

EOPS/CARE & SSS NEWSLETTER

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Reflections & Updates from Val

EOPS/CARE & SSS students,

As I reflect on my first semester as Director/Counselor for the EOPS/CARE and SSS programs, I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunity to work with all of you and to be a part of a staff who is committed to your success! I have met many of you, and I am impressed with your academic progress despite your other obligations and life's challenges. I am committed to assisting you in the completion of your educational goals.

A few important things to keep in mind as we plan for spring semester...

- Spring classes are filling more quickly than ever. If you haven't yet registered for spring, I advise you to do it as soon as possible. I have "walk in" times available almost every day, and the program coordinators are here to assist you as well.
- There has been a change in the process for repeating a class. "W" grades now count as an attempt for a class – not just "D" and "F" grades. This is a statewide change, so is not unique to COS. Ask if you have questions about how this could affect you.
- There has also been a change in how "W" grades affect your Financial Aid status. "W" grades will now be considered in your total attempted units – not just "D" and "F" grades – for each semester and for your overall status. There will be 3 ways you will be assessed on your "Satisfactory Academic Progress" for financial aid purposes: 1) cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, 2) completion of 67% of the units you attempt, and 3) not exceeding 72 units. You can appeal for any of these circumstances, and I will be available to guide you through that process. Again, contact us if you have questions.



We are here to help
and encourage you
to succeed, so
please come into
Eddy Hall anytime!
EOPS/SSS Staff

Thank you for welcoming me to EOPS and SSS! And let me know how I can help you.
Val

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Special points of interest:

- EOPS & SSS orientations begin January 5
- Spring semester begins January 17
- Are you financially prepared for spring?
- Do you have transportation to campus?
- Do you have internet access at home if you are taking online classes?



Each EOPS orientation will be about 2 hours long.

EOPS Spring Orientations

Yreka— Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00am or 1:00pm in TC 1 & 2

Weed -

Monday, January 9 at 10:00am or 2:00pm in DLC 3

Tuesday, January 10 at 9:00am in ESTC 113

Thursday, January 12 at 3:00pm in ESTC 113

Tuesday, January 17 at 11:00am in DLC 3 or 3:00pm in LS 3

Thursday, January 19 at 2:00pm in DLC 3

Friday, January 20 at 2:00pm in DLC 3

Monday, January 23 at 2:00pm in Board Room

In order to receive services including a book voucher from EOPS, you must attend an EOPS orientation.



SSS Orientations & Financial Literacy Workshops

Yreka Campus, Room 8

Thursday, Jan. 5th 9am-11am & 6pm-8pm

Weed Campus, LRC 2 Lab

Friday, Jan. 6th 8am-10am

Monday, Jan. 9th 8am-10am

Tuesday, Jan. 10th 8am-10am

Wednesday, Jan. 11th 3pm-5pm

Thursday, Jan. 12th 8am-10am

Friday, Jan. 13th 8am-10am

Tuesday, Jan. 17th 3pm-5pm

Wednesday, Jan. 18th 11am-1pm

Wednesday, Jan 18th 3pm-5pm

Thursday, Jan. 19th 1pm-3pm

Friday, Jan. 20th 1pm-3pm



Inspirational quotes

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."

- H. Jackson Brown

"Motivation is What Gets You Started, Habit is What Keeps You Going"

- Unknown

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

- John Quincy Adams

Priority deadline for completing FAFSA is March 2nd.

Scholarship Information

There are many scholarships that are available to apply for in the Spring.

Ford Family Foundation: Applications are online at www.getcollegefunds.org/ford_siskiyou.html. The deadline to apply is March 1st. *Scholarships available from Ford Family Foundation:*

Ford Scholars Program

Ford Restart Scholarship Program

Ford Opportunity Scholarship Program

The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Program for Sons and Daughters of Employees of Roseburg Forest Products Co.

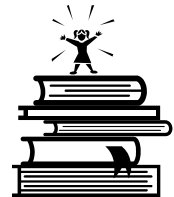
McConnell Foundation: Apply online at www.mcconnellfoundation.org

COS Foundation (available January 1st)
Pick up an application at the COS foundation office (in Student Center behind Welcome Center) or look online at www.siskiyous.edu/publicrelations/foundation/scholarships

[foundation/scholarships](http://www.siskiyous.edu/publicrelations/foundation/scholarships)

Minority Student Scholarships:

<http://cashcourse.org/cos/articles/id/1898/finding-scholarships>



Student Success

Our Fall 2011 semester was very productive for several of our students! The following have applied to various universities and some have been accepted for admission. Congratulations to the following students:

Lulu Alexander—CSU Humboldt

Kathleen Barney—CSU Humboldt, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay & Cal Poly

Theresa Burlingame—CSU Chico, Humboldt & Sacramento

Shelly Craig—Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT)

Carly Culver—CSU Chico

Ginger Darrow—CSU Chico

Darcy Doak—CSU Chico & Southern Oregon University (SOU)

Leah Henson—CSU Chico, Humboldt & Sacramento

Mista Johnson—CSU Chico

Sandy Ngouyaphanh—CSU Chico, Humboldt, Sacramento, National University & UC Davis

Lakanna Out—CSU Chico

Paula Sisson—National University

Amanda Stepanovich—CSU Chico

Also: an honorable mention to Morgan Fawcett. He is currently touring the U.S. from Washington D.C. to Alaska as an inspirational speaker for his non-profit organization, *One Heart Creations*. Inspiring others and sharing your knowledge of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a wonderful contribution to society. If you would like to learn more about this disorder or Morgan visit his website: <http://morganfawcett.vpweb.com/>

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SSS Activities

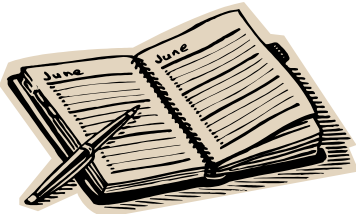
At the beginning of the fall semester we attended a musical, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. It was a musical comedy with the setting based on the 1960s American culture. It was very entertaining and fun.

We also had the opportunity to attend a Shakespeare play (*Julius Caesar*). We were able to experience this performance in the New Theater, with the stage centered and up close. The actor playing Julius Caesar was not available and was replaced by an actress. Seeing an actress in a traditionally male role, was an excellent experience.

This fall semester also included campus tours to CSU Humboldt, UC Davis and Southern Oregon University and the opportunity to see the *Nutcracker Ballet* here at COS. We will also provide other educational and cultural activities throughout the spring 2012 semester, dates and times to be provided as they become available. We do plan on going to OIT, Simpson University, National University, CSU Chico, and Southern Oregon University.

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Important Dates



January 17—Spring Semester begins

February 13— Last day to drop without posting "W" on record

February 13— EOPS book voucher expires (talk to the staff in EOPS if you need an extension on this)

February 17— Holiday (campus closed)

February 20— Holiday (campus closed)

February 21— First Progress Check in begins

March 19— Second Progress Check in begins

March 26-30— Spring Break

April 23— Registration for Summer 2012 & Fall 2012 begins

April 24— Planning Day (campus closed)

April 27— Last day to drop without a grade

May 24— Spring semester ends

Throughout the semester, you must meet with a counselor twice in the semester. The counselors are Valerie Roberts, Kim Peacemaker, Denis Hagarty, Bruce Johnston, and Sunny Greene.

