EOP Student Advisory Board Seeks Your Input

The EOP Student Advisory Board has arrived!!

Newly formed last semester, the mission of Student Advisory Board is to be the voice “to help shape, improve and promote services” provided by EOP staff and the Marquette community,” and EOP staff and administration “We want to be the voice of the students.”

According to SAB President Nigel Williams, SAB has two big items that would like to address. “We want to bring back the feeling of community, of family within EOP, and we want to add activities, maybe bowling or networking, to bring everyone together.”

What do you want students to know? “The biggest thing that we need students to know that we are here for you. We are your voice and we will do our best to represent you,” said Williams.

The Officers of the EOP Student Advisory Board are: President -Nigel Williams; Vice President—Laice Perry; Secretary—Prince Beniana; Freshmen Representatives are Lazabia Jackson and Emmanuel Johnson; Sophomore—Isaiah Banks; Junior—Ruben Marin; Senior—Richard Nwabuzor; and Commuter Representative is Darren Jefferson. Advisor to the board is EOP Counselor Daniel Lee.

EOP Alum Dennis Griffin, Jr., MU ’06, takes a selfie at the EOP Spring Opening Meeting. Mr. Griffin is currently the principal of Prairie Elementary School in Waukesha, Wisconsin.
Lunch and Learn features array of campus speakers

The Lunch and Learn Series allows students in EOP to learn more about various offices and what they do to make positive contributions to the campus community. Presenters will talk about ways they inform students of opportunities through their respective offices. Below is the schedule:

**February 5**—**DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND THE JESUIT MISSION**
*Mission Week and the Long-Term Mission of the Jesuit University*
- Dr. Joya Crear, Office of Student Affairs
- Dr. William Welburn, Office of Inclusive Excellence

**March 5**—**CULTIVATING VISION**
*Thinking Outside of the Box and Pursuing Innovation*
- Sasha Parsons/Kelsey Otero, Office for Research and Innovation
- Susan Longhenry/Emilia Layden, Haggerty Museum of Art

**April 2**—**EDUCATION AND IDENTITY**
*Learning about Race, Gender, Sexual Identity, and Faith at the University*
- Dr. Grant Silva, Race and Ethnic Studies
- Dr. Angie Harris, Center for Gender and Sexualities
- Dr. Heather Hathaway, Africana Studies

For more information about the Lunch and Learn Series, contact Dr. Donte McFadden.

### EOP Wellness Group Opportunities

Savanna Lindemann, EOP Wellness Counselor, will be running Wellness Groups for students who wish to receive support toward reaching personal goals.

Groups are made up of 3-6 students and meet once weekly for an hour. In these groups, students can expect to build a support group among other EOP students while planning specific steps to reach a goal that they choose. Any interested students can contact Savanna at savanna.lindemann@marquette.edu or stop in to her office in 306A.

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**Looking for a Few Good EOP Students**

**Peer Mentoring Program Helps 1st Year Students Transition to MU**

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 would you have benefitted from having an upper-class EOP student help you transition to MU?

In August 2019, EOP will welcome approximately 65 new freshmen to campus. If you are interested in being an EOP-PUMP Mentor, attend one of the information sessions on the following days:

- ♦ Tuesday, February 12 at 2 pm
- ♦ Wednesday, February 20 at 2 pm
- ♦ Thursday, February 28 at 1 pm

All Information sessions will be held in the Multipurpose Room, Coughlin, 357A.

As a peer mentor, you will serve as a resource, share your successes and the struggles you experienced. Applications are currently available and located in Coughlin Hall, Suite 318.

**PUMP Application Deadline** – Friday, April 5, 2019

PUMP Training will be in late February and early March.
SSS Students Selected as McNair Scholars

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

- VALERIA CABRERA
- NORA GODOY-GONZALEZ
- SHAYLA HUSTED
- EMANI LEA
- ESMERALDA LEZAMA-RUIZ
- LEON MASON
- CHAIMAA MAGHFOUR
- GERARDO MENDEZ
- FRANCISCO TEJEDA
- SIR LAWRENCE TENDER
- GLADYS RIVAS
- VERONICA DAVALOS

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

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. Regular monthly payments are expected to your account unless you have a different payment arrangement that has been approved by EOP. See Chandar or email him to get the signed payment arrangement on file at chandar.robertson@marquette.edu now.

The 2019-20 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. If you were unable to use the FAFSA IRS retrieval tool, we are accepting signed copies of federal tax returns temporarily. If you have not filed the FAFSA yet, this needs to be done immediately or you will not receive all the financial aid you are eligible for due to limited funding.

Scholarships are available now for the 2019-20 school year. Remember to apply and keep applying. For the best results, you should consider completing applications a part-time job.

TRIO Day set for Feb. 23

On Saturday, February 23, EOP will celebrate the 6th Annual MU EOP TRIO Alumni Day. This networking event is co-sponsored by the MU TRIO Alumni Association and will begin at 10:30am in the Varsity Theater.

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.

EOP alum and MU law scholar Xavier Jenkins shares his insights and experience with pre-law students Isaiah Banks, Eric Burks, Mariah Bentley-Henderson and Ntalaba Biluge last October.
EOP GRADUATION
ROLL CALL
The following EOP students graduated in December, 2018:

**Klinger College of Arts and Sciences**
Martin Alba, Jr., Bachelor of Arts
Jerrell J. Lovett, Bachelor of Science
Anwar Mashrah, Bachelor of Arts
Halee Newby, Bachelor of Arts
Darian M. Perkins, Bachelor of Science
Alyssa E. Sankey, Bachelor of Arts
Jasmin S. Young, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Business**
Alexandra G. Perez-Luevano, Bachelor of Science
Ahsan Sikander, Bachelor of Science

**Diederich College of Communication**
Lukas R. Bukouras, Bachelor of Arts
Leah Harris, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Health Sciences**
Diego A. Avila, Bachelor of Science

**Opus College of Engineering**
Jake B. Pallo, Bachelor of Science

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MU President Lovell announced the creation of an EOP 50th Anniversary steering committee, co-chaired by Rana Altenburg, Vice President for Public Affairs; Dr. William Welburn, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence; Dr. John Su, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; and Maureen Hoyler, President of the Council for Opportunity in Education.

During the 2019-20 academic year, Marquette will honor the Educational Opportunity Program’s 50th anniversary with a year-long series of events.

For more information about the 50th Anniversary, contact Michelle Barbeyto.