The EOP Alumni Chapter (EOPAC) continues to work hard to support current and future EOP students. Currently EOPAC has just closed its filing period for the 2011-2012 book awards. We had a very positive response from students and look forward to reviewing all applications. Thank you to all students for your time and effort in completing the book award application. Good luck to all applicants!

Fundraising continues to be one of EOPAC's top priorities. On Nov. 20, TGIF in San Bernardino hosted an EOPAC fundraising event. Students, staff, family, and EOP alumni purchased a delicious meal and enjoyed the company of family and friends while

contributing to EOPAC. A percentage of the proceeds from the day were donated to support EOP students by way of book awards and scholarships.

EOPAC members also strive to stay connected to the campus community. Most recently, they represented the EOP Alumni Chapter at CSUSB's Grad Days and EOPAC secretary, Cheryl-Marie Hansberger, presented at the recent CSUSB Alumni Association event, "Taking the Mystery Out of Getting a Job," on May 7.

For more information about EOPAC, contact Anita Barragán, EOPAC advisor, at 909.537.5042.



EOP Alumni Spotlight: Julian Alcazar

U.S. Department of Education
Washington, D.C.

Growing up in Compton, Calif., Julian Alcazar never imagined himself graduating from Cal State San Bernardino, much less getting a summer internship with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Now the Hemet, Calif., resident not only completed the internship, but has landed a full-time position pursuing his dream of working in higher education policy. After receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology from CSUSB, Alcazar planned to go straight into the master's degree program at the university. But all that changed in what seemed like a whirlwind of events between his last term of college and graduation. Through a combination of volunteerism, hard work and fate, Alcazar landed an unpaid summer internship with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Subsequently, the summer internship was extended through the end of 2010 and became a paid internship. Recently, he accepted a full-time, paid staff position in the Office of Innovation and Improvement as management and programming analyst and assumed his new duties in December 2010.

The road to college and D.C. has not been smooth. While Alcazar's mother was struggling to raise two children on one income, Julian offered to quit high school and work full time to help support the family. But his mother would not hear of it. Until then, Alcazar said he had not considered going to college, because no one had ever mentioned nor encouraged it. When he saw how challenging it was for his mother to support a family of three, he started thinking about furthering his education with his mother's encouragement.

He graduated from West Valley High School in Hemet in 2005, attended Mt. San Jacinto Community College and received an associate of science degree in math and science. In 2008, Alcazar transferred to CSUSB to complete his undergraduate degree.

Besides his commitment to his academic studies, Alcazar has been involved in volunteer service on campus and in his Hemet community. As an active member of campus student groups such as Latino Business Students Association, MEChA and Delta Sigma Chi fraternity, he has logged hundreds of hours of community service through fundraising, philanthropic activities, freeway beautification and tutoring younger students in math, science, English and Spanish in the Hemet area.

Alcazar was also an active member of CSUSB's Association of Latino Faculty, Staff and Students and served on the planning committee for the inaugural Latino Education and Advocacy Day summit at CSUSB last spring.

He worked tirelessly promoting and marketing the LEAD event at area educational conferences, and assisted with logistics, technology and social media. It was at the summit

that he met keynote speaker Juan Sepulveda, director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. They quickly formed a bond and remained in touch. As graduation neared, Alcazar was busy applying for graduate school and deciding which career path to follow. He said Sepulveda's guidance was instrumental in helping him choose a career path. By the time graduation day came, Alcazar had been offered an internship in Sepulveda's Washington, D.C., office, which would arrange housing at George Washington University - at his



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"I can't believe I get to play basketball with the president."

own expense. That presented an economic challenge since the internship was unpaid. "But I couldn't pass up the opportunity," said Alcazar. "I would figure it all out when I got there."

During his internship, he assisted with outreach to Hispanic-serving institutions across the nation, gathering and analyzing data to determine which schools produce the most Latinos in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. Alcazar's new duties entail reviewing and managing grants issued to non-profit agencies and kindergarten-through-12th

grade school districts. "Part of my job will be to ensure compliance that funds are being used properly for the purpose intended," he said.

