



Community and Continuing Education, Work Force Development and Library Services Division

The Educational Opportunity Fund Program



E.O.F. Matters - January 2022

Happy New Year --- and Welcome to another semester to reach your goals!

First, let's Celebrate The New Year and the New Semester with EOF ----

Special get togethers on Tuesday, January 11 and on Thursday, January 14, 2022 – from 11 – 2pm --- right at EOF. Sweet treats (food) and raffles, Info and any help you may need --- join EOF and college staff --- stop in between classes, come over and register or get any other help you need!!!!

Spring Classes are Almost Here!!! – on line registration **!!!** Get the ones you want at the time you want!

- January 10 – April 28 – Spring I semester 15 weeks
- January 28 – April 25 – Spring II semester 12 weeks
- January 14 – April 23 Weekend Classes

In the event that you cannot reach your EOF Counselor, please feel free to contact the Directors Ms. Romano and Ms. Beretta. See info below:

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Pictured: Caroline Beretta Associate Director and Joanna Romano, Director with President Boakye --- they received commendation for serving the college for over 20 years!!!



EOF Tutors are due back on 1/17 --- so come and use them --- Come early and often!!! We will post their schedule shortly. Remember you can use them in person or virtually!!!

The EOF T.L.C. Zoom --- (AKA

The Covid Support Group)– coming from us to you on Zoom!!!! Let’s spend time building each other up with virtual hugs and good advice for you and your families ---- EOF Professional staff will meet with you. We will have topics and resources and also plenty of time to show you the love --- so come to vent, mediate, laugh and learn! Contact Ms. Romano to show your interest and keep checking email for start date/times.

Now available: Complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA®

Office Hours
 Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm & Friday 9am to 3pm
 Main Number: (973) 877-3200

If you need to come in person to our office, you must bring a Photo ID. The Financial Aid Office website at <https://www.essex.edu/fa/> includes our Financial Aid Counseling Tips for Students (FACTS) publication and all office forms.

Have more questions?

Your assigned Financial Aid Office is always available by email using your ECC Email account and via Zoom, email your Officer from your ECC email account.

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Important Links:



Complete the FAFSA@: fafsa.gov
Check Your Financial Aid Status: myecc.essex.edu

First Forum of the Year is: **January Smart Money!!!** *Getting it, Growing It, Keeping it!* **Guest Speaker: Professor Jean Alexandre**

- **Tuesday, January 25 - 2:30pm to 4pm--- Thursday, January 27 – 4pm to 5:30pm** More raffles, giveaways etc ----

Coach Tracy for Careers News --- Ms. Tracey is anxious to hear from you --- she will help you to hone in on some of the best career paths --- tailed especially for you!!!

Openings in EOF