Hello EOP Family!

I want to wish you a productive and beautiful fall season. We have a newsletter for you full of the incredible accomplishments of our students and alumni, so let me tell you how we’ve grown:

We have been awarded funding from the OOP in Albany to place one hundred new students here at New Paltz over the next four years! That’s the kind of impact we strive for, and our newest EOP family member, Alicia Mejias, is the Advisor that will help those students achieve their potential.

The 4th Bi-Annual EOP Conference was a huge success and complemented by the Library Gallery featuring EOP for the first time. We had a fun and informative selection of workshops by Alums and current students and could not be more proud of their accomplishments.

I invite you to read here what we’ve been up to and come join us for the Alumni Reunion October 14th from 1 – 4 p.m. Register online at www.newpaltz.edu/alumni, your EOP family is looking forward to food, fun and music with you!

I’m looking forward to seeing you at the reunion-

Tony Bonilla
EOP Director

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Antonio Bonilla and first year student intern, Perla Reyes.
Tony’s Notes

This year our fearless assistant coach, Tony Bonilla, saw the Men's Volleyball team toward the NCAA Division III national championship.

Tony’s daughter, Nyah Bonilla, was among the Class of 2016. Congratulations Nyah!

Clean Sweep 2016
Commencement 2016 Moving Forward

Class of 2016 Looking Back
Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Student Achievements

Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) is a national honor society for opportunity program students with over 125 chapters. The Beta Omicron Chapter at SUNY New Paltz bears the distinction of having inducted the largest number of students for a chartering induction. The friends, family, staff and members of the campus community gathered on May 5, 2016 to honor our new inductees.

Also at this year's ceremony we have 32 students that have earned an upgrade distinction. These students have continued to strive for and excel academically and also deserve recognition.

The 2016 inductees are:

- Rami Abouemira
- Unique Airall
- Jordan Almonte
- Kendall Anderson
- Melyssa Arguello
- Jessica Augustine
- Fousseni Baba
- Madanny Baez
- Cristal Batista
- Aumma Begum
- Harry K. Bonsu*
- Jacklyn Borja
- Armanis Brown
- Robyn Camacho
- Melissa Camacho-Molano
- Ramon Capellan
- Geliza Castro
- Jabari Dash
- Jarrelle Dixon
- Daniel Francisco
- Marilyn Garcia
- Christine Garmendiz
- Mishelle Gonzalez Perez
- Nana Gyawu
- Julissa Hernandez
- Geraldine Humbert
- Khaddija Jobe
- Adiaratou Kaba
- Cherifatou Kabore
- Clare Kelly-Barra*
- Sabikun Khan
- Mattathia Komla
- Scarlet Lantigua
- Jing Lin
- Estefany Lopez
- Kaitlin Lopez
- Jeremy Luna
- Jefiny Marte
- Mickadres Matias
- Shanel Montreuil
- Ana Morel
- Jessica Murphy
- Jeffrey Owusu
- Yesenia Pazmino
- Ayaris Perez
- Delilah Perez
- Rou Hong Piao
- Paula Piedrahita
- Pedro Pincay
- Xiomelis Ramirez
- Pamela Reyes
- Anthony Rivera
- Kaina Rivera
- Cesar Rodriguez
- Luisana Roman
- Daniela Rua
- Analis Salcedo Perez
- Alexis Shea
- Tenzin Sherpa
- Moesha Smith
- Luisanna Sosa
- Toni Starks
- Leidy Suero
- Keuris Torres
- Ana Valdez
- Travone Williams

The 2016 Upgrade Achievers are:

