EOP Anniversary Celebration

Fifty Years of Success

In 1969, the Special Program for the Culturally Distinct Student, began with just a mere forty students. Fifty years and 2200 graduates later, the Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette University has evolved into one of the premier educational programs in the country, in working with the needs of young people, first in their family to go to college.

Now is time to reflect on the success of the program and celebrate the moment while looking forward to the challenges ahead.

*Commemorate the past, celebrate the present, imagine the future.*

While the anniversary celebration will last the throughout the year, the Reunion in October will kick off the celebration in grand style. Over 300 alums will come back to campus with stories of challenge, persistence and triumph.

*You will want to be there.*

Check out the schedule and contact Michelle Barbeyto to find out how you can be a part of the celebration.

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**FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 2019**

**Educational Opportunity Program Open House**

Noon – 4 p.m.
Coughlin Hall, 3rd Floor, 607 N. 13th St.

**EOP Alumni and Student Networking Social**

7 – 8:30 p.m.
Coughlin Hall, 3rd Floor, 607 N. 13th St.

**EOP Bowling at the Annex**

9:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.
Union Sports Annex, 804 N. 16th St.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2019**

**EOP Tours**

11 – 1 p.m.
Coughlin Hall, 3rd Floor, 607 N. 13th St.
**Thinking about Grad School?**

**McNair Paves the Way for Graduate Study**

If you have your sights on graduate school McNair might be for you. MU’s McNair Scholars Program is currently accepting applications for the upcoming year. This federal TRIO program, named after Dr. Ronald E. McNair, aims to increase the attainment of PhD degrees by students who are first generation and low income or come from a group underrepresented in education. McNair Scholars gain research experience with a faculty mentor, present research at national and regional conferences, visit graduate programs, and learn how to prepare competitive graduate school applications. The program also provides GRE Prep courses, and participants may receive GRE reduced fee waivers and graduate school application fee waivers.

**Program Eligibility Requirements**
- Strong desire to pursue graduate study (especially a PhD)
- First generation college student from an economically disadvantaged family
- From a population underrepresented in graduate education (Black, Latinx, Native American, Pacific Islander)
- At least 2.75 GPA
- Completed at least 40 credit hours by the Fall 2019 (must be a junior standing at the end of the Spring 2020 semester or at least one semester remaining prior to graduation).

McNair is having information sessions throughout October for interested students:

- **Thursday, October 3rd @3:00pm**
- **Monday, October 7th @ 11:00am**
- **Thursday, October 10th @ 3:00pm**
- **Monday, October 14th @ 11:00am**
- **Thursday, October 17th @3:00pm**
- **Monday, October 21st @11:00am**
- **Thursday, October 24th @ 3:00pm**

All sessions will be held in Coughlin 357A.

**APPLY NOW!!!!**

The deadline is Friday, November 1, 2019 at 5:00pm

For more information go to: [http://www.marquette.edu/eop/scholars.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/eop/scholars.shtml)

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**EOP Student Advisory Board**

**Voice for Students Shaping, Improving Service**

In its second year, the EOP Student Advisory Board (SAB) is seeking to build upon expectations and challenges from last year. The mission of the Student Advisory Board is to be the voice “to help shape, improve, and promote services” provided by EOP Staff and the Marquette community.” The goal of the Student Advisory Board is to be the voice of the students.

The way in which we are honoring our commitment to being the voice of the student community is through a few new initiatives. The first initiative is a student suggestion box. This will allow the SAB to get direct recommendations from students who may not feel comfortable voicing their opinion in open settings and for those who are unable to attend meetings. We also are looking to host different fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for events hosted by the SAB.

We are looking forward to moving the needle forward and representing the students of EOP with some of our initiatives, so be on the lookout and have a great semester!

**Farewell but Not Goodbye**

**Sebranek, Thomas Leave EOP, MU**

Over the summer, two staff members announced their resignations from EOP. In June, Meghan Sebranek (below) announced her leave to accept a faculty position at Loyola University. Meghan began her position as Math Specialist in 2015.

In August, Laiya Thomas (above), Assistant Director, EOP-SSS, announced that she would leave to take a position with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction. Laiya was with EOP-SSS since 2008.

We grateful for their years of service and wish them success in their new positions.
Financial Aid Corner
By Jackie Walker

Do you need money for college? FAFSA filing begins on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for the 2020-21 school year. You will need your FSA ID (username and password) for you and your parent (if applicable). Passwords expire so you may need to update it at the FSA ID website: https://fsaid.ed.gov. The 2018 calendar year tax return and W2s will be required to file the FAFSA. Remember to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to obtain income directly from the IRS website and import it into your FAFSA. This will help in not having your application selected for verification. This option is not available if you do not have a social security number, in which case, a tax transcript will need to be requested from the IRS. If your parent(s) did not file a tax return for the 2018 calendar year, you will need to submit copies of wage statements (if applicable) and send a form to the IRS requesting a letter of tax return “non-filing”. This form can be requested from Jackie Walker or Chandar Robertson in the EOP office.

