

MARCH EOF MATTERS

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Important College Deadlines:

- Last Day of Classes Spring II (Late Start Classes) April 24, 2010
- Last Day of Classes for Weekend College Classes April 24, 2010
- Last Day of Classes for Spring Regular Term Classes April 26, 2010
- Last Day to Withdraw from Classes March 19, 2010 (Friday)

More Important News:

The MARCH EOF APA and MLA Writing **FORUM** will take place on Tuesday March 16th from 2:30 to 4:00 PM & Thursday March 18th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the Green Snack Bar. Remember you must attend 3 forums per semester – so come on over and learn something!!!

SUMMER CLASSES \$\$\$\$\$: If you are planning on taking classes during Summer 1, there may be a federal grant available (students must register for 6 credits). Check with financial aid Officer to find out if you are eligible for this opportunity.

GREAT TRANSFER NEWS: The *Career Resource Center* presents Instant Decision Days at Essex County College for students with 40+ credits who are planning to transfer for Fall 2010. Sign up today in the Career Resource Center, or call Ms. Brenda Grooms, Associate Director on X3184 for an appointment to meet with admission representatives for an on the spot decision. Here is the current schedule: Rutgers University 4/ 20/10 10:00am – 4:00pm NJIT 4/6/10 & 4/27/10 11:00am - 3:00pm New Jersey City University 4/1/10 & 5/5/10 10:00am – 2:00pm



All June Graduates please meet with your counselor to discuss graduation requirements and activities!

Great Scholarship Opportunities :

Attention Graduating Students: *If you are graduating, have attained academic standing (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and participated in one or more Community and Continuing Education (CCE) Programs then apply for the Community and Continuing Education 2010 Scholarship. Contact your EOF Counselor today for an application. We have the applications!!!!*

[Casey Family Programs](#) and [The Orphan Foundation of American](#) are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2010-2011 academic year (www.orphan.org). The Casey Family `Scholars Program will award approximately 75 new scholarships for undergraduate study and career/technical training at accredited institutions and programs. A limited number of graduate school scholarships will also be awarded. Scholarships include support services. **The online application closes at midnight March 31, 2010.**

Free Tax Preparation-----and free help with renewing your fin. aid for next year! Attention Essex County College Students who are earning less than \$49,000 if married or with dependents OR less than \$25,000 if single without dependent ,you can reduce your taxes or even get money back! Service Available Jan 15, 2010 to April 15, 2010 in the GREEN AREA EOF 10 AM to 2PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3 PM to 7PM Wednesdays Contact Kevin Kurdziel 973-877-1856 kkurdzie@essex.edu for more information!!! Remember to Bring: Proof of ID and social security cards for everyone on return, W-2 forms for each job, if claiming childcare expenses, documentation & provider's tax ID, any other tax-related documentation you have received (i.e. 1099, tuition receipts.

Alumni News: Message from **Michael Dillard** EOF Alumni, Essex County College Class of 2005

Dear EOF Team:

I can't believe how fast time has gone. It feels just like yesterday when I was a student at Essex County College. The amount of knowledge that I received has really put me in a position to succeed. Most students I know forget about the days of ECC, however I will never forget. I know how far I've come and I have nothing but positive gratitude towards ECC. I would have never dreamed of having my master's degree at the age of 26, but I do. I would have never dreamed of being in a director's position within the healthcare arena, but I am. I also would have never dreamed of applying for a doctoral program, but I am now in the process of doing so. I took advantage of each resource at ECC from

financial aid, internships, co-op programs, tutoring workshops and much more. My best experience thus far has been the Educational Opportunity Fund. The entire team of EOF has been so supportive of me and they stuck in my corner. I strongly believe that's why I am in the position that I am in. One must never forget where they come from.

More Alumni News: Eneida DePina will be starting her new job as a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark (affiliated with St. Barnabas Hospital) in a couple of weeks. She will be working in the children's unit. She is very excited about her new career and thanks everyone in the EOF Department for all the support that she was given. Moreover, she is currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant's Program at UMDNJ. Kudos to Eneida!!!!

CELEBRATE Women's History Month – ck. The ECC website for relevant & exciting events!!!!

EOF – Get with the Program!!!!!!!!!!!!!!