

March 15, 2023

EOF PROGRAM NURTURES FUTURE LEADERS

EOF officially stands for “Educational Opportunity Fund,” but to EOF Director Alex Delgado, it also stands for “Extension of Family.”

“I am extremely proud and honored to be with the people I work with,” Delgado said. “I work with a great team of professionals, and the compassion, understanding and patience they have is what drives them to come back to this office every day and why we are so busy.”

The primary goal of the EOF Program is to meet students where they are. If that means providing assistance with a class, a quick meal, or support in dealing with a tough family situation, our EOF staff stand ready to help.

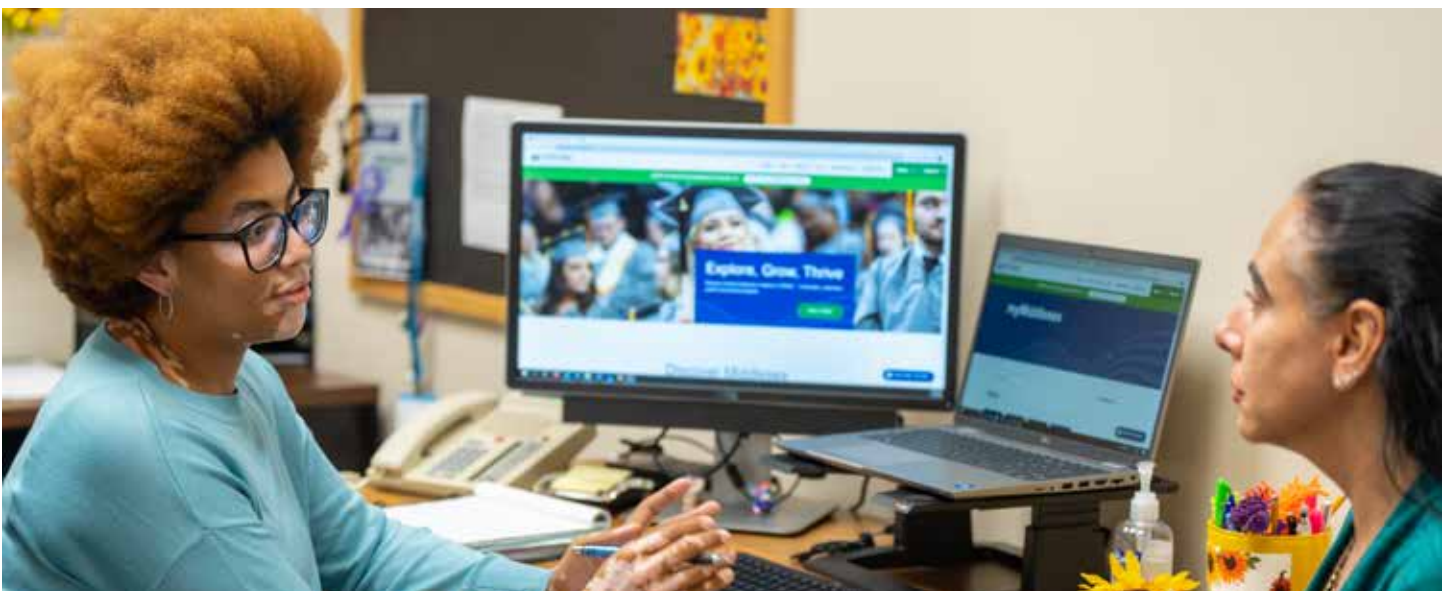
The program serves 161 students in various ways. Students must apply and be interviewed before being accepted.

“We are a comprehensive student support program,” said Delgado, who is also Acting Assistant Dean for Student Success.

The EOF Program also seeks to inspire EOF students through exposure to leadership seminars and training. Delgado is passionate about student leadership development because of the value of such training for students after they graduate from Middlesex College.

In the Fall of 2022, several EOF students attended a national conference on student leadership in Florida and a Black student leadership program in New Orleans. Delgado explained that at these leadership development events, students can elect to explore a track of workshops for beginners or follow a more advanced track to learn even more about leadership development.

“I have told our scholars that some of them are leaders by default. Some are the main breadwinners for their family, some have to take care of siblings,” said Delgado. “The world is always evolving and what was a good practice of leadership 20 years ago may not be the best practice right now. We want to create leaders who are involved on campus and in their communities and in their homes.”



