



# **EOF MATTERS**

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## **Welcome Back!!!!**

### **Our first EOF Forum – “Kick-Off ‘08”**

**Focusing on what you need to know to succeed this year!!!**

**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (2:30pm) and/or Thursday, September 25, (4pm) in the Green Multipurpose Rm. --- Remember - it’s mandatory for EOF students and it’s good for you too!!!! All others are welcomed, so come on over!!!!**

**(Choose one of the dates that is best for you!)**

#### **News from Recent Grads:**

Yaritza Avila – award winning EOF Grad – called to update us last week. As many of you know, Yaritza gets around in a wheelchair, with her mighty mother close behind. Yaritza is at Rutgers Newark and, like most new students, they keep getting lost! She sends her love and encouragement to all EOF students and staff. Yaritza is planning to volunteer with our **EOF Alumni Group** and also speak at the EOF Forum on Transferring to 4 year colleges. Hopefully, she can give us tips on how to adjust to Rutgers-Newark!

Another success story from one of our EOF students. Katherine Briceno who graduated in May 2008 is already attending NJIT. She has enrolled in a BS/MS program and is already taking master level courses. She is very excited about her classes and living on campus.

### ***Help, I’m Broke!!!***

Calling all students – How about helping another student? – it’s easy!!!! Just donate your textbooks to the new EOF Library and Discount Book Corner. We will let the students who did not receive a voucher and/or couldn’t afford the book borrow it!!! Please see Ms. V. Genardi for more details!!!

#### **From the Desk of Ms. Calloway:**

Save the Date: Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> is the Educational Opportunity Fund Fall Conference and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening Celebration. It is an opportunity for alumni to network with students from various NJ colleges, celebrate their achievements, and enjoy wonderful entertainment. For more information, ticket prices, and the location visit [www.eofpanj.org](http://www.eofpanj.org). Also, please notify your counselor if you are planning on attending.

#### **EOF Statewide Alumni Association Scholarship Opportunity:**

There is a scholarship opportunity that is available through the EOF Statewide Alumni Association. In order to qualify you must be planning on graduating by Spring 2009, and have a

cumulative GPA of 3.2 by the end of Spring 2008. The scholarship deadline is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and you must be nominated and receive a recommendation letter from your EOF counselor. For more information visit the <http://www.eofpanj.org/documents/AlumniScholarship2008.doc> website and meet with your counselor today

**Another great scholarship opportunity:**

Scholarship to study computer science and architecture opportunity:

The grant provides scholarships from \$4000 to \$10,000 per year for female African American students. For more information about the program and applications for the program can be requested by contacting Dr. Black at [jblack@cis.famu](mailto:jblack@cis.famu) or (850) 412-7354 (2) Syracuse University has 10 Full Rides for African American Men and Women Interested in Studying Architecture. Mark Robbins, Dean of Syracuse University's School of Architecture is desperately seeking young men and women of color interested in pursuing a five year professional degree in Architecture. He says he's deeply committed to bringing diversity to his field and has scholarship money set aside to fully cover education costs for 10 students. Syracuse University's School of Architecture has a great reputation and this seems like a terrific opportunity, so please pass this on to everyone you know. Contact: Mark Robbins, Dean, School of Architecture 315-443- 2255, [robbinsm@syr.edu](mailto:robbinsm@syr.edu).

**Register to Vote!!!** You still have time!!! Stop by EOF Department, Africana Institute, Student Center to pick up a form – no stamp needed and the department will mail it for you. Any questions? 1-877-6586837 or come to see us!

***From the Desk of Ms. Mansilla:***

If you are over income and do not qualify for EOF, please see your counselor to assist you in submitting an appeal.

***From the Desk of Ms. DePascual:***

If you want to learn English but are not able to attend Essex County College, please note that Casa Don Pedro in Newark, NJ. may assist you no matter what obstacles you may have. Don't hesitate any longer and give them a call at 973-481-4713.

❖ **Counselor's Evening Hours**

2. Ivonne DePascual	Monday	11:00 am – 7:00 pm	xt. 3423
3. Ike Azubuike	Tuesday	11:00 am – 7:00 pm	xt. 3104
4. Carmen Huaman,	Wednesday	11:00 am – 7:00 pm	xt. 3385
5. TBA	Thursday	11:00 am – 7:00 pm	TBA
6. India Calloway	Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	xt. 3422
7. Caroline Beretta	Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	xt. 3405

❖ **EOF Tutors are here for you!!!! Ms. Class, Elizabeth, Mr. Mercado. Daniel are back!!!**

- Stop by the office and pick up a schedule! Come and Study with us – no matter how you are doing!

**Reminder ---- Check these websites – everyday!!!** [essex.edu](http://essex.edu) is regularly updated to tell you all you need to know about events, classes, resources. Click on **Academics** and you will find the EOF program page. Of course, you must check your college email often as well – and always keep in touch!!!

**EOF: GET WITH THE PROGRAM!**