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# Connections

## EOF

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS & PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.



## TO THE FALL 2019 SEMESTER!

### EOF Scholars,

I would like to personally welcome you to the 2019-2020 academic year! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer with your friends and family. This summer the EOF team was busy working for you. We ran two very successful summer programs, our signature two-week summer orientation, which invited 15 new EOF scholars to participate. This orientation was intense, very academically comprehensive and allowed our new students to partake of many workshops and meet college faculty and administrators with the goal of getting them ready for college. In addition, for those EOF scholars who were unable to attend our summer program, we ran an one day mini-orientation, providing them with highlights of some of the most important areas discussed in our summer program. The goal, ultimately, was to make sure our new students have the right tools and knowledge to tackle the

academic year. We are truly proud of them and really excited to see all the great things they will do in their first year as new EOF scholars. For all our returning students, we are happy to see you back in the saddle, studying and jumping right into your course work; you are all naturals! I know some of you will be graduating this year, so we'll make sure to get you ready to transfer or go out into the workforce; you are almost there!!!

For the next few months, we have a lot of great workshops, activities, and opportunities to enhance your college experience at CCM. As a reminder, make sure to set up your counselor appointments, check your mailboxes, CCM emails, EOF social media, and, most importantly, remain engaged with us. Our goal is your success and to get you to the finish line, so let us partner with you to make it happen. If we do not hear from you, we won't know how to



best support you. Even if it is just a quick hello, I'm doing great, that's fine by us! Also, remember our office is YOUR office, so you can come in, do homework, use our computers and print assignments as needed. If you need some noise cancelling gear, we have headphone, just see Ms. Moss at the front desk. Another important service available to our EOF scholars and ANY CCM student is "Titans Table." EOF is proud to be one of a few departments across campus that now has snacks and light food items available for students during our operating hours. Maybe you forgot your wallet, you're just on the run and need a quick bite, come in and see the front desk for assistance.



**So, as you get the academic year underway, a few important tips to secure your success:**

- ✍ Know your professor's office hours and always reach out to them

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# TO THE FALL SEM.—CONTINUED

first, if you have questions or need assistance – they are your best ally and don't hesitate to connect with them.

- ✍ Know your syllabus, look for assignment due dates (put them on your phone, planner, wherever you keep your dates), professor contact information, book and supplies information and other course related matters. This is a VERY important document.
- ✍ If you are starting to have questions in class or feel like you may be struggling, go to the Tutoring Center. Don't wait till things get too overwhelming, make an appointment! Remember, online tutoring is available as well 24/7 in over 150 subjects.
- ✍ Start thinking financial aid for academic year 2020-2021. The new

FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) application will open up in October, so get that going and secure your aid for the following year.

- ✍ Show up to class on time and ALWAYS ATTEND! Understand, attendance has an impact on your grade, so be mindful. Think about your jobs and what happens if you are late or do not show, same with your classes – treat them professionally! If something does happen, which it is ok, life happens, immediately email and call your professor, so they know. Keeping them informed is the best way for them to know you care and want to do well in your classes.
- ✍ Progress reports are here! Make sure to check these with your EOF counselor and set a good plan in

motion to get you to succeed in your classes.

In the end, remember we are here FOR YOU to support you and will do what is needed to help you reach your goals of college success at CCM. I wish you all the best, as you continue making progress in your courses. Have a great Fall!



Dr. Pamela Marcenaro  
Dean, Learning Support & Opportunity Services

## NEW UNDERGRADUATES JOIN EOF!

### Welcome EOF Scholars!

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ✍ <i>Jane-Roz Abbe</i>          | ✍ <i>Nathalia Duque</i>         | ✍ <i>Zaira Martinez-Cid</i>       |
| ✍ <i>Javaid Alimjan</i>         | ✍ <i>Kayshla Florentino</i>     | ✍ <i>Megan Maute</i>              |
| ✍ <i>Pedro Andrieu-Ferreira</i> | ✍ <i>Itzel Garcia-Maldonado</i> | ✍ <i>Jackelin Ramirez Depaz</i>   |
| ✍ <i>Amy Betancourth</i>        | ✍ <i>Peter Geruntho</i>         | ✍ <i>Soufyane Cuassoul</i>        |
| ✍ <i>Joshua Blackwell</i>       | ✍ <i>William Gomez</i>          | ✍ <i>Ali Raza</i>                 |
| ✍ <i>Catalina Castelan</i>      | ✍ <i>Michael Gonzalez</i>       | ✍ <i>Monica Revell</i>            |
| ✍ <i>John Chinchay</i>          | ✍ <i>Stephanie Gonzalez</i>     | ✍ <i>Iliana Rodriguez Morales</i> |
| ✍ <i>Juan Cordoba</i>           | ✍ <i>Alex Guevara</i>           | ✍ <i>Bishop Sally</i>             |
| ✍ <i>Dennis Dornich</i>         | ✍ <i>Osman Hernandez</i>        | ✍ <i>Amira Wilkins (Transfer)</i> |
| ✍ <i>Kevin Duarte</i>           | ✍ <i>Jaison Leon</i>            | ✍ <i>Kemyardely Zephyr</i>        |

# NEW UNDERGRADUATES—CONTINUED

## *EOF Summer Orientation Participants*



August 9, 2019 — EOF Summer Orientation Front Row: Monica Revell, Nathalia Duque, Kayshla Florentino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Itzel Garcia-Maldonado, Amy Betancourth, Iliana Rodriguez Morales, Michael Gonzalez and Jaison Leon. Second Row: William Gomez, Osman Hernandez, Kevin Duarte, Pedro Andrieu-Ferreira, Alex Guevara and Joshua Blackwell

## EOF STUDENT ALLIANCE

The EOF Student Alliance Kick-Off meeting on Sept 17 was well attended with 13 students, including many of our new EOF Scholars. We met again October 1st and our two Co-Presidents from last year, Melissa Lapinski and Shakirah Porter will continue this year to run the club with the help of Angel Espada, our past president.



