

Director's Message

Dear EOF Students,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to PCCC and the EOF Program. This is the first semester of school in the new millennium (bet you thought that was last year). You are at the beginning of another 1000-year odyssey; I hope you use this time as an opportunity to reflect on your life goals and how you can insure your success in achieving those goals. As you reflect, also consider how the EOF staff can assist you and reach out to us for support and assistance.

2001 is an exciting new year for us: we are moving into our new offices, and I hope that by working more closely to each other we will be able to interact more

readily in coming up with exciting programs for you. We are already on our way toward offering exciting activities for the spring semester. Carefully read this newsletter to see what we have planned and mark your calendar so you don't miss out.

Have a great semester and do not forget to see your counselor and, if required, our capable tutoring staff. Pledge to make this your most academically successful year ever!

Michelle S. Softley, EOF Director



EOF Alumni Alliance



In the Fall of 2000, the EOF Alumni Alliance began to meet in order to see what they could do to contribute to the students of EOF. These individuals are an exceptional group of students who graduated from Passaic County Community College's EOF Program and who have transferred to four year institutions. These students have a vast amount of knowledge that can be helpful to many of our students. At our last meeting, they made a commitment to doing presentations and sharing their past experiences at PCCC.

If you know of an EOF graduate or want more information on how to become active, please contact José A. Villalongo, Sr. at extension (973) 684-5572.

New Changes

Recently, the college has been undergoing some new changes that are bringing us into the new millennium with positive results, benefiting our students as well as our staff.

One new change is the Center for Student Success which will provide services such as Academic Advising, career development, counseling, testing, transfer to four-year institutions, and job placement. Also included in the Center for Student Success will be a component that will serve the student population with special needs.

These services are at your disposal, so take advantage of them. The staff is always willing to serve you and help you with your educational and career goals.



Happy New Year from the EOF Staff

The year 2000 brought many changes to the EOF Department such as departures and new additions. Two new additions were José A. Villalongo, Sr., who replaced Mr. Clarence Wright as Assistant Director of EOF and Ms. Valarie Redman, who replaced Belinda Jackson as the new EOF Counselor. We would like to welcome both of these new staff members to the EOF family.

Other accomplishments were the successful completion of the Summer Program. Our new students did exceptionally well. The staff worked hard to assist the students, and they deserve special recognition for their efforts and commitment in making the Summer Program a success.

While our programs were achieving success, our EOF Club was conducting its Annual Talent Show. The Club members put on an array of talented individuals who performed in front of a full theater. The audience was delighted and pleased by the organization of the program and the performers being presented. To the EOF Club members, our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.



Calendar of Activities

February 2001

African American History Month

February 1

Opening Ceremony
12 P.M.—Gallery

February 9

Gospel Festival
7 P.M. Theater

February 10

Getting the most out of your
volunteer experience
J. A. Villalongo
Room A201—3 p.m. to 4 p. m.

February 14

CAREER
The Career Luncheon-Medicine is
—12-1 in E-314.

February 16

Rutgers College Student Center
N J Diversity Career Day
10 a.m.—3 p.m.

February 21

African American History
Food Tasting -12 P.M. Cafeteria

February 22

The Transfer Workshop
2-1, Room TBA.

March 2001

Women's History Month

March 2

How to accomplish all our goals
J. Addison
Room A201—3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



March 6

The Career Luncheon-Nursing
Tentative—12-1 in E-314.

March 11—14

NJEOF Conference

March 15

EOF On-Site Admission
New Students
2:30 P.M. to 6P.M.

EOF Club Meetings
Every Thursday in Room A201

March 23

EOF Fashion Show
GYM — Time: 7 p.m.

March 29, 2001

The Transfer "Student Panel" Luncheon
12-1:30 in E-314.

April 2001

April 1- 4

The Biennial Tri-State
Consortium of EOF Conference
The Long Island Marrio Hotel

April 17, 2001

The Career Luncheon-Business
Tentative - 12-1 in E-314.

April 24

Stress Management: Relax, Refresh,
Rejuvenate
Room A201—3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Career Workshops

Appropriate Dress & Interviewing Skills

February 21, 2001

12—1 p.m. Career Lab

Real time Interviews

February 28, 2001

12—2 p.m. Career Lab

**Students *MUST* attend *BOTH*
sessions**

The EOF Department will host its annual Student Leadership Conference on Friday, March 16, 2001. **Attendance is *Mandatory*** so mark your calendars. This year our focus will be on the importance of personal wellness. There will be workshops in the areas of money management, creating a personal mission statement and stress management. Of course you can expect a great meal and a great luncheon speaker.

