ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR
BEHIND US!
So long 2011 – 2012...

Congratulations students! We have officially ended the academic year; now you may relax and enjoy your summer ahead. I am truly proud of all of you this past year. The focus, and persistence throughout Spring, we saw each one of you in the office, studying, completing assignments, asking questions and getting tutoring. The effort of your work showed as we had one of our largest honor roll lists we’ve ever had with a 3.0 or higher GPA for the Fall semester and we are sure we’ll see the same results, as grades come in for the Spring. Thank you all for the amount of participation and attendance to all our various workshops and community service opportunities, these are added services that we hope have enhanced your experience this year.

If you’re taking classes this summer, keep up the momentum and stay focused. Summer sessions can be challenging, but very rewarding as it gives you the opportunity to complete your classes in a quicker time frame and move ahead to complete your degree. You know EOF will be here for you all summer long, any help you need – don’t forget to come see us!

For those of you graduating, again congratulations! This is a huge accomplishment for you! Ahead is a world of opportunities, but we know that you will go on to do great things. Each college you are attending is very fortunate to have you there. We wish you all much success as you move on, but keep in touch with EOF, as we will miss you!

Enjoy your summer and see you in the Fall!

Sincerely,

Pamela Marcenaro
Director, Educational Opportunity Fund

“Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.” ~ John Quincy Adams
EOF AWARDS CEREMONY, APRIL 26, 2012

Congratulations!


Educator of the Year Awardee
Dr. Maria Lee

EOF Scholar of the Year
Cristian Aroca

Most Improved Award
Bolivar Reyes

Senior Message
Victoria Bronson
OUTSTANDING EOF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Graduating Seniors and students who received awards at the EOF Recognition Dinner, April 26, 2012.

--- CCM GRADUATING SENIORS ---

**December 2011**
Ayesha Aly Ahmed
Nafisa Aly Ahmed
Gabriel Garcia

**August 2012**
Victoria Bronson
Jessica Chudnow
Gabrielle Ferris

**May 2012**
Elijah Barrett
Thomas Gizas
Patricia Kijak
Jason Messina
Jean Ann Mirsky
Hoai Thuong Nguyen
Yury Rincon

--- RECOGNITION AWARDS (CONTINUED) ---

**Oliver Sheffield Student Scholarship**
Cristian Aroca
David Mejia
Staten Baynes
Somina Mosaku
Laura Bohorquez
Rosa Peralta
Catalina Carvajal
Bolivar Reyes
Melanie Jimenez
Henry Rincon
Brenda Lizarraga
Yury Rincon
Janelle Longmore
Jaslyn Rodriguez
Yuleisy Lopez
Qwamine Solomon
Carlos Mejia
Lia Weber

--- LEADERSHIP AWARDS ---

Active Minds
Victoria Bronson

ADA Task Force of Dr. Edward Yaw
Raziel Franchi

AESNJ/Student Chapter
Cristian Aroca

Ambassadors Club
Ayesha Aly Ahmed

NJ Legislature—Senate & General Assembly Citations
Edward Akaezuwa
Nicole Barrett
Staten Baynes
Yuleisy Lopez

EOFPANJ Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Hoai Thuong Nguyen

EOFPANJ Academic Achievement Award
Patricia Kijak & Yury Rincon

EOFPANJ Outstanding Achievement Award
Jean Ann Mirsky

Scholar of the Year
Cristian Aroca

Most Improved
Bolivar Reyes

Alumni of the Year
Sara Moreira

Community Service
April Garcia

Persistence Award
Victoria Bronson

Academic Achievement Awards
Edward Akaezuwa
Cristian Aroca
Nicole Barrett
Staten Baynes
Victoria Bronson
Catalina Carvajal
Brendan Ferris
Gabrielle Ferris
Joseph Hilton
Melanie Jimenez
Patricia Kijak
Janelle Longmore

--- RECOGNITION AWARDS ---

Edward Akaezuwa
Cristian Aroca
Nicole Barrett
Staten Baynes
Victoria Bronson
Joseph Hilton
Melanie Jimenez
Patricia Kijak
Janelle Longmore
Yuleisy Lopez