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

COLTS MAKE THE PLAYOFFS!



The men's and women's basketball teams qualified for the NJCAA Region XIX Playoffs. After the seeding was complete (the men were the #7 seed in their tournament and the women were the #8 team), each team was awarded a home game, which was played on February 25 in the Physical Education Center. The women beat Sussex County Community College 71-42 to advance to the quarterfinals – the first Region XIX tournament win for the women's basketball team since 2017.

After a valiant effort, the men lost a close game to Ocean County College and their incredible season came to an end. Notably, men's basketball player Emanuel Davila, a sophomore from Edison, was named Third-Team All-Region, and Carla Seyfarth, a freshman from South Brunswick, was selected Second-Team All-Region.



STEPPING UP PERSISTENCE EFFORTS

STEP (Striving Towards Educational Persistency) Ahead, a new retention initiative focused on male students, held its first event with a well-attended career panel featuring Black men and women from the fields of education, engineering, entertainment, and real estate.

Panelists shared their career experiences and tips on how to land and succeed at a job. One of the panelists, Tariq Eatman, an engineer, even offered internship opportunities for Middlesex College students.

SUCCESS BOUND EXPANDS TO CARTERET AND SOUTH AMBOY

Success Bound Program Manager Kerly Cabreja and Success Bound Coordinator Kimberly Silverio Diaz visited Perth Amboy High School to recruit students for the college readiness program.

Current Success Bound scholars Gianella Bautista and Sascha Vasquez joined the session to share their experiences and describe what the program has meant to them.

The application period for the Success Bound Summer Institute for the Summer of 2023 is still open.

Current sophomores attending Carteret High School and South Amboy High School, and sophomores and juniors attending a high school in the city of Perth Amboy, are eligible to apply.



PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



Middlesex College's Upsilon Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students in two-year colleges, inducted 241 new members for the 2022-2023 academic year at a recent Induction Ceremony. Chapter officers select one or more College faculty and staff members each year who have provided guidance and support to the chapter to induct as honorary members of Phi Theta Kappa.

This year's honoree is Keith Menscher '16 who was selected as the 2022 Middlesex College Alumnus of the Year and was recently elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Middlesex College Foundation.

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| MarinoWARE (South Plainfield) | Corporate Education and Training Director Vega | Discussed training for employees |
| Middlesex County Parole Task Force | Corporate Education and Training Director Vega | Discussed workforce educational opportunities for parolees |
| Monroe Township Schools | President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, and Executive Dean Laureano | Met with Superintendent Chanley to discuss ways to expand the partnership between Monroe Township Schools and the College |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. a/k/a Sun Pharma (Cranbury) | Corporate Education and Training Director Vega | Discussed ESL training for employees |

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| Wednesday, February 15 | New Brunswick High School Instant Decision Day | New Brunswick |
| Wednesday, February 22 | Perth Amboy Housing Authority Career Fair | Perth Amboy |
| Saturday, February 25 | Summer Camp Fair | Woodbridge Center Mall |
| Tuesday, February 28 | Colonia High School Instant Decision Day | Woodbridge |
| Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2 | East Brunswick High School Application Assistance events | East Brunswick |
| Tuesday, March 7 | Junior Achievement Inspire Career Fair (for middle school students) | Middlesex College Edison Campus |
| Tuesday, March 7 | New Jersey Association for College Admission Counselors College Fair | Kean University |
| Wednesday, March 8 | J.P. Stevens High School Admissions Presentation | Edison |
| Multiple times | Admissions Information Session* | Virtual events |
| Multiple times | FAFSA on Demand Workshop* | Virtual events |
| Multiple times | I've completed my application, what's my next step? | Virtual events |
| Multiple times | Paying for College Info Session* | Virtual events |
| Multiple times | Health Programs Information Session | Virtual events |
| On an ongoing basis | Live chat appointments* | Via the web |

*in English and Spanish

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| Friday, April 7 | Good Friday | |
| Wednesday, April 12* | Board Committee meetings | Via Zoom |
| Wednesday, April 19 5:00 p.m.** | Board meeting | West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom |

*All morning (to be determined) **Note different start time