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OSS CO-HOSTS COMING BACK TOGETHER RECEPTION HONORING GRADUATES FROM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY'S HEOP, SSS, CSTEP, McNAIR AND LSAMP PROJECTS

PANASCI LOUNGE, SCHINE STUDENT CENTER, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1:30 TO 3:30PM

We are proud to extend a warm and welcoming hand to the alums participating in this year's Coming Back Together celebration. We're very supportive of the workshops and networking opportunities that CBT has organized and hope that our current students take full advantage. The schedule, workshops and list of who will be attending is available online at: <http://progdev.syr.edu/CBT/cbtwelcome.aspx>.

New Initiative: Connections Mentoring Program

The Office of Supportive Services has joined forces with the Center for Community Alternatives to bring *Connections Mentoring Program* to Syracuse University.

The Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) is a leader in the field of community-based alternatives to incarceration. Their mission is to promote reintegrative justice and a reduced reliance on incarceration through advocacy, services and public policy development in pursuit of civil and human rights.

Our collaboration serves as a great opportunity for our students to contribute to the local community while attending Syracuse University. By serving as mentors to area middle school children HEOP and SSS students will be positive role models.

Office of Supportive Services joins Syracuse University's School of Education



The Office of Supportive Services was one of many programs housed within the Division of Student Support and Retention. After a carefully thought out realignment of programs and departments HEOP, SSS, along with GEAR Up and STEP were moved to the School of Education. The purpose of these changes was to increase collaborations and the "connectivity" between academic units and institutional resources in an

effort to enhance the services provided to students. OSS will continue to work closely with the McNair and CSTEP programs (now reporting to the Graduate School) as well as the SummerStart program administered by University College. We are thrilled to be working with Dean Biklen and look forward to our new professional relationship with the entire School of Education. **Recognizing years of operating two very successful projects, Dean Douglas Biklen appointed Denise Trionfero (HEOP) and Robert Wilson (SSS) Directors effective July of 2008.** HEOP and SSS have long been considered "model programs" within, and beyond, New York State as has the School of Education's work in areas of special education, inclusion and teacher training. This relationship is a great opportunity to expand research in areas of college access, retention and graduation.

OSS Hosts Annual Alumni Networking Event Syracuse University's Lubin House, New York City—January 2008



The First Annual OSS Student/Alumni Networking Event was held on January 11, 2008 at

Lubin House. The event was a great opportunity for current OSS students to mingle and network with successful OSS alumni in a variety of professional fields. We enjoyed reuniting with old friends and the chance to bring together our talented and aspiring students with our talented and successful alums.

Special thanks to the following alumni who helped to make this event happen and who lent their special energy to its success: Lee Keitt NEW '76 of NSBLN, Kerry Maybank LCS '83 of NBSE and Jason Mills IST '91 & G '95 and Anthony Percival IST '91 & G'96 of BLISTS.

OSS Alumni: Future Networking Events are planned so let us know about your interest to be involved with us and our students in shaping the future.



A Profile of the OSS Class of 2012 reveals the great diversity served by Syracuse University's HEOP and SSS projects. During the last ten years, female students have outnumbered males applying for admission to Universities and, in particular, research has shown that African American males seem to be disappearing from campuses. It is wonderful to see how balanced this incoming group is in terms of gender and ethnicity. We've also captured students' hometowns and the colleges in which they are currently enrolled. This incoming class performed particularly well during the summer and we're all very proud of these new scholars. Our expectation is that this class will maintain the same high OSS graduation rates which, for the past two years, have exceeded those of the university.

HEOP	51
SSS	43

Male	45
Female	49



Astoria	1
Baldwin	1
Bronx	28
Brooklyn	20
Deposit	1
Fayetteville	1
Flushing	1
Hamburg	1
Houston	2
Jersey City	1
Long Island City	1

Manlius	1
Mount Vernon	1
New York	20
NY City	1
Pottstown	1
Ridgewood	1
Rochester	1
Staten Island	1
Syracuse	5
Trenton	1
Utica	1

Arts & Sciences	36
Engineering	11
Education	9
Human Ecology	22
iSchool	5
Management	2
Newhouse	1
VPA	10

Am. Indian	1
Asian	15
Black	35
Hispanic	28
Unspecified	14
White	1



OSS Welcomes Dave Peterson



In March of 2008 Dave became the newest HEOP counselor but the fifth Nottingham HS graduate to work for OSS (**go Bulldogs**) (*Christabel Sheldon, Christopher Weiss, Sonya Pollard and Craig Tucker*). Dave has degrees from Onondaga Community College and

SUNY Empire State College. He comes to us with solid experience working with underrepresented populations as a case manager for Elmcrest Children's Center. He also worked with Bosnia, Croatia, Sudanese and local youths at the Northside CYO After School program. Most recently he worked for the College Access Philadelphia Education Fund. Dave is now working on completing a Masters degree in Counseling here at Syracuse University.

OSS Starts Career Focused Student Group

This semester, OSS started a new student group focused on career-related events and activities. One of the purposes of the group is to develop a dynamic student community where students can learn about and participate in career-related events that take place on campus. SSS academic counselor Amy Horan says: "There are so many career-focused events on campus that it's hard to keep track of all that's going on out there." Marudhu Ramchandran adds that "Even when students do learn about an event they might be interested in attending, they might not want to attend alone. Hopefully the OSS career-focused student community will connect students with other like-minded students and they can attend together and share with others what they took from the experience." The group also plans on initiating career-oriented activities through OSS. **Upcoming workshops for Fall 2008 include a hands-on Orangelink tutorial and a resume workshop with staff from the Center for Career Services.**

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