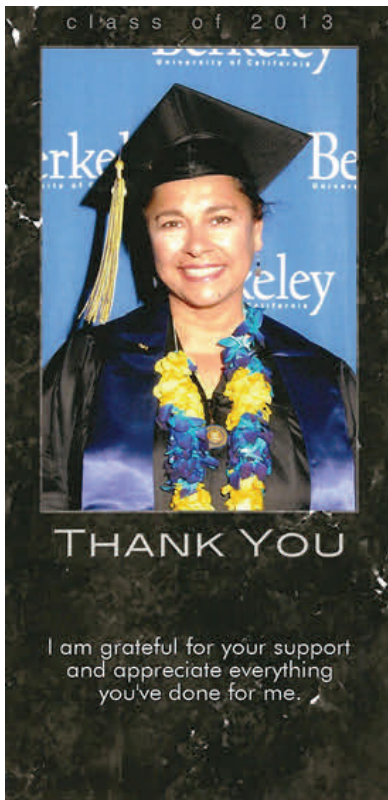


EOPS/CARE/CALWORKS/FFYSI PROGRAMS



Gratitude



Since many students are applying to transfer this month, we would like to start our newsletter with a story about one of our EOPS graduates, Blanca Whitehead. Blanca graduated from Cañada College with an AS degree in Paralegal Studies and an AA in Anthropology. She then transferred to UC Berkeley in 2011 and received her BA in Rhetoric last May.

Blanca first attended Cañada College with the intention of earning a Paralegal Certificate to get back into the workforce. Her academic success caught the attention of her counselor, Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez, who suggested to her that she apply to UC Berkeley, but the thought of attending a UC terrified her. Blanca said she felt the opportunity was out of her reach. With the encouragement and support from Lorraine, she decided to apply to UC Berkeley.

Blanca is grateful for the support from EOPS, TRIO, Linda Hayes, Yolanda Valenzuela, Jessica Einhorn, A&R and all who helped her succeed. Blanca said, *“The campus culture at Cañada makes a difference - students come first, which supports students’ success.”* She added that, *“EOPS was always there for me, willing to listen and give me their time.”*

When we asked about the advice that she would give to current EOPS students, Blanca said, *“Never stop trying, never, never give up! No matter what comes along, keep your focus until you meet your goal.”* Blanca is the first in her family to graduate from a university. Her future plan is to obtain a law degree, specializing in immigration law.



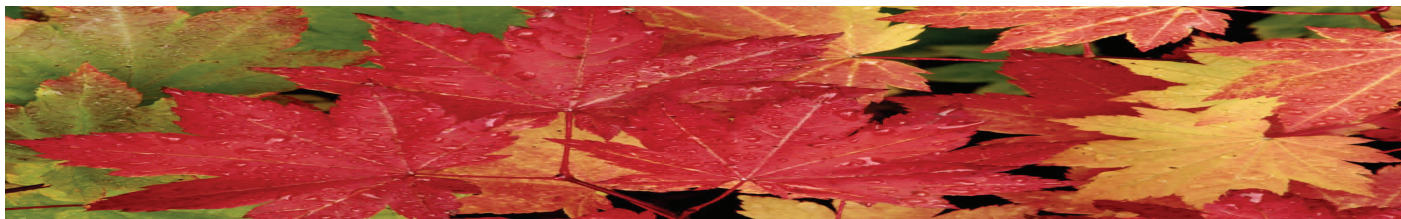
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Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday
8:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M.
Tuesday and Wednesday
8:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.
Friday
8:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.



Have You Registered For Classes?

port we were able to regain this essential service for all EOPS students.

The California state defines “good standing” as students who are not on academic/progress probation (for two consecutive semesters) or on dismissal, or have not earned more than 100 degree applicable units.

In Fall 2014, if you are not in a good standing, you will not be able to register until after the priority registration period is over.

UPCOMING CHANGE IN PRIORITY REGISTRATION

We are very pleased to announce that 60% of our students have utilized their priority registration of November 4, This is a 22% increase compared to last semester. Earlier this year, EOPS almost lost the priority registration benefit throughout the state. Due to legislative sup-

Starting in the Fall 2014 semester, students must be in “good standing” to continue receiving the priority registration and this new regulation applies to our EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs students as well.