Although at first it was difficult to move so far away from his family, he says he's adjusted well and is amazed at all there is to discover in Washington. During a recent visit to the EOP office, Alcazar shared that there are moments where he is still in awe. "I can't believe I get to play basketball with the president." Alcazar shared that President Obama loves to play basketball and will often play with the White House interns and staff.

Alcazar attributes his determination for success to the mentors he encountered at CSUSB, such as EOP counselor Mario Baeza and education professor Enrique Murillo, who took him under their wing and encouraged him to stay on track.

"I owe a lot to CSUSB and will always remember that there is where I began my journey into higher education." Alcazar plans to pursue a master's degree in higher education with an emphasis on policy analysis, and has already applied to Georgetown University, George Washington University, George Mason University and University of Maryland.

EOP Scholars

Fall 2010 and Winter 2011

Nina Acosta	Stephanie Cruz	Debra Hodges	Tania Navarrete	Kevin Rodriguez
Alyssa Acosta	Monique Cruz	Nicole Holderness	Sonia Ndukwe	Janecia Rolland
Nancy Aguilera	Theresa Davis	Louis Holguin	Rosanna Nennig	Michelle Roque
Dannette Allen	Maria Del Socorro Sanchez Grana	Kathy Hua	Lena Netwig	Jorge Rosas
Jacquelyn Almada	Tiffany DeLong	Yasmin Huerta	Juan Nevares	Priscilla Rosero
David Alvarado	Oswaldo Diaz	Hav Hung	Van Khanh Nguyen	Rosa Rubio
Ana Alvarenga	Juan Diaz	Suzan Huor	Duc Nguyen	Delilah Ruiz
Hope Alvizar	Savanah Diaz	Ryan Ignasiak	Esmirna Nolasco	Rocio Ruiz
Ayanna Anthony	Brian Diaz	Caren Inda Perez	Esmeralda Nolasco	De Andra Salley
Melinda Arellano	Virgilio Dizon	La Shanee Jackson	Diana Ordenez	Celina Sanchez
Brenda Arnold	Raphael Dunn	O'Shonda James-McDowell	Frank Orozco	Steven Sanchez
Lorena Arroyo	Nkechiyere Eboka	David Jaso	Rebecca Orta	Brenda Sanchez
Grecia Arvizu	Ngozichukwuka Eboka	Ely Jauregui	Marciano Ortega	Jennifer Sanchez
Azucena Avalos	Omar El Zein	Michel'le Jones	Blanca Ortega	Kayleesha Sanders
Sharon Awad	Josue Enriquez	Carol Kenshalo	Angelina Ortega	Jocelyn Sandoval
Deborah Awad	Crystal Escobedo	Cherylynn Kissinger	Christopher Ortiz	Fernando Sandoval
Fernando Ayala	Illeana Escobedo	Melinee Ledbetter	Treasure Ortiz	Elbia Sarabia
Ulyses Ayala	Christina Esparza	Myong Lee	Jorge Palomino	Briana Segovia
Kayla Ayers	Norma Espinoza	Alisha Leon	Heidi Panichello	Rosa Semere
Morgan Baker	Cristina Estrada	Amelia Levells	Jessica Patalano	Andrew Silva
Erika Barajas Meza	Yolanda Favela	Katie Linder	Jessica Pena	Nina Snell
