First Year Seminar Helps Students Find Success at MU

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

- Albert Einstein

College is tough, particularly in that first semester. The study habits and academic skills students bring to MU are key factors for success in the first year transition.

For the 2nd consecutive year, EOP freshmen participated in the First Year Seminar, a combination of lectures, reflections and visual presentations focusing on the challenges facing students in their first year.

Topics covered last semester included study skills and time management; healthy routines; self-awareness; financial management; emotional intelligence; self-motivation; making informed decisions; and getting ready for finals. In-class activities ranged from video clips (Oprah Winfrey “Taking Responsibility for Your Life”; Money Management 101; Jose Gutierrez “The Power of Relationship Building”); a variety of lectures, group discussions and impromptu activities on the week’s topic.

In the spring, the seminar will acquaint students with campus resources including the Career Services Center, the Counseling Center, the Ott Writing Center in the Raynor Library, the Les Aspin Center, the Center for Intercultural Engagement, the Office of Research and Innovation, and the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning Program.
Two New Staff to Meet

Michelle Barbeyto, Office Associate, replacing Judy Koerner
Michelle provides administrative support for the Executive Director and Associate Directors and maintains manual and computerized records, files and databases.

Something interesting about Michelle— I’m half Spanish, half American, was born in Hong Kong and have lived in Spain, Japan and England.

What she offers to students— Travel tips and any general support!

Best thing about working in EOP? Knowing that what I do at work and what I’m a part of really helps student’s lives for the better, and being part of the EOP family!

Wendy Xiong, Budget Office Associate, replacing Jane Hanley
Wendy provides administrative support to the budget office; handles payroll, inventory, budgeting, student hiring, etc.

Something interesting about Wendy— I love to stay active. I enjoy morning walks and taking Zumba classes, going to the gym, and hiking.

What she offers to students? Many students experience some cultural challenges, lack of advising, mentoring, networking, and fitting in. I can relate, I was once that student. As a former campus student leader, I can listen, encourage, and support students’ efforts toward academic achievement.

Looking for a Few Good EOP Students

Peer Mentoring Program Helps Transition

Remember being new at Marquette? The fear of meeting new students, adjusting to campus, and the challenges of balancing your home and school life? If you only knew then what you know now, how much you would have benefited from having an upper-class EOP student help you transition to MU?

In August 2018, EOP will welcome new freshman to campus. If you are interested in being an EOP-PUMP Mentor, attend one of the information sessions on the following days:

- Friday, February 2 at 12pm
- Monday, February 19 at 12pm
- Wednesday, February 21 at 5 pm
- Monday, February 26 at 12pm

We are looking to identify current EOP students to serve as peer mentors and build off of the success of last year’s group of mentors and students. As a peer mentor, you will serve as an extension of the professional counselors by helping the new freshmen in their transition to Marquette and EOP life.

Applications are currently available and located in Coughlin Hall, Suite 318.

PUMP Application Deadline – Friday, April 6, 2018

PUMP Training will be in mid-April, we will schedule the training to fit your availability.

Information session and training will be held in the Multipurpose Room, Coughlin, 357A.

Come learn more information on PUMP, what it means to be a peer mentor, and fill out an application!
SSS Students Selected as McNair Scholars

Congratulations to the following SSS students on their acceptance to the McNair Scholars Program:

- Rachel Acevedo (Psychology/Criminology/Social Welfare and Justice)
- Juan Hernandez (Biomedical Sciences)
- Jerrell Lovett (Physiological Sciences)
- McKenzie Lua (Speech Pathology and Audiology)
- Marisol Madrigal (Spanish for the Health Professions/Physiological Sciences)
- Eduardo Perea-Hernandez (Political Science/History)
- Nader Shammout (Biological Sciences/Psychology)

During the summer, these students will participate in the Summer Research Internship Program (SRIP), a paid research internship, working one-on-one with a Marquette faculty mentor.

The purpose of McNair is to prepare eligible undergraduate students for graduate study. For more information, contact Dr. Donte McFadden.

Financial Aid Corner
By Jackie Walker

We welcome Chandar Robertson, Financial Aid Assistant to the SSS program. Chandar has office hours on Mondays from 8 – noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Kathy Falk has officially retired and wishes you all the very best and wants you to know what a pleasure it was working with you all.

You will need to complete payment arrangement plans for spring balances if you did not take care of it in the fall semester. There will be no exceptions in March if payments have not been made to your accounts for hold suspensions. See Jackie or Chandar now.

The 2018-19 FAFSA season is in full swing and follow ups for verifications are being sent out by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Be sure to monitor your “To Do” list in CheckMarq for required documents. Remember, copies of tax returns are not acceptable. You must use the FAFSA IRS retrieval or request a tax transcript from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). See Jackie for the form if needed.

Jessica Lothman, Education Abroad Coordinator will be available to discuss options for study abroad opportunities again this semester in Coughlin Hall, 3rd Floor. See EOP calendar for specific dates.

EOP TRIO Day set for Feb. 24

On Saturday, February 24, EOP will celebrate the 5th Annual MU EOP TRIO Alumni Day. This networking event is co-sponsored by the MU TRIO Alumni Association and will be held at 11am in Todd Wehr Chemistry, Room 100.

EOP alumni will be invited back to campus to meet with current students in the program to talk about careers and to share their experiences. The event will be held in recognition of National TRIO Day.

According to the Council for Opportunity in Education website, today more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and community agencies host more than 2,800 TRIO projects that serve approximately 790,000 low income Americans.

EOP currently houses five TRIO programs: Upward Bound, UB Math Science, Student Support Services, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program and the newly acquired Educational Talent Search program. EOP has been at MU since 1969 and has over 2100 graduates.

Mr. Chandar Robertson, EOP’s new Financial Aid Assistant and EOP/MU alum talks about MU EOP TRIO Day at the EOP Spring Opening Meeting
Welcome Back

Henry and Greg!!

Two familiar faces have returned to EOP.

Dr. Greg Frederick started in October as the new Grant Proposal Coordinator, replacing Claire Dinkelmann.

Also Henry Kranendonk returns to EOP as a Math Specialist this semester, substituting for Meghan Sebranek during her maternity leave. He will be available Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am – 5pm; and Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6pm.

Welcome back, Greg and Henry!!

EOP Graduation Roll Call

The following EOP students graduated in December, 2017:

**Klinger College of Arts and Sciences**
Dima Jaber, Bachelor of Science
Rehana Jamaleddin, Bachelor of Arts
Rawan Oudeh, Bachelor of Science
Francisco Roque, Bachelor of Arts
Pajcoob (Pang) Vang, Bachelor of Arts
Eric Washington, Bachelor of Arts
Pau Nou Xiong, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Business**
Daisy Gonzalez, Bachelor of Science
Antonio Martinez, Bachelor of Science

**College of Health Sciences**
Aseel Dahir, Bachelor of Science

Inner Voice and What’s Going On

*Inner Voice*, a support group for EOP women, will meet on Mondays at 5-6pm.

*What’s Going On*, a weekly group chat focusing on the issues happening on campus or on the national scene. WGO meets every Thursday beginning at 7pm.

For more information, contact Bianca Bello or Savanna Lindermann, Coughlin Hall, Room 306A.