Don’t miss out on free money! Some types of financial aid are awarded on a first come first serve basis. The PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR THESE GRANTS IS FEBRUARY 1ST. Assistance is available from the EOP Financial Aid Counselor throughout October.

Are you prepared to register for second semester in the coming weeks? Do you have a hold on your account? Check your CheckMarq account for BR1 registration holds now. A BR1 hold means you have an outstanding balance and payment arrangements need to be made now so you will be able to register for Spring Term 2020 classes. This also means a payment must be made to your account for the hold to be lifted. DO NOT PROcrastinate on resolving this matter!

Tired of taking out student loans? Tired of having a balance and setting up payment plans? October is also the month to begin your search for private scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year. Pick up a scholarship search engine list outside of Room 306D. Also go to www.marquette.edu/eop and click on the Financial Aid link under Quick Links for private scholarships listed on Marquette’s scholarship page.

One final reminder: All students planning to reside in Marquette housing do not need to pay room deposit fees. Indicate you are an EOP student when signing up for University housing, and Residence Life will waive your deposit.

Looking for Candidates for the EOP

It’s that time of year again! We are currently recruiting high school seniors for EOP’s Class of 2024! If you know of anyone (think: brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors, people at church, your best friend’s siblings, etc.) who may be interested in MU and qualifies for the program, please encourage them to apply!

Requirements:
- You must demonstrate motivation, maturity, and a genuine interest in pursuing academic goals;
- You must submit your completed Marquette University Admissions application by the admissions deadline—November 1, or December 2, 2019.
- You must be a first-generation college student (neither parent holds a 4 Year Bachelor’s Degree);
- AND/OR your family must be considered low-income under federal income guidelines.

Application instructions can be found at: http://www.marquette.edu/eop/support.shtml.

Questions can be directed to Liz Padilla (EOP-SSS Counselor/Recruiter) in Room 316, email: Elizabeth.Padilla@mu.edu, or phone: 414-288-5336.
The following EOP students graduated from Marquette University in May and August, 2019:

**Klinger College of Arts and Sciences**
- Makayla A. Bradley, Bachelor of Arts
- Fatima Cuevas, Bachelor of Arts
- Marychel Figueroa, Bachelor of Arts
- Sarah S. Fouad, Bachelor of Arts
- Malika S. Fudge, Bachelor of Arts
- Isabel Garcia, Bachelor of Arts
- Austin J. Gavin, Bachelor of Arts
- Alexus B. Green, Bachelor of Arts
- Erica L. Jackson, Bachelor of Arts
- Jamelah E. Johnson, Bachelor of Arts
- Ve’Jhon L. Johnson, Bachelor of Arts
- Yicle Lechuga, Bachelor of Science
- Saul Lopez, Bachelor of Arts
- Keisha Ortiz-Delgado, Bachelor of Arts
- Grecia A. Rodriguez Caver, Bachelor of Arts
- Ayaa F. Shanaa, Bachelor of Arts
- Chrystal Silva-Hernandez, Bachelor of Arts
- Kang Lao Vang, Bachelor of Arts
- Marisol Madrigal, Bachelor of Science
- Nicholas T. Ollison, Bachelor of Science
- Kristina H. Hinnawi, Bachelor of Arts
- Gladys Rivas, Bachelor of Arts
- Claire M. Assana, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Business**
- Salim A. Yakubu, Bachelor of Science
- Michael Mei, Bachelor of Science
- Marques Y. Turner, Bachelor of Science

**College of Education**
- Stephanie Contreras, Bachelor of Science
- Briana J. Cross, Bachelor of Science
- Francisco Hernandez, Bachelor of Science

**Diederich College of Communication**
- Tiffany S. Bean, Bachelor of Arts
- Antonio T. Beasley, Bachelor of Arts
- Mariah R. Dettman, Bachelor of Arts
- Isaiah J. Gencaski, Bachelor of Arts
- Savaughn T. King, Bachelor of Arts
- Francisco Manzano-Arechiga, Bachelor of Arts
- Brielle E. Richmond, Bachelor of Arts
- Mireya G. Mercado, Bachelor of Arts
- Karl J. Tatum, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Health Sciences**
- Paul N. Boechler, Bachelor of Science
- Gabriela M. Cardenas, Bachelor of Science
- Andrea Garcia, Bachelor of Science
- McKenzie R. Lua, Bachelor of Science

**College of Nursing**
- Sara E. Diaz, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**College of Engineering**
- Abbas Y. Amer, Bachelor of Science
- Djidade J. Denson, Bachelor of Science
- Emmanuel R. Kayiwa, Bachelor of Science
- Frederick Mora, Bachelor of Science
- Raul Sanchez Jr., Bachelor of Science
- Arlaeth Ferrusquia Lopez, Bachelor of Science

**College of Health Sciences**
- Paul N. Boechler, Bachelor of Science
- Gabriela M. Cardenas, Bachelor of Science
- Andrea Garcia, Bachelor of Science
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Thank you for your Service!!
EOP summer PCs (l-r) Isaiah Banks, Evelyn Guerrero, Dario Bustos-Rico, Alexis McCain, Jamario Walker, and Laice Perry.