Ashlee Barker	Heather Fisher	Marissa Lindsey	Sarai Peralta	Josephine Solis
Hector Barraza	Bryan Flores	Raul Lira-Villalobos	Jasmine Perez	Partenamaria Stefanidis
Kaneez Batool	Cecilia Flores	Maribel Lopez	Abigail Perez	Kevin Teagarden
Patricia Beamer	Aaron Flores	Adrian Lozano	Fanny Perez Rico	Jemma Tellez
Ashley Berg	Gina Florez	Yuliana Luevano	Kasia Pierce	Mehari Teweldebrhan
Yecica Bernardo	Rafael Fuentes	Brenda Luis	Ivette Pineda	Sebrena Thurton
Natalie Black	Sandra Fuentes Bravo	Jessica Luna	Justine Plemons	Jahara Tinsley
Bernabe Bolanos	Angel Garcia	Jacqueline Magallanes	Janet Ponce	Jessica Torres
Shea Boone	Angelica Garcia	Deanna Malone	Christin Powell	Magali Torres
Destiny Britton	Carol Garcia	Reanna Marchman	Ariana Prado	Christopher Trujillo
Stephanie Brown	Natasha Garcia	Felipe Marquez Ramirez	Tessy Pumacchua	Stephanie Uribe
Jessica Brown	Cesar Garcia	Rosalba Martinez	Valencia	Ruby Valdez
My Bui	Clarissa Garcia	Natalia Martinez	David Quezada	Karla Valdez
Amanda Burdette	Lucerito Garcia	Jennifer Martinez	Vanessa Quintana	Secia Vasquez
Jacqueline Burns-Kamstra	Deonna Gentry	Tania Martinez	Vanessa Ramirez	Jennifer Vazquez
Naomi Cabrera	Ramona Golec	Tiffany McKee	Rocio Ramirez	Janeth Vega
Kirstie Calvillo	Alberto Gomez	Rebecca Mckenzie	Kelly Ramirez	Marisela Velasco
Maria Carbajal deNava	Merry Gonzalez	Roberto Medina	Jose Ramirez	Mariela Velez
Breanna Cardenas	Melanie Gonzalez	Estephanie Medrano	Daryl Raymond	Maria Vera
Daisy Carreno	Monica Gonzalez	Karina Mejia	Lillianna Renteria	Daisy Vidrio
Olga Carrillo	Neyda Gonzalez	Elizabeth Melchor	Brenda Renteria	Maritza Villalobos
Lisa Cash	Guadalupe Gonzalez	Delfina Mendoza	Daisy Renteria	Viviana Villanueva
Marisela Cavazos	Kyle Gonzalez	Tamantha Mitchell-Miguel	Claudia Renteria	Lisa Villarreal
Justyce Chavez	Estefania Gonzalez	Nancy Molina	Salvador Reyes	Michelle Vizcarra
Jessica Ciotta	Shaina Greensweight	Zaveana Montoya	Beatriz Reyes	George Washington
Jory Clark	Alana Grove	Maylene Morales	Erica Reyes	Brittany Westrick
Angela Coate	Amelia Guerrero	Russell Morgan	Nelly Reyes	Lanae Wheatley
De'Naysha Coleman	Marco Gutierrez	David Morones	Vanessa Riehm	Walter White
Leticia Cordova Castillo	Omar Guzman	Joyce Morse	Erica Rivas	Brittany Whitmore
Sandra Coronado	Donna Hale	Rebecca Mundo	Evan Robledo	Anthony Wilkins
Brenda Cortes	Andrea Harlin	Olivia Mustelir	Kimberly Rodas	Esila Williams
Marcela Covarrubias	Mirella Hernandez	Parvaneh Najumi	Socorro Rodiles	Aja Williams
Sheryl Cramm	Jesus Hernandez Ruiz		Mayra Rodriguez	Vicky Yang
			Gardenia Rodriguez	Ariel Zaragoza

