Welcome Class of 2017

Another Summer Program

Come and Gone

How did I spend my EOP summer? In the zucchini fields in the hot sun, work gloves on, weeding . . .

Ask any of the new freshmen who participated in the EOP Summer Program about their summer and they may share with you their “field” experience. Fifty six students spent a Saturday morning volunteering at the Hunger Task Force farm in Franklin, clearing weeds and other debris to ensure a bountiful harvest in the fall.

Or they may share with you how they successfully completed their first challenging MU course: SOCI 1001, THEO 1001, HIST 1001 or PHIL 1000. Or they may explain ways the EOP writing, chemistry, and math courses really prepared them for courses in the fall semester.

Some may include a description of their visit to see the 30 Americans exhibit at the Milwaukee Art Museum, including the 30 Wisconsin exhibit featuring the artwork of two EOP staff members: Dr. Richard Lewis and Sharon Kerry-Harlan.
EOP Visits Les Aspen, Tour Nation’s Capital

Washington D.C. is a city filled with life, music, exploration and education all the time. This past summer, I had the opportunity to visit Washington DC for a week with McNair as the Sande Robinson Emerging Leader representative. The trip was definitely worth it and gave me a perspective on my future. While in D.C., we visited different graduate schools including Georgetown University, George Washington University and Howard University. Before going to D.C I was on the fence about grad school, but after visiting the universities and learning more about grad school it seems more attainable. I now have the desire for a higher education and one day the title of “Dr.” in front of my name.

Besides visiting grad schools we also saw different attractions and historical landmarks of D.C. We went to the Library of Congress, which holds majority of the books in the U.S. We took a nighttime D.C. tour and got to see the Lincoln Memorial, the White House, the MLK Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and other sites. All of it was amazing and the architecture in D.C. is amazing and beautiful. We also went to the National Harbor in Maryland and Busboys and Poets, which has great food.

Overall the trip was great and something I won’t forget. It helped me make my decision to further my education and see universities I could attend. It also helped me make a decision to apply for McNair so I can achieve my academic goal.

-Anna Ogunkunle

Get PUMPed

EOP Launches Peer Mentoring Program

The transition to college is one that can be difficult for many first-year students. In order to ease this transition, EOP is sponsoring the Peer Undergraduate Mentor Program (PUMP). This program is aimed at helping first-year students acclimate to college by giving them an upper-class mentor.

This year, EOP welcomed 58 new freshmen into the program. Each of those freshmen has been assigned to one of 34 mentors. Mentors and mentees are expected to spend time with one another at least once a month. Mentors and mentees can be seen going to campus events, eating a meal, or exploring Milwaukee together.

Freshmen are looking for many qualities out of a peer mentor. Some of these include an advice-giver, a support system, and a friend. Many of our mentors have experienced the same thoughts and feelings that our freshman are going through right now. Our mentors look to use that shared experience and give back to the next generation of EOP students.

-Lauren Mountain
Looking for a Few Good EOP Recruits

Congratulations to the new cohort of EOP-SSS students who completed the summer program! This entering class is comprised of talented and motivated students from Milwaukee, other parts of Wisconsin, and as far as Illinois, Ohio, Arizona and North Carolina.

We are already in the process of recruiting for the fall 2014 entering class. Information on how to apply, deadlines, and requirements can be found on the EOP website at http://www.marquette.edu/eop/. Please help us spread the word. If you have friends or relatives who might be interested in applying, encourage them to visit our website or contact us at 414.288.7593. All applications will be submitted via the web.

In the coming months, EOP staff will be visiting various schools and organizations throughout the city to help recruit our new class. If you have any counselor, teacher, or program you would like us to contact, let us know! EOP applications are due November 15, 2013. All supplemental documents are due by December 13, 2013. Contact Eddie Guzman or Florie Greenhill for more information.

EOP Bids Farewell to Dr. Arnold Mitchem and Ms. Ethel Woods

This summer EOP said goodbye to two long standing allies of the program. Dr. Arnold Mitchem, the former director of the Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette (1969 to 1986) and founding president of the Council for Opportunity in Education, retired from his COE position earlier this year. Dr. Mitchem is a frequent visitor to the program who spoke at many an EOP Opening Meeting, always challenging students to excel in their courses, graduate and return to support the next generation of EOP students.

“Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem is our champion for justice in educational access,” stated EOP Director Dr. Joseph Green. “He is our forever leader and the person who has fought the ‘good fight’ for us TRiO Alums.”

Ms. Ethel Woods retired in August, 2013. She started her career at Marquette in the Office of the Registrar in 1974. She began in EOP in 1980, serving as the secretary of EOP-SSS Admissions. Known for her “Ethelisms,” her role in admissions connected her directly with over 1500 alums and the current 300 students. “Ms. Ethel was loving, nurturing and very protective of EOP students,” said senior Cicely Hunter. “We’ll miss her dearly.” She plans to travel and spend time with her grandchildren.

Financial Aid Corner

This is a reminder that your loan and FWS should be accepted or declined under the “View and accept aid” link in your Checkmarq account. Review your “To Do” list to ensure your account is correct and all aid is paid. Final refunds for fall semester will be available October 15th. BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT in Checkmarq on the Quick Link Bursar tab.

If you have an outstanding balance and have not signed a payment arrangement or have been making monthly payments, you will have a bursar registration hold (the code is BR1). You will not be able to register for spring classes if this hold is not resolved. DO NOT procrastinate.

Scholarship season is here for the 2014-15 academic year. Be sure to update your scholarship profiles and pick up a scholarship links form from the table in the hallway on the 4th floor of Marquette Hall.

Contact Jackie Walker if you have not received private scholarship checks for the 2013-14 school year. This source of aid will affect your balance or refund.
EOP Graduation Report

The following EOP students graduated in May or August 2013:

**Klingler College of Arts and Sciences**
Jazzmyne Azure Anderson, Bachelor of Arts
Estrella Carrasco, Bachelor of Arts,
Jasmine Marie Carter, Bachelor of Arts
Eman Imsieitf, Bachelor of Science
Khanh Hoang Tran, cum laude, Bachelor of Arts
Christopher Alexander Weightman, Bachelor of Arts
Ericka Lynn Kelly, Bachelor of Arts

**College of Business Administration**
Brent Lamont Adams, Bachelor of Science
Josephine Raykaya Brown, Bachelor of Science
Umber R. Chaudary, Bachelor of Science
Tyler D. Jones, Bachelor of Arts
Maritza Lopez, Bachelor of Science

**Diederich College of Communication**
Denelle Nicole Brown, Bachelor of Arts
Ashley Patrice De La Torre, Bachelor of Arts
Vanessa Dechell Harris, Bachelor of Arts
Courtney Johnson, Bachelor of Arts
Marissa A. Evans, Bachelor of Arts
Maleisha Ann Reedy, Bachelor of Arts
Virginia Sanchez, Honors Bachelor of Arts

**College of Education**
Sarah Marie Bowen, Bachelor of Science

**College of Health Sciences**
Eric Kuehn, magna cum laude, Bachelor of Science,

**College of Nursing**
Maritza Jacqueline Rivera, Bachelor of Nursing

EOP Open Mic Night
Coming Nov. 20

Are you ready to showcase your talents? Looking for that right venue? Then EOP 1st OPEN MIC NIGHT is for you!!

On Wednesday, November 20, EOP will present its’ very first OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Union Annex at 6pm. EOP students who would like to perform comedy, music, poetry, and other forms of artistic expression are encouraged to participate. Students interested in planning the event or performing, should contact Dr. Green or Claire Dinkelman by Monday, November 11.