Answered the Call

Getting Ready for the Fall

How did you spend your summer before college?

For seventy-one students participating in the EOP Summer Program, the answer would be taking rigorous six credits and possibly a chemistry seminar, while living in the residence hall and being subjected to mandatory study and an 11pm curfew for six weeks. However, based on the comments submitted in the student evaluations submitted at the end of the summer program, maybe it wasn’t all that bad.

“Nice experience overall. It was a good way to adjust, especially for someone living in the dorms. It was a good wake up call for us to realize how challenging college can be.”

“It has been 6 tough weeks with a lack of sleep, but it has been an amazing experience.”

“I expected it to be hot, but I was wrong. Turned out to be a good summer experience.”

“Great experience and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity. I loved being here.”

“It was a good experience. Although the program was stressful I enjoyed being a part of it.”

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People You Should Meet

New Faces in Familiar Places

EOP welcomes two new full-time staff members and a graduate assistant to its family.

Dr. Donte McFadden is the new Associate Director of ACE (Administration, Curriculum and Evaluation). Donte is originally from Milwaukee and before coming to MU, served as the Visiting Professor of Film and Representation Studies at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Prior to that, Donte served as the Interim Director of the Ronald E. McNair Program and the Assistant Director of the Graduate Diversity and Opportunities Program, both at UW-Milwaukee. He is an alum of MU’s Upward Bound Program and of UWM McNair Scholars Program.

In his new role, Dr. McFadden will oversee the management of the TRIO grants and budgets; coordinate all academic enrichment, including EOP courses and tutoring; and assist in program assessment.

Ms. Felis Parris has been the McNair Coordinator since February, replacing Matthias Seisay. Felis has been working very hard, helping this year’s corps of McNair Scholars complete their research during the intensive McNair Research Institute over the summer, coordinating graduate school visits to UW and travel research conferences. Felis is no stranger to campus; she has been at MU since 2010, working as an academic advisor with the College of Professional Studies for four years and later with the College of Business Administration Graduate School of Management.

Ms. Devonna Jackson is the new McNair Graduate Assistant. She is in her first year in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program here at MU. A graduate and McNair Scholar from UW-Madison, she replaces Stephanie Hood and will work with MU McNair Scholars on their graduate school planning.

Ready for the Fall

“I absolutely loved it. It took a lot of hard work but it was amazing meeting all these unique people who are now my closest friends.”

“The program greatly helped me to open up to new people. It also helped by getting a head start for the fall.”

“Best decision of my life.”

Judging by the feedback, this year’s summer cohort is ready for the fall. “Overall, I thought it went well because there were several cool events planned out,” said Peer Counselor Sandra Contreras. “Space was given to them [the freshmen] which helped out in their transition to college.”

“We Got Next”

Freshmen looking for a game with alums at the EOP Alumni BBQ in July. Left to right are Marques Turner, Ve’Jhon Johnson, Kawan Lever, Karl Tatum, Shawn Turner and SaVaughn King.
FAFSA pin numbers are now invalid for students and parents. You and your parent(s), if applicable, must create a new user name and password at www.fafsa.ed.gov before January 1, 2016 to apply for financial aid or to complete a Stafford loan promissory note.

Beware of scholarship or financial aid scams that request payment to receive information on scholarships or other forms of financial aid. You should never pay to receive scholarship information or apply for financial aid.


We will be requesting “mass disbursement” refunds during Mid-Term week. If you are eligible to receive a refund and you have signed up for direct deposit, funds will be deposited to your designated bank account on or about Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

If you are NOT signed up for direct deposit, your refund will be in disbursed in the form of a paper check and will be available for pick-up in my office on or about Wednesday, October 21, 2015. In order to avoid the hassles associated with receiving a paper check, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT IMMEDIATELY! Instructions are available via the “Sign up for direct deposit” link under “Announcements” in the far right column at www.marquette.edu/mucentral.

How Can I Give Back to EOP?

Be A PUMP Mentor

On Tuesday, September 8th, EOP’s very own mentoring program kicked off with a bowling event at the Annex. This spirited event was the first time many of the mentors had the opportunity to meet and hang out with their mentees, while showing off their bowling prowess.

