

Mission College - Extended Opportunity Program and Services (408) 855 – 5055  
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Dear students,

We hope that your semester is going well so far. Monday, March 16 is the beginning of second appointments in EOPS so please remember to bring the student progress forms to your meeting. Hopefully you will be passing all your classes! Study hard; you'll get some time off at the end of this month with a week long spring break!

~Jennica and Theresa

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### Important Dates to Remember



Thursday, Mar. 26 - Mission College Blood Drive  
Saturday, Mar. 28 - CARE Conference  
Monday, Mar. 30 - Saturday, April 4 - Spring Break  
Tuesday, April 15 & Wednesday, April 16 - Priority Registration for Summer and Fall 2009 classes

### EOPS Drop-In

Monday, March 16 will begin the second contact time frame, and we will also have drop-in to count for second contact for students who have all A's & B's on their student progress forms. If you are eligible, please check with the EOPS office for more information on dates and times. Again, if you do not have all A's and B's on all progress forms, you must have an appointment instead!

### Need a Late-Start Class?



Counseling 1: 2 units. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:05 pm- 4:30 pm, starts April 6, 2009 to May 27, 2009 room to be announced

### Mission College Blood Drive



Give life; give blood! It's time again for the annual blood drive at Mission College, and we especially need those with type O blood! Please sign up to donate your blood by logging on to [www.beadonor.com](http://www.beadonor.com) (sponsor code - mission), or call 408-855-5142 or come directly to the Health Services Room:W1-303 to make an appointment. The actual date of blood donation is Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm in the Main Building, Center Space. The Mission College Blood Drive is co-sponsored by Student Health Services, AGS Honor Society and VSA Club. For more information about the blood donation process and donor eligibility, please visit [www.HelpSaveALife.org](http://www.HelpSaveALife.org). Anyone can give blood at this event including non-Mission College students, so please tell your family and friends about it!

### Penny for Your Thoughts?

Got a suggestion to improve EOPS? Want to thank a staff member for a good job done? Use our new feedback form at the Front Desk! This is your opportunity to tell us what you really think about EOPS! We promise we will read it and consider any comments you would provide. And when you're done, take a penny for your thoughts!

## More Scholarship Opportunities



Many students took advantage of the Mission College and EOPS Consortium scholarships, and to all those who applied, we say, "Good Luck and Congratulations!" Regardless of the outcome, you've gone through a valuable learning experience in completing a scholarship application, and you now will have that essay that can be used for future applications. Here are two more opportunities that you might qualify for:

### Latino Business Professionals of Silicon Valley/California Hispanic Professional Association

The LBP/CHispPA scholarship for 2009 is geared towards Latino students or those of an underrepresented minority group who is pursuing a course of study in accounting, finance or a business-related field. In addition, you must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be a college student. Special consideration will be given to students from the urban San Jose area. Proof of enrollment at an eligible educational institution is required. To obtain an application, visit

<http://www.LBPbayarea.org>. Deadline: March 18, 2009.

### Chi Am Circle - 2009 Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded to Santa Clara County community college re-entry women of Asian descent who demonstrate academic excellence and involvement in college and the community. Scholarships are awarded for merit and service, as well as financial need. Applicants must be full time community college students in Santa Clara County for the 2008 - 2009 academic year, be a re-entry woman student, be of Asian descent, and live in Santa Clara County. For an application, visit <http://chi-am.org/scholarship/>. Scholarships are also available to eligible high school students. Deadline: Saturday, April 4, 2009.

And if you have a lot of time, this is a great guide that lists scholarship deadlines on a monthly basis!

[www.house.gov/roybal-allard/2008\\_Scholarship\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard/2008_Scholarship_Guide.pdf)

## Attention Transfer Students!



Have you applied to the EOP program at your transferring CSU university? (EOP is the equivalent of EOPS at the community colleges.) If not, you need to do so as soon as possible as the original deadline was March 2 for San Jose State. To do so, visit

<http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/>. Scroll down to the last category, "Educational Opportunity Program." Click on that and apply for the 2008 - 2009 year. You will use the same username and password as for the general application. Students transferring to CSU East Bay will only be allowed to apply to EOP for the Fall quarter; CSU East Bay is closed to new EOP students for the other quarters.

