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Dear students,

Two more weeks! Can you believe it? For those who have completed their first full academic year at Mission College, we say congratulations! For everyone, we wish you an enjoyable time off, and may your summer months be filled with relaxation. Even if you are taking classes in the summer, try to fit in some rest time! Remember to slow down to enjoy your family and friends this summer. For those of you who will be graduating and/or transferring and will not be returning to Mission, we wish you the very best in your future endeavors. EOPS students who will be returning in the fall semester, look out for the letter we will send during the summer to inform you of EOPS updates for the 2009 - 2010 year. Good luck with finals, everyone!

~Jennica and Theresa

Keeping Tabs

It's Finals Crunch on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21!

Take a break and come in to EOPS on these dates to get some tasty snacks! We know you'll be studying hard, so stop by to say "hi" and enjoy some treats each day. On Wednesday & Thursday, come in from 10 am - 4 pm. In addition, if you are graduating or transferring and have not come in to see us, we would like to give you a farewell educational memento from the EOPS program.



Information for Graduation Participants

If you are participating in the graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 31, EOPS can help by providing a voucher to receive a gown (for certificate recipients) and a cap and gown (for degree recipients). Vouchers are now available. Please contact the EOPS front desk if you would like a voucher.



EOPS Consortium Scholarship Recipients

Two of our very own EOPS students, Thuy Nguyen and Rohit Sahu, have received a scholarship from

the EOPS Consortium, which is a collective of community college EOPS programs including Cabrillo, Chabot, Evergreen, Foothill, Gavilan, and Hartnell, Monterey Peninsula, Ohlone, San Jose City, and West Valley. A big congratulations to Thuy, who received the Mission College scholarship and to Rohit, who received the "Transfer Student" scholarship for the whole region.

Director's Annual Summer Letter

In mid-summer, our EOPS Director, Deborah LeFalle, will send a letter to you regarding updates for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please make sure to read this letter and make note of any changes! Due to the ongoing budget challenge in California, EOPS's full funding is uncertain, and to ensure that you receive all the support that you would normally get from EOPS, make sure to abide by all necessary policies and timelines. That means for FAFSA, to complete all necessary paperwork as soon as you are notified by the Financial Aid office. If you do not submit all necessary forms within 30 days, you may not be guaranteed your grants. In addition, please remember to attend your appointments in EOPS. Having a "No Show" will hurt your ability to receive all EOPS services.



Fall 2009 Appointments

You may begin making appointments for the Fall semester on August 3rd. Most students will need two appointments: one with a counselor for the first counseling session, and the second one either for the Book Service or to see the EOPS/CARE Specialist for the CARE program. Please remember to bring a copy of your class schedule to the first contact of the Fall semester (whether it is with an EOPS Counselor or the EOPS/CARE Specialist) so we can have a record of it in your folder. You will also receive a letter from the EOPS Director in the summer with updates for 2009 - 2010, including specific dates to remember and to remind you to make these important appointments. Upon making the appointments, please make sure to attend!!! Again, if you miss your first appointment, it will count as a "No Show" and there may be major consequences for not attending.

EOPS Applications for 2009-2010

Continuing students will not need to reapply for EOPS for the next academic year, but if you know any new students who are interested in applying, please inform them they can do so now. Since this is on a first-come, first-served basis, the earlier the application is submitted, the better. Applicants should be registered in 12 units for Fall 2009 and have applied for the FAFSA. For the best chance of getting accepted, please have the FAFSA file completed by July 1. There are no EOPS services for the summer. New students should submit their application by **August 10** to have priority in being admitted for the Fall 2009 semester.



Update on Financial Aid in the Summer

Some students were previously told that taking 6 units would enable them to receive



financial aid during the summer. While the Financial Aid office still hopes to do this, computer software programs are not allowing this to happen at the current moment. If you would like to get clarification on your own specific situation with taking summer classes this fall, please consult with a financial aid advisor.



Congratulations and Farewell!

EOPS would like to say a fond farewell to Jennica Nguyen, who has been a student assistant in EOPS for the past three years. Jennica is transferring to a 4-year university in the fall, and we wish her the very best. Like many students in EOPS, Jennica started in ESL classes, but she has made her way to completing all necessary classes (even English 1B and Comm 1!) and is now ready to start the next adventure in her life. Jennica has helped to create Keeping Tabs for all of you to enjoy these past years, and she has been a loyal and hard-working student and employee, qualities that will serve her well. We will miss you, Jennica!

Another student assistant who will be transferring is Kim Ngan Huynh, who will be attending San Jose State University to study social work. Ngan has been a reliable assistant who has helped tremendously in the front desk with Xuan for the past two and a half years. There's a chance we might still see her next year so we won't say good-bye just yet!