The Peer Undergraduate Mentoring Program (PUMP) pairs current sophomore, junior, and senior EOP students with new, incoming freshmen class to serve as an extension of EOP services as another resource the new freshmen can utilize to help guide them through their first year on campus and in the program. All mentors volunteered to be a part of the program and went through training this past April. With 70 freshmen and over 30 mentors, each mentor was given two freshmen to work with. Matching drew on the mentors and mentees’ majors, interests, and other factors.

The program will continue for both semesters, with the goal that many of the current freshmen mentees become mentors to the new freshmen of 2016. If you are interested in becoming a mentor in the future or would like more information on the program, please stop by Steve Wysocki’s office (CH 314) or email him at steven wysocki@marquette.edu.

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EOP GRADUATION
Roll Call

The following EOP students graduated in May or August, 2015:

**Klinger College of Arts and Sciences**
- Nataly Aguirre, Psychology and Spanish
- Rebekah A Allen, Criminology & Law Studies and Interdisc Women’s/Gender Studies
- Rawan H Atari, Psychology
- Ricardo Diaz, Literature and Philosophy
- Abigail Frias, French
- Jasmine Mack-McGrady, Social Welfare & Justice
- Joseph Martinez II, Spanish
- Alexa S McDowell, Criminology & Law Studies
- Edwin Medina, Criminology & Law Studies and Spanish
- Quinyatta Mitchell, Psychology
- Ahmad Murrar, Criminology & Law Studies and Political Science
- Lauren Norman, Social Welfare and Justice
- Laree J Pourier, Social Welfare and Justice
- Wendolyn Romo, Social Welfare & Justice and Spanish
- Raquel M. Silva, Political Science and Spanish
- Ashley Truss, Criminology & Law Studies

**Dierderich College of Communication**
- Alma Martinez, Broadcast & Electronic Communication
- Melina Morales, Advertising and Spanish
- Shalese Miller, Advertising
- Anna O Ogunkunle, Public Relations and Spanish
- Ayah Sarsour, Corporate Communication and Political Science
- Micah T. Scott, Public Relations and Marketing
- Luzelela Teilez, Advertising
- Kristane Thrower, Theatre Arts and Broadcast and Electronic Comm
- Enrique Torruco, Advertising
- Julianna Whaley, Communication Studies and Advertising

**College of Business**
- Terry Calhoun, Jr, Finance and Operat & Supply Chain Mgmt
- Jovonna S Dunson, Human Resources and Operat & Supply Chain Mgmt
- Shirley Flores, Human Resources and International Business
- Stephanie Thomas, Operat & Supply Chain Mgmt. and Intern’l Business
- Tyrell D McGee, Finance and Real Estate

**College of Education**
- Shannon T Bentley, Middle/Secondary Edu/Writing Intensive English
- Danielle M Jacobs, Middle/Secondary Edu/Writing Intensive English

**College of Engineering**
- Raoul E Chinang, Mechanical Engineering
- Greg H Fong, Mechanical Engineering
- Stanko Pilopovic, Biomechanics

**College of Health Sciences**
- Alohan I Maya, Clinical Laboratory Science
- Angelina Sanchez, Biomedical Sciences

**College of Nursing**
- Ayla M Dahir, Nursing
- Natasha Todd, Nursing
- Christian Villanueva, Nursing and Spanish

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**Educational Opportunity Program**
**College Division**
**Dr. Joseph Green, Director**
Eddie M. Guzmán, Associate Director

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**Student Support Services**
- Laiya Thomas, Assistant Director, SSS
- Florie Greenhill, Counselor/Recruiter
- Steven Wysocki, Counselor
- Jacqueline Walker, Financial Aid Counselor
- Claire Dinkelman, Admin Coordinator
- Kathy Falk, Financial Aid Assistant
- Judy Koerner, Secretary

**Instructional Staff**
- Dr. Donte McFadden, Associate Director, ACE
- Dr. Richard Lewis, Writing Specialist
- Henry Kranendonk, Math Specialist
- Greg Nelson, Technology Support Specialist
- Dr. Kevin Tate, Research Specialist

**McNair Scholars Program**
- Felix Parris, Coordinator
- Devonna Jackson, Graduate Assistant

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EOP Alums Josh and Tatiana Joseph, Marilyn Jones, Yomarie Tejada, and Rabia Azam come with their kids to check it out the EOP Alumni Picnic in July.