

A Monthly Bulletin for
Mission College EOPS
Students

Keeping Tabs

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Dear students,

Welcome back to another semester at Mission College! Here's wishing you all the best with school and life as we enter 2009! February is Black History Month, and read below to participate in a contest where you can win prizes for answering trivia questions. May this be a productive and enjoyable semester for you all!

~Jennica and Theresa
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Important Dates to Remember



Thursday, Feb. 12 - Last day to add semester-length classes and drop classes for refund.

Friday, Feb. 13 - Monday, Feb. 16 - NO CLASSES THESE DAYS!!!! Lincoln Day Holiday and Washington Day Holiday, campus closed.

Friday, Feb. 20 - Last day to drop a class without a "W" on your transcript

Thursday, Feb. 26 - Deadline to submit the Mission College/Financial Aid scholarship application (see below)

Sunday, Mar. 2 - FAFSA deadline for 2009 - 2010 academic year

Monday, Mar. 2 - EOP application deadline for transferring students to SJSU

Monday, Mar. 2 - Last day to file application for Spring graduation degree and certificates. Admissions & Records no longer allow an extension of taking one class in the summer.

Wednesday, Mar. 4 - Deadline to submit the EOPS Consortium scholarship application(see below for information on the scholarship)

Monday, Mar. 30 - Saturday, Apr. 4 - Spring Break, campus closed.

Scholarship Opportunities – get your applications in EOPS



EOPS Consortium

These scholarships are offered by the consortium of EOPS programs at various community colleges such as West Valley, San Jose City College, Evergreen, Gavilan, Ohlone and Mission and are geared towards EOPS students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5. One student from Mission College will be guaranteed a \$200 scholarship. Applications are now available in the EOPS office. Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2009 by 12 noon to the EOPS office.

Mission College through Financial Aid

These application packets are available at the Financial Aid Office and also in EOPS. Submission of this application will enable you to be considered for all scholarships offered at Mission. Deadline: Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

It's Black History Month!



Here's a fun way to participate and to test your knowledge of the contributions of African Americans. Each week in February, there will be a trivia question posted, with a total of four questions and prizes being available for the month of February. If you know the answer to the question of that week, fill out an entry form in the EOPS office by 1 pm each Friday, except this week since the campus will be closed on Friday. This year's prizes include an assortment of quality merchandise from Barnes & Noble bookstore.

[Black History Month: Question of the Week](#)

Week 2: Feb. 9-12, 2009

These three dances were popularized in the 1960s, due in part to vocal recordings made famous by Don Julian & the Larks, Dee Dee Sharp, and Chubby Checker. What are the dances? The J _ _ _ , the M _ _ _ _ _ P _ _ _ _ _ , and the T _ _ _ _ .

Week 3: Feb. 17-20, 2009

Lay's, Laura Scudder, Granny Goose and numerous other snack manufacturers have this man of African American/Native American ancestry to thank for invention of the potato chip. Who was the man and what was the potato chip first called?

Week 4: Feb. 23-27, 2009

This internationally renowned self-taught visual artist's creations consist primarily of vibrant-colored paintings depicting people of various skin-tone hues. Her works have been produced as book illustrations, frameable prints/cards, and U.S. postage stamps celebrating Kwanzaa. Her piece *Brilliance* is currently featured on merchandise in Barnes & Noble stores. Name the artist.

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Entry forms available in the EOPS Office (E1-403)
M-Th 9:30-5:30, F 9:30-1:00. Fill out and turn in your entry form in the EOPS Office.

Green Focus



With the new president and administration in the White House in Washington, DC, we are sure to hear more regarding green jobs in the future. For that reason and for the purpose of raising awareness about the environment, Keeping Tabs will now feature regular information regarding this topic. First of all, what is a "green job?" A simple definition according to Pete Altman at the Natural Resources Defense Council is that "A green job is just like a regular job only the result of what you are making or doing is good for the environment." Many of the so-called "green" jobs are familiar and don't require significant retraining. "If you are a machinist building pipeline equipment, you could just as easily be a machinist building wind turbine equipment." Another expert, Jackie Roberts of the Environmental Defense Fund, says that "Green jobs have the potential to replace jobs in declining sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and auto manufacturing. The biggest jobs are going to be in maintaining wind turbines and installing solar panels. In order to bring costs down, solar panels are going to need to be manufactured more like automobiles. The production-line experience of autoworkers will translate well into solar, for example. Information taken from <http://green.yahoo.com/blog/greenpicks/231/what-the-green-collar-economy-means-for-you.html>.

EOPS students would be well advised to start thinking about this leading edge field, as many say that the next big economic "boom" will come from green development, similar to the way computers were in the 1990s. For more information, visit <http://green.yahoo.com/>.

Drop-in Times



If you have a quick question for either Chau or Theresa, drop-in is a great time to ask them! Throughout the semester, Chau will have drop-in on Wednesdays from 1 - 1:50 pm, and Theresa will have drop-in on Thursdays from 11 - 11:50 am. You are welcome to see either counselor. Please remember that this is not intended to substitute an appointment. Availability of dates are subject to change due to counselors' schedules.

What to Do with AA Batteries?



Did you know that if you throw the little batteries (such as AA, AAA, etc.) into the garbage, it will be taken to the dump, where the chemicals from the batteries would eventually leak out and contaminate the soil and possibly ground water? So what should you do with them? Easy! Bring them to EOPS and give them to EOPS Counselor Theresa, who will then drop them off at a local hazardous materials drop-off site. If you would like to know where a site is near you, you can find out directly by going to

http://search.earth911.com/?what=Hazardous&where=95054&max_distance=25&family_id=&latitude=&longitude=&country=&province=&city=

Enter what you want to recycle (batteries plus many more items) and your zip code. It's as easy as that!



Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Valentine's Day!