Goodbye Marquette Hall

Coughlin Here We Come

Moving is always tough especially when you’ve been there for forty-five years.

EOP has moved from the fourth floor of Marquette Hall, its’ home since its inception in 1969, to its new home in Charles Coughlin Hall. The move, which began in mid-November, was completed earlier this month.

What’s new? Much more space.

Marquette Hall’s EOP consisted of one floor with offices for College Division, Pre-College Division, Central Office and Budget; two computer labs, one conference room and a long hallway with tables and chairs on each side utilized for tutoring.

The new and improved Coughlin Hall EOP has two floors – Pre-College on the 2nd floor and College on the 3rd. The 3rd floor, has nineteen staff offices for SSS, McNair, Central Office, Budget and instructional staff; a conference room, tutoring space, a computer lab, a quiet study seminar room, a multipurpose room, a McNair Resource Room and a student lounge equipped with a TV, frig and microwave oven. In addition, high tables and chairs for socializing and a 2nd lounge are located in the foyer.

And that’s just the third floor.

On the second floor, the Pre-College Division has staff offices, tutoring space, a computer lab, 2 quiet seminar rooms, its own conference room and student lounge.

EOP staff pose with their “I Closed Marquette Hall” T—Shirts” prior to the move to Coughlin Hall.
Hey EOP

What Do You Think of the New Space?

Artis Galloway-Landon
Sophomore

Cha Lee
Sophomore

Angie Rodriguez
Sophomore

Ulises Mora
Freshman

What do you think of the new space?

“It’s more student friendly! Provides more opportunities to study and have more meetings with classmates.”

“It’s a great space. It’s clean. I like it a lot better. There is more quiet space and not just a hallway. Less distracting and I get to see staff.”

“It’s awesome! I like new study spaces.”

“It’s bigger. There’s more space.”

What’s your favorite aspect of the it?

“The study rooms. I use the study rooms a lot. At Marquette Hall, space was limited.”

“The quiet study areas, I used to stay at the library a lot but now with the quiet space, I can come here to study.”

“The student lounge, especially the kitchenette!”

“It’s roomier. From a long hallway to all this space.”

What are you going to use the most?

“The study spaces. I like the student lounge too, though.”

“The study rooms, computer lab, and the Upward Bound space during the day. Also the student lounge.”

“The quiet study rooms and the wall you can write on, for statistics class.”

“Steve’s office garbage can.”

National TRIO Day Celebration

MU EOP TRIO Day Set for Feb. 28

On Saturday, February 28, EOP will celebrate MU EOP TRIO Alumni Day. The event is mandatory for EOP students and will be held at 11am in DS 105. 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 2,700 TRIO projects that serve approximately 840,000 young people and adults.

EOP has four TRIO programs, Upward Bound, UB Math Science, Student Support Service and McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. It has been at MU since 1969.
How Can I Give Back to EOP?

Be A PUMP Mentor

Remember your freshman year? The fear of meeting new students, of adjusting to the classroom, the challenge of balancing your life between home and school? If you only knew then what you know now, how much you would have benefited from having a upper-class EOP student help you transition to MU.

This coming fall, EOP will welcome sixty new freshman to campus. In preparation of their arrival, EOP is looking to identify sophomores and juniors students to serve as peer mentors. EOP-PUMP (Peer Undergraduate Mentoring Program) will offer information session on the following days:

- Thursday, February 12 at 3pm
- Wednesday, February 18 at 4pm
- Thursday, February 24 at 5pm
All trainings sessions will be held in the Mitchem Conference Room, Coughlin, Room 352.

Training topics include: What is a Peer Mentor, active listening, confidentiality, ethics and responsibilities, and suggested activities.

Financial Aid Corner

It is FAFSA filing time for the 2015-16 school year. A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) should be submitted to EOP office (Jackie or Kathy) by Friday, February 13th. Do not wait for the tax return to be filed but used estimated income for the 2014 calendar year. If you need assistance in completing the FAFSA or have questions, be sure to contact me right away. Delay in filing can result in reduction of your financial aid due to limited funding.

2015-16 scholarship season has begun. Be sure to up-date your scholarship profiles. You should be monitoring the Marquette Financial Aid scholarship link at: http://www.marquette.edu/mucentral/financialaid/resources_pvt_scholar_misc.shtml. These are up-dated on a bi-weekly basis.

Visit the EOP website for financial aid up-dates, budgeting and money management tools at www.marquette.edu/eop and select EOP College Financial Aid under the Quick Links for information. You may also access the private scholarship opportunities from this page.

Contact our office if you have not received a spring semester private scholarship check or have an outstanding balance that will affect your fall 2015 registration that begins in March.

Students interested in Study Abroad programs for the 2015-16 school year should attend a Study Abroad 101 information session offered on Fridays from 2:30 – 3:30 in Holthusen Hall, 4th Floor or go to Peer Advising walk-in on Mondays 3:00 – 5:00.

Matthias Seisay Leaves MU, EOP

Matthias Seisay is leaving EOP.

He has spent the last ten years in the Educational Opportunity Program, the first four as a student and the last six as a staff member. Most recently, Mr. Seisay served as the Program Coordinator for the McNair Scholars Program, working with McNair Scholars in preparing them for graduate study. Prior to McNair, Mr. Seisay served as Admissions/Counselor for EOP Student Support Service for four years.

Mr. Seisay is a proud alumnus of MU-EOP. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in May, 2006 and went on to complete his Master of Arts degree in Public Service with a concentration in Leadership.

His advice to students - “Stay strong. Graduate from college and help somebody else. Bob Marley says when you’re up, look down from above and help the weak if you become strong.”

He has accepted the McNair Program Assistant Director position at the University of Delaware and will begin his new role later this month.
EOP Graduation

The following EOP students graduated in December 2014:

**Klingler College of Arts and Sciences**
Lachay S. Artis, B.A., Political Science
Erika L. Daniels, B.A., Psychology
Adrian Gonzalez-Ruiz, B.A., Political Science
Ala W. Ismail, B.A., Sociology
Jeremy L. Jones, B.A., Sociology
Amber J. Powell, B.A., Criminology and Law Studies
Jacqueline M. Rojas, B.A., Criminology and Law Studies
Jasmine T. Young, B.A., Criminology and Law Studies

**Diederich College of Communication**
Kischa N. Buford, B.A., Corporate Communication
Fatoumata A. Diabate, B.A., Corporate Communication
Rashad H. Morris, B.A., Corporate Communication
Ta’Tiana J. Williams, B.A., Broadcast and Electronic Communication

**College of Education**
Lucinda Cardenas, B.S., Elementary/Middle Education
Veronica K. Romo, B.S., Elementary/Middle Education

**College of Health Sciences**
Jason Raymond, B.S., Exercise Physiology

Coughlin Hall Move

While the memories of Marquette Hall will linger amongst the alums, they should take comfort in knowing that alumni plaques bearing their names continue to adorn the walls of the new complex. And that future generations of EOP students will have a better facility to serve them.

Matthias Seisay and Jackie Walker reflect on EOP memories of Marquett Hall.