Thinking About Dropping A Class?

The deadline to drop a class with “W” is November 15. As an EOPS student, you are required to maintain a minimum of 12 units and pass your classes with at least a “C” grade. Please meet with an EOPS counselor if you are thinking about dropping

a class so we can discuss your options.

Remember we are here to help you, please utilize us if you need us.



Spring 2014 EOPS Student Status Letters

Since grades will be posted after we mail out the EOPS status letters, it is **your responsibility** to confirm your program status for spring 2014. In the event that you have failed a class or not fulfilled program requirements, you may be required to attend an orientation or be ineli-

gible. Students in Good Standing must submit an orientation fee waiver by **January 3**. For students on Alert Status, they **MUST** attend an orientation. Failure to not submit the waiver or attend an orientation, may result in becoming **INELIGIBLE** for EOPS Book funds in the

Spring semester. **Status letters will be mailed in December. If you do not receive a letter by December 27, contact our office on January 2!**





CalWORKs Scholarship - "Portraits of Success"



If you are a CalWORKs student with a GPA of 2.00, you're invited to apply for the CalWORKs Scholarship "Portraits of Success". **Portraits of Success** is a publication of the CalWORKs Association designed to recognize the outstanding achievements of CalWORKs students as they overcome life's challenges.

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Aranyakul, CalWORKs Counselor and Coordinator aranyakuls@smccd.edu 650-381-3529

Deadline: Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

CalWORKs – Tablet Program

The San Mateo County CalWORKs Program has implemented the Tablet Lending Program.

The CalWORKs Employment Services (CW ES) is now offering program participants the opportunity to borrow Samsung Galaxy tablets in order to assist in meeting the required weekly participation hours! The tablets are not meant to be used as a full-time "activity" but can be used as a supplement to any activity you may already be participating in. The tablets come pre-programmed with job search and resume' writing apps, online

typing courses, and some audio books and trainings are available as well. If you'd like more information about this exciting new program, contact your Employment Services Specialist (ESS)/ Case Manager with Human Services.



This Tablet Program is for CalWORKs students in San Mateo County.





Your opinion matters to us! We are very pleased to publish our first Student Voice Column. Thank you Martha Contreras and to those who submitted your voice to us.

NOT JUST A DREAM

I've been attending Cañada College since 2010. As a grown-up, I never thought of going to college. As a child at the age of 9 years old, I never had the opportunity to fully attend middle school, junior high or high school because of family circumstances. As an adult I use to pass by College of the Sequoias in Visalia, CA and I would just smile as I would see students outside the campus and their faces had the expression like they were telling the world "I'm going to be somebody!" Now 3 years later, I'm attending Cañada College and it seems like a dream. Now I'm saying "I am going to be somebody!" I look around and I am very proud of what classes I have completed,



When I started taking classes family obstacles came without fail. My mother had surgery and she was left with an open wound because of infection. The wound was hard to heal due to her having diabetes. During her illness, I took care of her, a year later she was fine. A few months later, my father was diagnosed with cancer. Between my brother, sister and I, we took care of him for 18 months. We did all we could to keep him happy and comfortable for the little time he had left. Now my father has passed on.

I am very thankful to all the teachers who worked with me, and for not giving up on me. Also, my supervisor and coworkers, for doing all they could do, to help me keep my job and for being sympathetic when I had to leave due to emergencies with my father. One of the programs that help me in many different ways was EOPS. At times, when I was broke and financially unstable, EOPS help me to overcome hardships by providing me with bus passes when I had no money for transportation as well as a laptop to do my homework when I was taking care of my father. Moreover, the EOPS counselors help me to organize my classes so that I wouldn't take more than I could handle. Most of all, their staff were so kind and understanding and always willing to help. I have had so many great experiences here at Cañada College that I would recommend this college to everyone.

Remember, if you're attending College and obstacles come up, please don't give up, talk to someone, and don't be afraid to ask for help. I know, I'm living my dream here at Cañada College!

By Martha Contreras



There is a possibility that Toys for Tots will donate toys to current EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs students who have children. Please let our office know if you are interested in participating no later than Monday, November 20, by 3:00pm, (650) 306-3300.

