

Welcome Back to the Fall 2010 Semester



“KICK OFF WORKSHOP.”

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 @ 2:30 PM GREEN SNACK BAR

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 @ 3:00 PM (TBA)

This is a mandatory workshop for all Funded EOF Students.

The EOF Family wishes you a healthy, productive and exciting semester. As you approach the beginning of a new semester, EOF wants you to know that “We are here for you”. It is our mission to provide you with an educational environment that helps you to reach your potential and fulfill your dreams.

Please review the following important information so that your financial aid and course schedule are up to date:

Financial Aid: You can check your award by logging onto web services (www.essex.edu), enter your student id and password and click on financial aid:

- If you don't see an award on your printed bill or *web services*, you must go to financial aid to inquire about your status. If eligible, request to have your classes held so you don't get voided out of the system for lack of payment.
- Make sure you have submitted to the Financial Aid Office, all documents you

were requested to complete for your financial aid package.

- **IMPORTANT & URGENT:** *Your Aid may be in the **AIR**, Additional Information Requested.* Additional Information is being requested from the State of New Jersey. If you haven't responded to this important request, please visit the HESAA website at <http://hesaa.org> and follow the simple steps to submit electronically the information that will determine your state (TAG & EOF eligibility). This is a two step process:
 - **Create a username and password**
 - **Log in using your username and answer the questions**

All students must submit their information in order to receive state funding. Please note that if you fail to respond, you will not receive EOF or

TAG. If you need help in this process, please visit the EOF Department and let us help you.

- If you are receiving financial aid, make sure you are registered full-time by reviewing the Total Hours Billed on your Student Schedule/Invoice (**Total Billed Hours should be 12 or more**).
- If you registered on line, please bring a copy of your course schedule to your EOF Counselor.

Planning is a crucial factor in determining the success of your academic experience. Here are some useful recommendations that can help you to get a jump start for a successful semester.

- ✓ Use a planner and list all your classes and activities you have scheduled for each day (including weekends). Make sure you account for:
 - Personal care (grooming, eating, resting, exercise, leisure time, etc)
 - Class and transportation time (tip, you may use some of your traveling time to study)
 - Study Time, (homework, reading, reviewing notes)
 - Personal obligations (family responsibilities, job, personal commitments, etc.)
 - Identify free time and remember you have it, so you can use it when you need additional study time for a test, a term paper, tutoring, group work, etc.

If you need help planning for

a productive semester, please visit your EOF Counselor and we will be happy to assist you.

- ✓ Mind set is very important. If you think you cannot do the work and you will fail a subject, you are absolutely right. If you believe that you can successfully complete a subject, you are right as well. In simple terms, your own beliefs and expectations about your academic potential determine your success. Give it a try and approach any subject with a positive attitude and a belief that you will succeed.

Fall 2010, EOF Daily Late Nights: Do you need to reach us during evening hours? As always, the EOF Program will provide evening coverage to address your needs. Daily evening hours are from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Mondays, Wednesday s, Thursdays and Fridays, a Student Support Assistant will be available, and on Tuesdays, one of our EOF Advisors will be here for you.

The EOF family is calling all its members to give us a hand in assisting college students that cannot afford to buy their text books. It is a reality, that many students do not qualify for financial aid and therefore they do not receive a book voucher. You have the opportunity to be generous and donate your text books to the EOF Department so that those students in need can use them. If you want to donate any text books that you don't use, please stop by the EOF Department and be part of the EOF family's efforts of assisting college students to overcome one of the various obstacles that get in the way of education.

Together we can make a difference in the life of our students. Join our mission and be proud to give back and be part of the process of change.