See you there!!!!



EOF New Staff Additions

WELCOME TO ALL NEW STUDENTS AND WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING STUDENTS. MY NAME IS VALARIE REDMAN AND I AM THE NEW EOF COUNSELOR. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PATERSON. I ATTENDED ST. THERESE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ACADEMY. UPON COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL, I ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WHERE I RECEIVED MY B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH A MINOR

"I am very happy to be back home in Paterson."

IN EDUCATION. AS AN UNDERGRADUATE, I DID COUNSELING AT STRAIGHT AND NARROW'S DETOXIFICATION UNIT HERE IN PATERSON. I WENT ON TO GET MY M.S.E.D. IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. DURING MY TIME THERE, I

WORKED AS A COUNSELOR AT SOUTH PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK HOME IN PATERSON WORKING AS PART OF SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM HERE AT PCCC. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND WORKING WITH YOU.

VALARIE REDMAN

AS A FORMER EOF STUDENT OF PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I AM PROUD TO SERVE AS THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EOF. MANY OF YOU ALREADY KNOW ME AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT, I WILL INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS JOSE A. VILLALONGO, SR. AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN PATERSON SINCE 1974. I GRADUATED FROM PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN 1984 AND WENT ON TO MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM MONTCLAIR, I WAS HIRED AS THE COORDINATOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES. I SERVED IN THAT POSITION FOR 10 YEARS AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND DEPARTMENT. WHILE AT PCCC I OBTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. I FEEL FORTUNATE BECAUSE NOT ONLY WAS I A STUDENT OF PCCC, BUT I WAS HIRED BY THE VERY SAME COLLEGE I GRADUATED FROM. I SERVE OUR STUDENTS WITH PRIDE AND CAN RELATE TO BEING AN EOF STUDENT. I FEEL I WILL BE AN EOF STUDENT FOR LIFE.



JOSÉ A. VILLALONGO, SR.

The EOF Club

The EOF club is a student organization that helps promote community service and social programs while building leadership qualities in our students.

The EOF Club also benefits Passaic County Community College in a number of ways. It promotes cooperation by allowing students to work together. It encourages creativity with its programs and provides a social outlet for students attending PCCC.

All these wonderful attributes make being involved in the EOF Club a lot of fun.

We see things happen and get things done.

In order for the EOF Club to continue its success in accomplishing events planned, your participation is important. For the past three years the EOF Club has been named the most active club on campus and that is in part due to the efforts of the EOF Club members as well as its advisors.

To get involved stop by Mr. Stafford Barton's office in Room S202.



Specialized Tutoring Schedule

The tutors are available to help you succeed, so take advantage of the opportunity to ask competent and caring individuals who have the ability to help you improve your math, reading and English skills.



Specialized tutoring in MA 120 and AC 101, 103
Tuesdays: 6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p. m.

Specialized tutoring in MA 120, 121, 201 and PY 101, 102, 120, 121

Mondays: 10:30 a. m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 10:30 a. m. - 2:00 p. m.

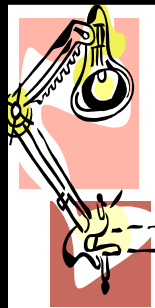
Wednesdays: 12:00 p. m. - 3:30 p. m.

EOF VIPE

Passaic County Community College
Educational Opportunity Fund
One College Boulevard
Paterson, NJ 07505

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Do you have an article, poetry, or a
photograph that you want to share?
Contact José A. Villalongo in Room
A240



EOF Alumni Alliance Spotlight

Jacqueline Addison

It is with pride that we spotlight Ms. Jacqueline Addison, who was a 1999 graduate of Passaic County Community College. Ms. Addison majored in Human Services and was an active EOF student. Currently, she is attending New Jersey City University, majoring in Sociology with a minor in Women's Studies. She is expecting to graduate this coming May.

Ms. Addison is an activist and has participated in several college organizations and community activities.

She is currently the president of the Sociology Club at New Jersey City University, Director of the Triangle Panther cheerleading team, and a

member of Greater Faith Church of the Abundance where she is coordinating the Sister-to-Sister Ministry.

While at PCCC, she founded the Peer Counseling Club and participated in the EOF club. Also, she was very active with the Student Activities Office.

This is just the beginning for Ms. Addison; we believe she will be doing great things and bringing about many positive changes in her community.

Good Luck, Ms. Addison, from your EOF Family!

If you wish to be highlighted in the EOF VIPE, please contact Mr. José A. Villalongo, Sr. at (973) 684-5572.

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