

# CONNECTIONS



EOF Monthly Newsletter  
January/February 2010

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## WELCOME BACK EOF STUDENTS "COME ON IN, THE DOOR IS OPEN"

A new year is upon us. With this New Year are new opportunities, new challenges, and new adventures; as well as a new "Interim Director." It was with great sadness we bid farewell to our director Mrs. Dickerson. She served the students and the program with excellence, dedication and an unwavering commitment to our mission of educating the next generation. The interim director will serve during the Spring semester until a permanent director is hired in several months.



us will be fulfilled. Our highest desire and greatest reward is seeing our students graduate. We had several students graduate at the end of December and transfer to four year colleges in NJ. It is such a tremendous privilege to be a part of helping these students take the next step in their educational journey. Each one had their own unique challenges and obstacles to overcome and yet they made it to the finish line at CCM.

The qualities of successful students include perseverance, hard work, time-management, and taking advantage of every opportunity for academic support available. Each one of

these students kept in regular contact with EOF to plot their path and to receive help to stay on that path. My wish for you in 2010 is that you will choose to make a commitment to regular contact with EOF counselors, tutoring centers, and major advisors, so that you will soon be following in the footsteps of those who are pursuing their undergraduate degrees. The door of the EOF department is always open to you, there are people and resources to help you – all that's left for you to do is to walk through the door.

*Beth Prigion*

The EOF staff will continue to work hard to see that the legacy entrusted to

### BAD WEATHER

**"Is My Class Being Held?"**

**Communication Methods Have Changed.**

Inclément weather is upon us. CCM will use these two methods **only** to communicate delayed opening or closing messages:

- ◆ Check the CCM website at [www.ccm.edu](http://www.ccm.edu).
- ◆ Call the emergency information number 973-328-5580.

The college makes every effort to post closing or delayed opening information as soon as possible.

## UPCOMING EOF WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed., January 27th 2:30 PM—4:00 PM	Welcome Back* & EOF Alliance Kickoff	Student Community Center—Room 221
Wed., February 3rd 11:00 AM—2:00 PM	Club Organization Fair (Community Service Op)	Student Community Center—Lobby
Tues., February 9th 1:00 PM—2:15 PM	Get Healthier Now!* (Nutrition & Exercise)	Health & Physical Edu. Building—Room 216
Thurs., February 11th 2:30 PM—3:30 PM	Out of Sync?* (Sad most of the time?)	Student Community Center—Room 221

\* Door prize and giveaways at every EOF Workshop.



# SENIOR "SPOTLIGHT"

**Sara Moreira**



*What are your plans after graduation?* I plan to transfer to the College of Saint Elizabeth and complete my

B.A. in Teacher Education.

*How has County College of Morris and EOF prepared you for life after college?* The EOF program has taught me to prioritize my life, academically and personally. CCM has prepared me for the next college I will be attending.

*Now that you are approaching graduation, what do you claim as your most important asset as you enter the workforce and the world?* My most important asset is my organization and efficiency to do everything I can to the best of my ability.

*What role has the EOF program played in your academic, personal, and, professional development?* The EOF staff has always been there for me and have supported me in every step of the way of my journey here at CCM.

*What things have motivated you to continue striving for academic success and professional growth?* My family have always encouraged me to pursue a college education. Thanks to

their support and belief in me, I am making it this far.

*What advice or message would you like to leave to current and/or future EOF students?* I believe prioritizing your time is an important asset to accomplishing your goals. Also having a clear focus on what you want to achieve will help you regardless of any issues that cross your path.

*What motivated you to get involved in student life initially? What can you say about students getting involved?* It's important for students to get involved in student life because it enriches you personally and you gain valuable skills that can be used later on in life.

*What would you say is your philosophy in life?* My philosophy in life is about attitude and behavior you portray around yourself. If you mope around with a negative attitude, the world will always get the best of you. On the other hand if you have a positive attitude and unwavering faith in yourself, opportunities will abound for you and nothing can stop you from achieving your dreams.

*What personal experience, if any, has had a huge impact on your personal philosophies and/or plans in the future?* I took a philosophy course and thought I was going to fail it. As I was beginning to lose hope, I decided to not give up so easily and tried my best. I ended up getting an A in the

class. I learned a good lesson to never underestimate yourself.

*In what ways have you changed or remained the same since your participation in the EOF Summer Orientation Program?* I grew up a lot since being enrolled in the EOF program. I've grown to love my studies and the journey involved in becoming an educated individual.

*What are memorable moments you have had with EOF?* I enjoyed participating in the fundraisers we held on campus. My most memorable moments with EOF are the Recognition Events held at the end of each year.

*When you are not studying and engaging academic life, how do you spend your free time?* I enjoy reading novels and spending time with my family and friends.