## Upcoming CARE Conference

If you're in CARE and would like to attend this year's conference on Saturday, March 28, please see CARE Specialist Rene Mesa. This year's conference will be hosted at Mills College in Oakland. Mills enjoys a well-respected reputation as a women's college, and this would be a wonderful opportunity to visit a college you might not otherwise know of. Hurry, though, because space is limited so contact Rene today at 408.855.5060!

## WST Workshop for Students Transferring to SJSU



Planning to transfer to a CSU, particularly SJSU? Are you in English 1B or have completed it already? If you answer "yes" to both questions, then you should attend this workshop! This presentation will provide an overview of the WST test, which will be administered on April 4 and June 20. This workshop is ideal for students preparing for the June test. Workshop information: Thursday, May 7 from 5 - 7 pm in Room N1-401. Please register in the EOPS office at E1-403 or call 408.855.5055.

## Job Placement Center



Don't forget that Mission has a place that can help students look for work! The Job Placement Center in Room C1-110 (Main Building, Center Space) can help you while you're looking for a full-time or part-time job. They can also help you to create a resume, learn interviewing skills, and many other valuable skills.

### Need Help Doing Your Taxes?

VITA provides free assistance to those who need to file their taxes. For more information, visit <http://www.sjlibrary.org/research/web/vita.htm> to find the location nearest you. Why spend money doing your taxes when you may qualify for this great service?

### MAPS Math Program Available in Fall 2009

Good news! The MAPS (Math Achievement Pathway to Success) program will be available once again for the 2009 - 2010 year. Qualifying students would have completed Math 902 by Spring 2009 and are eligible for Math 903 in Fall 2009. For more information, visit

[www.missioncollege.org/depts/math/MAPS](http://www.missioncollege.org/depts/math/MAPS)

or speak to an EOPS Counselor.

### 150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs

Want to know what TIME Magazine reports to be the best jobs to have during an economic downturn? Visit this site:

<http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1858773,00.html>

### Eco Fair at Mission

April 22 will be Earth Day, and at Mission, we will be celebrating this with an Eco Fair coordinated by the student campus group EcoLogic. There will be representatives from many companies, government agencies and non-profit organizations. For example, PG&E will be giving out free CFL lightbulbs. Make sure to attend to get more information regarding ways to save our beautiful planet. You might even learn about employment opportunities!

## The Green Focus

### "What is a carbon footprint?"

If someone said to you, "You have a huge carbon footprint!" That's not exactly a compliment! How much carbon dioxide your lifestyle creates is called your "carbon footprint", and home energy use, cars, and airplanes are how most of us produce carbon. When carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, it contributes to global warming, and hopefully that is a term you've all heard of. When you drive your car, the emission from your car creates carbon dioxide along with other chemicals, which causes a larger "footprint" than if you were to walk, ride a bicycle or even take the bus. Carpooling is one way minimize your footprint. To check your "size", go to

<http://green.yahoo.com/calculator/>.

Other ways to reduce your impact?

- When it's cold at home, wear extra clothes instead of turning up the heat. This also saves on the energy bill!

- Don't do laundry until you have a full load to save water or a trip to the laudromat. This saves on the water bill or a trip to the laundromat!

- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Not only do these release less carbon into the environment, but they also last longer, which once again saves on the electricity bill!

- And of course, reduce, reuse, recycle!!!

As you can see, going "green" actually saves you money in the long run, not to mention you're creating a better environment for your children and for yourself.

### Why do people wear green on Saint Patrick's Day?

The colors of the Republic of Ireland are a tricolor of green, white, and orange. The orange supposedly represents the protestant population, the green the Catholic, and the white the peace between them. (Let's just leave Northern Ireland out of this.) Protestants don't celebrate saint's days. So the wearing of green is a symbol of Saint Patrick's day and then Ireland, the Emerald Isle, in general. The day as a holiday with parades, green beer etc. is more of an American tradition than Irish, and of course on St. Paddy's day everyone is Irish. From: [http://wiki.answers.com/Q/Why\\_do\\_people\\_wear\\_green\\_on\\_Saint\\_Patrick's\\_Day](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/Why_do_people_wear_green_on_Saint_Patrick's_Day)