- Jacqueline Aguilar — Emerald (S15)
- Kimberly Aguilar — Emerald (S15)
- Rabih Ahmed — Emerald (F15)
- Jenisse Bouret — Diamond (S15)
- Michael Caro — Ruby (S15)
- Luisa Cruz — Emerald (F15)
- Nearlyse Dandas — Emerald (F15)
- Victoria Espinosa — Ruby (F15)
- Stephanie Fernandez — Emerald (F15)
- Beverlie Fleurinay — Emerald (S15)
- Jessica Gomez — Emerald (S15)
- Aileen Gonzalez — Diamond (F15)
- Alexandria Griffiths — Ruby (F15)
- Desique Harrison — Ruby (F15)
- Samuel Jimenez — Emerald (F15)
- Kerry Kamrudin — Emerald (F15)
- Raquell Kissi — Emerald (F15)
- Indira Larancuente — Emerald (F15)
- Kylie Layne — Ruby (F15)
- Rosalina Lopez — Emerald (S15)
- Valentina Mogollon — Emerald (S15)
- Devorah Price — Emerald (S15)
- Angela Pujols — Emerald (F15)
- Tusha Rammarine — Ruby (F15)
- Adiana Rivera — Emerald (S15)
- Claiane Rojas — Ruby (F15)
- Kimberly Roman — Ruby (F15)
- Gina Rondon — Emerald (S15)
- Ashley Salgado — Ruby (F15)
- Akeem Samuels — Emerald (F15)
- Tommy Truong — Emerald (F15)
- Kimberly Velazquez — Diamond (F15)

*Rhonary Inductee
A World Class Leader

There is a relatively small segment of leaders in the business world who seem to have a keen mind for business and a passion for service...service to societies most vulnerable and often times forgotten. Mr. Bonsu has built his career over the past 25 years being one of those people ‘getting things done’ and driving results. Harry exudes a sincere passion for service to others. Through collaboration, partnerships, relationship building and community service Harry exude a sincere passion for service to others.

Harry K. Bonsu is the Senior Vice President for Administration and Member Services at Independence Care System, a Manage Long Term Care Program in New York City, which serves over 6,000 adults with physical disabilities and seniors with chronic illness. In his role, Mr. Bonsu manages 8 departments and over 100 people.

Prior to coming to the Independence Care System, Mr. Bonsu was the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer for Safe Space, New York, which offers a wide range of integrated family supports and youth focused programs, including community and mental health services designed to help families build a more hopeful future for themselves and their children.

In keeping with the spirit of business and leadership, in 2007 Mr. Bonsu founded Golden Shores Financial Group, an insurance and tax Services Company currently based in the Mid-Hudson Valley area and serves all 50 states.

A graduate of SUNY New Paltz, Mr. Bonsu earned his Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, has a degree in Business Management and an MBA in Business Finance.

Mr. Bonsu is a proud and active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, where he is a board member for the Poughkeepsie alumni chapter and has served as the Treasurer for the 64 chapters in the Northeastern Region for eight straight years.

With a passion for philanthropy, Harry sits on several not for profit boards, whose focus is serving the youth, seniors, disabled and underserved populations. He is the Chairman for Beyond the Dreams Foundation & Co-Founder and Treasurer for Dream Builders Foundation, Inc. For the past 20 years, Harry has provided scholarship opportunities for students at his alma mater, who have demonstrated leadership qualities and passion for community service.

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Raquell Kissi will attend graduate school in SUNY Stony Brook.

Akeem Samuels will attend graduate school in SUNY Albany.

Kylie Francis will attend graduate school in SUNY Albany.

Jenisse Bouret was accepted into the Viacom Summer Associate program, which is a competitive 10-week paid training program for highly motivated recent college graduates with experience in and passion for new media.

Jesus Silvestre Bonilla was accepted into the MBA program at SUNY New Paltz.

Betsy Weiner was accepted into the graduate school at SUNY Albany.

Jabari Dash will be participating in a summer long internship at Target in Minnesota.

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EOP Conference

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Student Initiative Program Spring 2016

February 3rd: Spring Social
Food, Games and Fun!

February 24th: Get ready to Interview! How to make the right impression and get the job/internship!
Do everything right in that next interview! This workshop will give you the tools you need to make employers sure you are the best fit for them!

March 3rd: Study Abroad “Snack and Chat”
See the world! Adventure! Get the real story from students about what they did and how they got there!

March 9th: Stress Relief!
Come take a break from midterms and lighten up!

April 6th: Depression
Are you curious about the signs of depression? Wonder if you or a friend might be more than just “blue”? Come learn how to recognize the signs and how to cope. Millions suffer from various forms of depression and there are ways to stay productive and get through it!
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