*Would you like to add anything else?* I would like to thank the EOF staff for always being there for me through thick and thin. I enjoyed the workshops and getting to know other fellow EOF students along the way. To Mrs. Dickerson, Beth, Edie, Karen, and Gene I thank you for being a lighting guide in my academic journey. I wouldn't have made it this far without your belief and support in me.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WITH 3.0 OR HIGHER!!

<i>Student</i>	<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Erica Lewis	4.00	2.974	Sara Moreira	3.39	3.279
Jouliette Ibrahim	3.88	3.571	Ayesha Aly Ahmed	3.33	2.600
Yasmine Ibrahim	3.80	3.475	Shane Hawkins	3.33	3.500
Sukriye Khan	3.68	3.579	Elijah Barrett	3.33	3.259
Irvia Robles Ramirez	3.67	2.810	Robert Mehan	3.30	3.708
Damon Garrett	3.67	2.955	Yury Rincon	3.25	3.368
Samantha Lucas	3.67	3.143	Zhurong Chen	3.14	3.235
Jonathan Marulanda	3.60	3.619	Carmen Puno	3.00	1.700
Donald Marulanda	3.56	3.522	Robert Ruiz	3.00	2.846
Demetrios Makrikostas	3.50	3.464	Huby Fedna	3.00	2.385
Edward Akaezuwa	3.50	3.571	Aron Davis	3.00	2.556
Victoria Bronson	3.42	3.745			

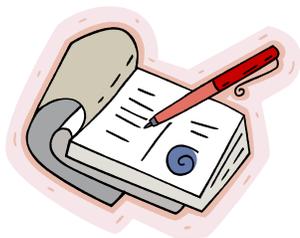
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**JANUARY 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	 18 Martin Luther King Day CCM Closed	19 Classes Begin	20	21	22	23
24	25 Last Day to ADD a CLASS	26	 27 Welcome Back Town Hall & EOF Student Alliance Kickoff, SCC 221 2:30PM-4:00PM	28	29	30
31	<b>Get your taxes done early to complete FAFSA by March 15, 2010</b>					

*We are made to persist. That's how we find out who we are.*  
 - Tobias Wolff, In Pharaoh's Army (Knopf)

**Black History Month**  
**FEBRUARY 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Last Day to DROP CLASSES without Academic Grade Student Leader Luncheon 12 Noon-1:00 PM SCC Davidson Room	2	 3 Student Club & Organization Fair 11:00 AM-2:00 PM SCC Lounge	4	5	6
7	8	 EOF Workshop: Get Healthier Now 1:00 PM-2:15 PM HPE 216	 Alliance Meeting 10:00 AM SCC 125	 EOF Workshop: Out of Sync? 2:30 PM-3:30 PM, SCC 221	12	13
14	15 CCM Open President's Day 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Alliance Meeting 10:00 AM SCC 125 	25	26	27
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## COUNSELOR'S CLIPBOARD

### Note These Important Dates!

- NOW Sign up to assist the Alliance making cotton candy at the Club Organization Fair on February 3, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM for Community Services hours.
- JANUARY 25 Last day to ADD a class! Contact EOF if you plan to ADD or DROP a course.
- JANUARY 27 Welcome Back and Alliance Kickoff.
- JANUARY 28 Come in to set up your Counselor contact meetings and provide an update on your first week of class.
- FEBRUARY 1 Last day to DROP a course without an academic grade.
- FEBRUARY 10 Deadline to sign up for Access—MED Conference.
- FEBRUARY 22 Deadline for applying to the 2010 Summer Pre-Medical Research & Education Program (PREP).
- MARCH 15 Deadline to complete your Financial Aid (FAFSA) for 2010—2011.
- MARCH 15—20 CCM closed for SPRING RECESS, classes resume MARCH 22.
- APRIL 1 Deadline to apply for August 2010 Graduation.
- APRIL 2 No Classes—GOOD FRIDAY.
- APRIL 26 Last day to DROP classes with a “W” or WITHDRAW from college.
- MAY 8 Classes end.



**EOF Alliance meetings are scheduled for every other Wednesday, 10:00 AM—11:00 AM, Student Community Center, Room 125, following the Kickoff January 27 at 2:30 PM. Next months meetings are tentatively February 10 & 24.**

### Reminders!

- You are required to be in tutoring weekly if you are in Basic Math (MAT011), Basic Algebra (MAT014 or MAT016) or Writing Skills (ENG025). See your EOF counselor for more information.
- You need to attend 4 workshops; the schedule is in your EOF mailbox, along with other important upcoming information.
- Eight hours of community service are required by the end of this semester, many opportunities will be right on campus. Check your mailbox for ideas and binder in EOF.
- **CHECK YOUR CCM EMAIL DAILY AND YOUR EOF MAILBOX OFTEN!**