



EOPS Newsletter

February 2009

February Calendar

- 10 – EOPS @ San Elijo
9:30 – 11:30 AM
- 13 – Campus Closed
- 16 – Campus Closed
- 20 – Deadline to petition for
Graduation.
- 23 – Pass/No Pass Deadline

March Calendar

- 2 – Cal Grant Deadline
- 6 - EOPS @ Beauty College
11:00 – 1:00 PM
- 7 – Possible Dream Conference
- 9 – **Mid Term Progress Reports**
available
- 10 – EOPS Counselor @ San
Elijo Campus 9:30 – 11:00
- 12 – College Connection Foster
Youth Conference
- 13 - MCC Scholarship
Application Deadline.
- 16-21 SPRING BREAK
- 23 – Summer 2009 EOPS Priority
Course Selection begins.
- 27 – CARE Workshop 12:00 –
1:30 PM.

Celebrations & Graduations!



This year MiraCosta is celebrating its **75th anniversary**. Our campus is relatively new but we have accomplished lots in our brief history. To find out more about our history visit the MiraCosta web page at www.miracosta.edu. For those of you graduating this year you will be in a group of specially acknowledged students.

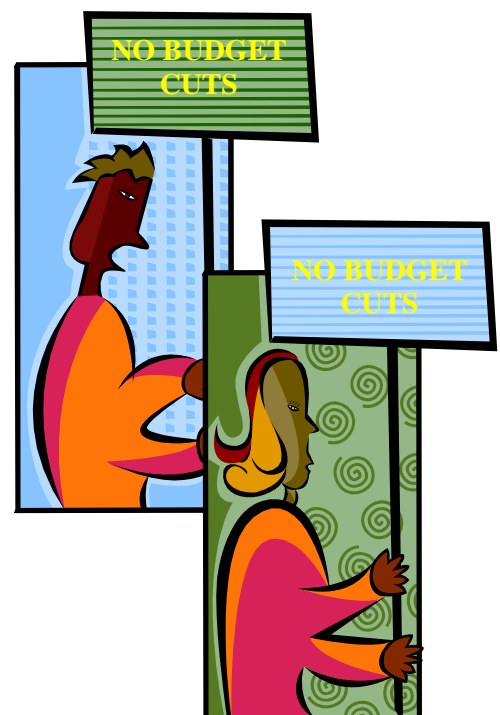
Speaking of **graduation** please be sure to meet with your counselor to petition for graduation. The deadline is February 20, 2009. This same deadline applies to you if you will be completing your last class this summer.

EOPS is also celebrating the 40th year of our legislative existence. It is our thought to plan a few celebrations in conjunction with the colleges. We will keep you posted and welcome any suggestions for celebration our **40th anniversary** acknowledgements.

Budgets Cuts! March in March to protest planned cuts.

As you know our economy is not doing so well to put it mildly. The budget in Sacramento still has not passed and we do not know if EOPS will take a major hit. We do know that there is talk about cuts for the community colleges and there is talk about raising student fees. To that end a March in March is planned. Students from all over California will meet in Sacramento at the state capital.

Our own MiraCosta College students will have a chance to join in the rally. Jim Gonzales in the Student Activities Office will be taking students to Sacramento. If you are interested in joining the masses of your fellow students please contact Jim Gonzales for details. This is a chance to join voices and be heard.





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Sociology



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PEER ADVISORS CORNER

Are you a New EOPS Student?

If so, have you schedule your first peer appointment?

As a new EOPS student you are required to meet with a peer advisor three times during the semester. The peer advisors are MiraCosta College students and their goal is to work with you one on one in helping you answer questions about MiraCosta College, EOPS or student life in general. They will also help you stay in compliance with EOPS and go over the important dates in your EOPS planner. If you haven't schedule your appointment yet, stop by the EOPS office or call (760) 795-6680.

Peer Advisor Message

Hi everyone! We all know times are tough right now. There might be times where you might feel like giving up, because of the constant obstacles that life puts in your path. When you feel this way know that you are not alone. Know that there are other students that are going through the same struggles that you are. Just take these hard times as occurrences that you can overcome as long as you have the determination and motivation.

Find something that will give you the strength to keep you going and encourage you to continue with your goals. Don't give up. One day you will look back and know that it is all worth it. Be thankful for your struggles and your downfalls, because without them you would not know how to pick yourself and get yourself through these hard times. These life obstacles are put in your way to help you grow as a person, and make you a stronger individual. Take this quote by Wendell Phillips "What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better." Without the setbacks of life you might be able to go where you want to go, but you would not cherish it as much.