--- LEADERSHIP AWARDS ---

Catholic Campus Ministry
Hoai Thuong Nguyen

Chi Alpha Epsilon
Edward Akaezuwa
Nicole Barrett
Victoria Bronson
Catalina Carvajal
Yasmine Ibrahim
Melanie Jimenez
Patricia Kijak
Yuleisy Lopez
Hoai Thuong Nguyen
Yury Rincon

EOFPA NJ Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Hoai Thuong Nguyen

EOFPA NJ Outstanding Achievement Award
Patricia Kijak & Yury Rincon

EOFPANJ Outstanding Achievement Award
Jean Ann Mirsky

Alumni of the Year
Sara Moreira

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Edward Akaezuwa
Cristian Aroca
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Gabrielle Ferris
Joseph Hilton
Melanie Jimenez
Patricia Kijak
Janelle Longmore

--- LEADERSHIP AWARDS ---

CMM's Horizon Peer Mentors
Raziel Franchi

Gay/Straight Alliance
Larry Molder

New Social Engine
Ayesha Aly Ahmed

Phi Theta Kappa
Victoria Bronson
Catalina Carvajal

Strategic Gaming Club
Ayesha Aly Ahmed
Victoria Bronson

Student Nurses Association
Patricia Kijak
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to transfer to Montclair State University.

How has County College of Morris and EOF prepared you for life after college? CCM and EOF has prepared me for life after college by providing me with a great start in my education.

What role has the EOF program played in your academic, personal, and professional development? EOF has helped me a great deal throughout my two years at CCM.

What advice or message would you like to leave to current and/or future EOF students? Don’t give up, just keep on going.

What would you say is your philosophy in life? Always try your best and never give up.

In what ways have you changed or remained the same since your participation in the EOF Summer Orientation Program? The orientation not only prepared me for CCM but I also made great friends during that time.

What are memorable moments you have had with EOF? The orientation for one and all the events over the years.

When you are not studying and engaging academic life, how do you spend your free time? I’m always hanging out with friends playing baseball and basketball.

“A Guiding Light for the Year Ahead”

As you go through the days of the year ahead, Busy with all the responsibilities the world has Placed upon you, remember to keep the truly Special things in mind.

Keep things in perspective: Work, play, learning, Living. Have happiness as a part of your priorities! Be creative and aware and wonderfully alive. And Always remember where to find your smile.

New journeys await you in the coming year. Decisions lie ahead, wondering what you will do, Where you will go, how you will choose when the Choices are yours. Work for the ability to choose Wisely, to prosper, to succeed. Let the roads that you Travel take you to beautiful places, and have the faith It takes to achieve and aspire.

I hope your tomorrows take you to the summit of your Goals and your joys take you even higher.

by Douglas Pagels
The EOF Student Alliance had a great year! Our final big project was the Tricky Tray event, and this year was our best fundraising yet! Our total raised was $1023.00!

Wow—way to go EOF!! Kudos to all the students who took part in making this happen.

Our students donated more items for the tricky tray this year than ever before, which minimized our need to purchase ready-made baskets, and were very helpful in sorting and wrapping up the baskets. Many also volunteered to assist in selling tickets during the day at the Student Center, and Davidson Room, announcing the winners and running them to the recipients. Thank you to everyone!

Our last event was the end of the semester luncheon at Forte’s Restaurant. We had six students attend. All enjoyed a delicious lunch while recognizing the accomplishments of the year. The AESNJ Leadership awardee was announced, who was Brenda Lizarraga, the President of the Alliance for the last three semesters. Although she was not able to continue leading the Alliance this spring, she did provide the club with over a year of dedicated leadership for the prior two semesters. Kudos and thank you to Brenda and all the active EOF students in the Alliance! Your volunteer work made a difference!
Now that you've graduated,  
Your adventure has begun.  
Your schooling has prepared you  
For the race life has you run.

We praise you for your efforts,  
And send good wishes, too,  
For a future filled with happiness,  
And your fondest dreams come true.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors  
From the EOF Staff