EOP Scholars are EOP students that completed a minimum of 12 units and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in fall 2010 and/or winter 2011

Keep up the great work!

EOP



EOP would like to congratulate our EOP students scheduled to graduate during the winter and spring 2011 terms! You have worked very hard to get to this day

CONGRATULATIONS EOP GRADS!

Arlene Aguirre	DeLisa Carlisle	Solomon	Casas	Tracy Rodriguez
Ramon Aguirre	Qasim Carr	Mauricio Hercules	Erica Navarro	Melissa Rojas
Alvaro Alcalá	Blanca Castaneda	Kathleen Hmura	Tamisha Newsom	San Juana Rojas
Nikia Alexander	Ruiz	Hav Hung	Van Khanh Nguyen	Vanessa Rojas
Jon Ross Alexander	Jennifer Chau	O'Shonda James-McDowell	Phuong Nguyen	Delilah Ruiz
Francisca Alvarez	Kanica Chum	Antonio Johnson	Truc Nguyen	Sendy Sanchez
Christian Angeles	Angela Coate	Derrick Keith	Esmirna Nolasco	Rosa Semere
Janette Aparicio	Lainisha Cooper	Jimmy Lam	Gloria Ocampo	LaDale Sibley
Melinda Arellano	Sheryl Cramm	Joshua Latham	Marciano Ortega	Takechia Simmons
Brenna Armijo	Holly Crise	Peter Lawani	Heidi Panichello	Yetta Singletary
Beatriz Arredondo	Theresa Davis	Rubicelia Lemus	Sarai Peralta	Kendra Stewart
Monique Avila	Marlene Deleon	Alisha Leon	Jennifer Peters	Kourtney Stewart
Vanessa Banuelos	Virgilio Dizon	Catarino Lizarraga	Tram Phan	Porcha Taylor
Kaneez Batool	Melissa Enciso	Adriana Lopez	Idalia Pineda Vivar	Dean Thap
Patricia Beamer	Virydiana Esquivel	Maribel Lopez	Justine Plemons	Janet Tunoa
Ashley Berg	Adriana Farias	Nadia Lopez	Janet Ponce	Gechheang Uy
Yecica Bernardo	Ruth Fuentes	Gary Mann	Fivi Popa	Bertha Vaca
Christy Black	Maria Gamboa	Roberto Medina	Romina Price	Jorge Valadez
Marcus Blackshear	Melissa Gamez	Fortuna Mehari	Stephanie Price	Ruby Valdez
Yamila Blanco-Munoz	Elena Garcia	Chimamkpa Metu	Tessy Pumacchua	Maria Valenzuela
Dana Blanks	Liliana Garcia	Chin Mgbafilike	Valencia	Michelle Varela
Bernabe Bolanos	Crystal Gastelum	Raymond Mitchell	Marisol Ramirez	Michael Voyu
Surapongse Boon-yadit	Summer Gonzales	Jessica Montes	Stacey Ramirez	George Washington
Brittany Bourne	Merry Gonzalez	Jaime Montiel	Vanessa Ramirez	Brittany Whitmore
Carmelyn Braddock	Sabrina Griggs	Nancy Montrey	Claudia Renteria	Esila Williams
Tanisha Bradley	Monica Guerra	Maylene Morales	Nelly Reyes	Kyle Wilson
Sheterah Burnett	Amelia Guerrero	Raquel Moran	Vanessa Riehm	Nancy Zapien
Dana Bush	Brittany Guillory	Marcella Morgan	Mauricio Rios Rodriguez	Ariel Zaragoza
Ignacio Camargo	Lily Gunawan	Joyce Morse	Jaelynn Ritch	Suaad Zeit
Maria Carbajal de-Nava	Kaumaya Hall	Olivia Mustelier	Ciegie Robinson	Emery Zengler
	Precious Hall	Hermína Nava De	Araceli Rodriguez	Aileen Zurita
	Annekah Hall-			

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Quarter 2012 priority registration.....	May 26-June 17, 2011
Memorial Day Holiday observed Campus closed.....	May 28-30, 2011
Last day of Spring classes.....	June 13, 2011
Spring 2011 final examinations.....	June 14-18, 2011
Commencement.....	June 16, 18 & 19, 2011
First day of Summer 2011 regular and 6W1 classes.....	June 22, 2011
Summer 2011 6W1 Last day to add classes via MyCoyote.....	June 24, 2011
Spring 2011 grades available via MyCoyote.....	June 27, 2011
Summer 2011 Regular Last day to add classes via MyCoyote.....	June 28, 2011
Summer 2011 6W1 Census: Last day to drop classes without record.....	June 30, 2011
4th of July observed—Campus Closed.....	July 1-4, 2011
Summer 2011 Regular Census: Last day to drop classes without record.....	July 13, 2011
Last day of Summer 2011 6W1 classes.....	July 27, 2011
Summer 2011 6W1 final exams.....	July 28 & Aug 1, 2011
First day of Summer 2011 6W2 classes.....	Aug. 2, 2011
Summer 2011 6W2 Last day to add via MyCoyote.....	Aug. 3, 2011
Summer 2011 6W1 grades available.....	Aug. 8, 2011
Summer 2011 6W2 Census: Last day to drop classes without record.....	Aug. 10, 2011
Last day of Summer 2011 Regular classes.....	Aug. 31, 2011
Last day of Summer 6W2 classes.....	Sept. 6, 2011

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID



If you are planning to attend summer school, don't forget to apply for summer financial aid!