The club will also participate in the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) program again. We have placed 3 collection boxes out already ( by EOF, Cohen Café and Campus Life) to collect small items for a child aged 5-9 to be



packed in a shoebox. Collection ends Nov.1. EOF students can receive community service hours for OCC donations. They will also be doing the UNICEF drive on Oct. 29 in the Cohen Café alcove, giving away candy for any amount of change. Wearing costumes at that table will get you DOUBLE community service hours! Sign up now to help!

Fall club meetings are: Oct. 15, Oct. 29 ( UNICEF table by Cohen Café) Nov. 5, Nov. 19 & Dec. 3 in CH 265. Keep checking the EOF email blasts or Alliance Facebook page as they may



have a table on Oct. 15 to raise awareness about the OCC and help raise funds for mailing the boxes.

Be sure to like us on facebook at:

[facebook.com/  
EOFStudent  
AllianceCCM/](https://facebook.com/EOFStudentAllianceCCM/)

Stay tuned!

Edie Nelson, Advisor



# EOF STUDENT ALLIANCE—CONTINUED

## *EOF Welcome Back!*



September 17, 2019 — EOF Welcome Back & Student Alliance Meeting. Front Row: Dr. Pam Marcenaro—Dean of Learning Support & Opportunity Services, Megan Maute, Maricris Flores, Amy Betancourth, Morgan Urban, Mar Jan Fernando Atienza, Melissa Lapinski, Edie Nelson—EOF Counselor. Back Row: Marcus Fernandez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Pedro Andrieu-Ferreira, Jackelin Ramirez Depaz and Jane-Roz Abbe

## *The New 2019-2020 EOF Alliance Officers*



**PRESIDENT**  
Melissa Lapinski



**PRESIDENT**  
Shakirah Porter



COME CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
WITH US ON OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:30 P.M. IN  
THE DAVIDSON ROOMS AT THE STUDENT  
CENTER.

LIGHT APPETIZERS & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
SERVED.

SPONSORED BY ALPHA MU GAMMA AND THE  
LANGUAGES AND ESL DEPARTMENT.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. IF YOU PLAN TO BRING YOUR CLASS BY EMAILING

Dr. MARCIA PICALLO AT [MPICALLO@CCM.EDU](mailto:MPICALLO@CCM.EDU)

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9  Anxiety & Stress Support Goals 11:00 AM DH 251	Oct. 10  Hispanic Heritage 12:30 PM SCC Davidson Rms. Smart Goals 12:30 PM, CH 203	Oct. 11	Oct. 12  CCM Open House Volunteers Needed!
Oct. 13	Oct. 14  Columbus Day College is Open.	Oct. 15  Healthy Relationships 12:30 PM CH 155	Oct. 16  Fall Job Fair 10AM-1PM SCC Davison Rms. JOB FAIR	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19

## COUNSELOR'S CLIPBOARD

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🔔 Schedule an appointment with your counselor for the fall semester ASAP!
- 🔔 Plan to attend 4 workshops each semester. See the Fall 2019 list in your mailbox.
  - ✓ Check out our online workshops on Blackboard, under "EOF Resources" and upcoming Academic workshops!
  - ✓ The EOF Student Alliance meetings count towards your EOF workshops!
- 🔔 Plan where you will be doing your 8 hours of community service for the semester.
  - ✓ Ideas for on campus community service are in your mailbox or try volunteermatch.org. Outside of C.S. must be approved.
- 🔔 Scheduled weekly tutoring if you are in [Basic Math](#), [Intermediate Algebra](#), [Writing Skills](#) and [Science Courses](#). (See your counselor for details). The Tutoring Center is in DeMare Hall, Room DH 156. Schedule tutors [online](#). See information on bulletin board. Also try "Smarthinking", the online tutoring service, 24/7 access to tutors!
- 🔔 Check your [email DAILY](#) for all the latest events and reminders! Most communications from the college & EOF will be sent via the student email system. Students **MUST** access their @student.ccm.edu account or [miss important notifications](#).
- 🔔 Getting our TEXT? Did you sign up for Text-Messaging? A Release Form is required for receipt of text messaging. We only use this method for the day of an event as a reminder.
- 🔔 Follow us on Social Media: [facebook.com/eofccm](https://facebook.com/eofccm), [twitter.com/eofccm](https://twitter.com/eofccm), [instagram.com/eofccm/](https://instagram.com/eofccm/) and get Workshop credit and our latest updates and reminders. Find also the EOF Alliance Facebook page at "EOF Student Alliance CCM".
- 🔔 Volunteers needed for upcoming Job Fair October 16. (See Edie to sign up), and Open House, October 12, Saturday, 9:00 AM—12 Noon or 1:00 PM—3:00 PM. (See Admissions to sign up and notify EOF).
- 🔔 Wednesday, October 16, Job Fair, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM, Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms. Get workshop credit for attending! Wear business casual if applying for a job.
- 🔔 If you are a second or third year student, please consider applying to the EOF Mentor Program. The deadline to submit application is Friday, October 21, 2019. (See Edie Nelson for Student Mentee Information & Application)

*"The past is the past. Don't let it kill you. Get over the bad things that happened. It's gone. People change. Memories remain. But it's time to move on." ~ Unknown*