Speaking of hard times. It is a new semester, which means that the Mira Costa Scholarship is out. You can obtain an application from the scholarship office. Deadline is March 13. Earn the change to receive some extra free cash for your education.

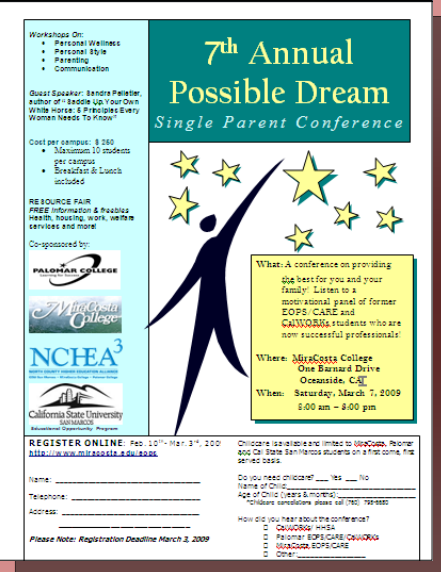
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7th Annual Possible Dream Single Parent Conference

The 7th Annual Possible Dream Conference will take place on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at MiraCosta College. This conference is mandatory for all CARE students.

Students can register online beginning February 10th at www.miracosta.edu/eops - click on Single Parent Conference.

Free Childcare is Available for children ages 2 to 7 years old. Space is limited so sign up soon. Registration deadline is March 3rd.



The poster for the 7th Annual Possible Dream Single Parent Conference features a central graphic of a stylized person reaching up towards several yellow stars. The text on the poster includes:

- Workshops On:**
 - Personal Wellness
 - Personal Style
 - Parenting
 - Communication
- Guest Speaker: Sandra Penland**, author of "I Rode Up Your Own White Horse & Prayed Every Woman Needs To Know"
- Cost per person: \$ 50**
 - Maximum 10 students per campus
 - Breakfast & Lunch included
- RESOURCE FAIR:** FREE information & reading, health, housing, work, career services and more.
- Co-sponsored by:** PALOMAR COLLEGE, MiraCosta College, NCEA³, and California State University.
- What:** A conference on providing the best for you and your family. Listen to a motivational panel of former EOPS CARE and CALWORKS students who are now successful professionals!
- Where:** MiraCosta College, One Seward Drive, Oceanside, CA
- When:** Saturday, March 7, 2009, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- REGISTER ONLINE:** Feb. 10th - Mar. 3rd, 2009. <http://www.miracosta.edu/eops>
- Childcare:** is available and limited to **1000** seats. Please **call** 760-795-6897 for more information.
- Do you need childcare?** Yes ___ No ___
- Name of Child:** _____
- Age of Child (years & months):** _____
- Child's complete address (all 95000):** _____
- How did you hear about the conference?**
 - CalWORKS - EA
 - Relative EOPS/CARE/CALWORKS
 - MiraCosta EOPS CARE
 - Other
- Please Note:** Registration Deadline March 3, 2009

Study Abroad!

Think you can't afford a trip to Europe? Think again.

As an incentive to consider study abroad, students with a Pell Grant award are ALSO eligible for a national **study abroad scholarship** which gives *priority to community college students*. This is a GREAT opportunity to have a semester-length study abroad program nearly fully support with financial aid. Of course, finding financial support requires good planning so we encourage you to come and find out how to make an international program a reality.

IIP is holding **Information Meetings** at Oceanside and San Elijo Campuses on February 10 and 11 to discuss ALL study abroad at MiraCosta College and **INCLUDES A PRESENTATION ON FINANCIAL AID!!**

Study Abroad Information Meetings

- Tuesday, February 10, noon to 1pm, OC 3512, Oceanside campus
- Wednesday, February 11, noon to 1pm, SEC 308, San Elijo campus

Upcoming Study Abroad Programs

- Spanish Language in Costa Rica, Summer 2009
- Semester in Paris, Fall 2009
- Semester in London, Fall 2009
- Semester in Florence, Spring 2010
- Semester in Spain, Spring 2010

If you can't make it to the information meetings and want additional information contact the IIP office at iip@miracosta.edu or by calling 760 795-6897.