Hi, my name is Alpha Yekee and I am the editor for this month’s newsletter. Currently, I am a sophomore at ECC and majoring in the Social Science Division planning to be a Social Worker. This year my internship is in the EOF Department where I can be found most evenings so stop by, say hello, and I will assist you!!

**EOF Matters**

The Monthly Newsletter from the Educational Opportunity Program at ECC December - 2013

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**Dear Students** ---- Please remember to keep in contact with EOF – attend Forums, see your Counselor, use the tutors!!! Remember – use us or lose us!!!

**EOF Tutors --- Get to know them!!**

**Are you on academic probation?** Is financial aid threatening to pull the plug? Meet our caring tutors who are willing to work with you to make sure that you pass the course(s) you are struggling with.

EOF Students participated in **STUDENT DAY** – a special leadership event for **Kean University EOF student statewide, November 15, 2013**. See the photo below:

**Are you interested in becoming an EOF student????** In late January 2014 we will know how many opening we will have in the program ---- so keep eye out for our emails, posters, flyers maybe you can join us!!! For more information, please call Joanna Romano, Director x3231 or Ms. Patricia Paniagua, EOF Resource Specialist x 3386 or stop by the department!

**Important Dates:**

- Web (Online) Registration opens for Winter Intersession 2013 December 12
  - Last Day of Fall II Semester Classes December 14
  - Last Day of Weekend College Semester Classes December 14
  - Last Day of Fall Semester Classes December 16
  - Grades Due to the Registrar (Fall 2013) December 19
    - Holiday Recess Dec. 23 to Jan.1
    - College Closed December 24-25
  - First Day of Winter Intersession 2013 Classes, Classes held in CFT Building December 18
    - Last Day to Withdraw from Winter Intersession December 26
    - Last Day of Classes for Winter Intersession January 6
    - Grades Due to the Registrar (Winter Intersession) January 8
**Winter Session – have you signed up yet???
December 18 – January 6!!!

Take a course for 10 days and get 3 credits! That’s right! Participating in the ECC Winter Session is a good investment of time. Hey, what else are you doing??? This will lead you faster to your graduation goal – learn more about it by going online – or call your EOF Counselor for details.

*Have you heard about Chi Alpha Epsilon?*

Chi Alpha is a society that offers students who maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for two consecutive semesters the opportunity to associate with some of the brightest minds in the nation. This society brings together academicians from every profession for the gratification of academic achievement. Our newly endorsed president (Dr. Gale E. Gibson) is the main force behind the induction of this society at ECC. She spoke at the lunch of the society and pledged to underwrite the enrollment cost for all of the candidates (so far 43 EOF Students).

*Our EOF student Gabriel Gullen donates a turkey for Thanksgiving! One of our ECC Families will be enjoying a turkey basket with their love ones. Kudos!*

**EOF Alumni Success Story**

My name is Guerlang Exandus, I graduated from Columbia High School 2006 and enrolled at the ECC fall of 2008. It was very challenging for me to keep up with the demands of school work and a full time job. For this reason, I was placed on academic probation and was subsequently dropped from financial aid. Things became very difficult for me and I almost call it quit till I came across counselors at the EOF department. EOF gave me my life back. They worked with me relentlessly and treated me like family and got me back on track. I utilized the tutorial program and my grades started to improve significantly. My GPA increased and my financial aid was restored. I finally graduated from ECC May 2013 with an Associate Degree in Education. Currently I am attending the NJCU in pursuit of my BA degree in education. I am also working at the division of education as a substitute teacher. My life is so much better and I’m so delighted to take this time to say thanks to ECC EOF department for giving me the push I needed to conquer my challenges.

*Get your EOF money funded early by registering before December 15. Come see us and we can help you!*