Equal Opportunity Planning Committee (EOPC)

Selected Summer 2006 and Academic Year 2006-07 Funded Programs

Summer 2006 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective or incoming undergraduate students

Program Title: Cooperative Extension Geospatial Technology Program Summer Camp
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Rick Day
    Phone: (814) 863-1615
    Email: rday@psu.edu
Program Description: This program seeks to recruit rural disadvantaged youth into the Department of Crop and Soil Science by offering a summer program on geospatial technology to educate them about career possibilities and options at Penn State to pursue the educational requirements needed for employment in these fields.

Program Title: McKeesport Math and Science Summer Camp
Campus: McKeesport
Project Director: Tony Mitchell
    Phone: (412) 675-9044
    Email: abm2@psu.edu
Program Description: This program enhances the math and science skills of students from racial/ethnic groups that are underrepresented in science and engineering.

Program Title: Mightier Writing Class
Campus: York
Project Director: Sandra Staton-Taiwo and Monica Grigera
    Phone: (717) 771-4006
    Email: sls63@psu.edu and mmd4@psu.edu
Program Description: This program assists high school students develop self confidence and an awareness of their potential to pursue higher education by strengthening their writing skills. Students review basic writing skills and develop college-level essays under the guidance of high school and college faculty members.
Program Title: MTM Engineering Camp for Girls  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Cheryl Knobloch  
    Phone: (814) 865-6311  
    Email: cknobloch@psu.edu  
Program Description: MTM (Make the Machine) provides girls from 9th through 12th grades with the opportunity to perform hands-on engineering activities and interact with women engineers in a day-camp setting.

Program Title: Pre-Freshman Engineering and Science (PREF)  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Amy Freeman  
    Phone: (814) 865-7138  
    Email: afreeman@engr.psu.edu  
Program Description: PREF is a rigorous academic enrichment and orientation program specifically developed to bolster the retention of first year under-represented students of color entering curriculums in engineering and science at the Penn State University Park campus. The components of PREF accommodate the academic, social, cultural, and adjustment needs of these students.

Program Title: Summer College Opportunity Program in Education (SCOPE)  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Mariá Schmidt  
    Phone: (814) 865-0904  
    Email: mjs125@psu.edu  
Program Description: SCOPE is a six-week academic enrichment and orientation program offering racial/ethnic underrepresented and at-risk high school juniors who are interested in Education careers the opportunity to experience college life during the summer session at University Park. The program is specifically designed to address areas that include academic and study-skills, admission criteria/application processes, financial aid, leadership, community service, cultural-affirmation, and career and personal development within a nurturing environment.
Academic Year 2006-2007 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective or incoming undergraduate students

Program Title: Arnelle Fly Fishing Initiative
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Mark Belden
    Phone: (814) 865-5401
    Email: mab6@psu.edu
Program Description: This program brings students from many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds together to enjoy an outdoor recreational activity focused on fly fishing. The program was initiated by Jesse Arnelle, Penn State’s first African American chair of the Board of Trustees, who conceptualized the program as a way to teach initiative, cooperation, and discovery through this outdoor experience.

College Student Programs - for first-year or continuing undergraduate students

Program Title: Bunton-Waller Fellow/Lendfest Scholars Program
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Hank McCoullum
    Phone: (814) 863-0285
    Email: hwm1@psu.edu
Program Description: This program supports the transition to Penn State for first-year Bunton-Waller Fellows and Lendfest Scholars.

Program Title: Diversity Grants-in-Aid
Campus: University Park
Project Director: John Keller
    Phone: (814) 863-6035
    Email: jmk13@psu.edu
Program Description: Diversity Grants-In-Aid assists students with financial need who are members of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups or have documented disabilities in participating in education abroad. Students should contact the Office of International Programs as soon as they decide they are interested in studying abroad to see whether or not they are eligible for the program. This program also runs during the summer.
Program Title: Knowledge, Excellence, Wisdom, and Learning (KEWL)
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Dana Aina
    Phone: (814) 865-1773
    Email: dpa2@psu.edu
Program Description: This mentoring program is designed to address the retention of Asian and
Pacific American (APA) students at University Park. Although University Park has many mentoring
programs, none specifically address the need to retain and graduate APA undergraduate students.
Historically, this lack of support stems from the labeling of APA students as a “model minority” and
the many biases against APA students due to that label. However, at Penn State, APA students still
lag behind white students in their retention and graduation rates. The goal of the program is to help
incoming APA students make a successful transition from high school to college.

Program Title: Leadership as a Retention Strategy
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Cathy Lyons
    Phone: (814) 865-7521
    Email: cxl4@psu.edu
Program Description: This program seeks to employ leadership development as a means of helping
to retain underrepresented students in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Program Title: Race Relations Project
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Laurie Mulvey and Sam Richards
    Phone: (814) 865-5768 or (814) 863-7456
    Email: rrproj@psu.edu
Program Description: The mission of the Race Relations Project is to build a vision of what is really
happening with race relations in this generation by engaging participants in conversations about their
personal experiences with the issue. These dialogues provide an opportunity for individuals to
constructively question one another’s views while critically examining their own

Program Title: Start Smart
Campus: Mont Alto
Project Director: Jack Ebersole
    Phone: (717) 749-6045
    Email: jme25@psu.edu
Program Description: The goal of this program is to improve the retention and academic
performance of African American, Hispanic, and first-generation college students who have an
incoming evaluation index that indicates they could have difficulties in college. These students will
be placed into special sections of English 4 that will have enhanced instruction and tutoring. They
will also take other courses that will enhance their academic preparation for college.
Medical Student Programs - for prospective medical students

Program Title: Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Medical and Graduate Students
Campus: Hershey Medical Center
Project Director: Alphonese Leure-duPree
  Phone: (717) 531-6411
  Email: djl11@psu.edu
Program Description: The goals and the specific aims of this project are the recruitment, matriculation and retention of under-represented multicultural students in medical and/or graduate school at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. The program will continue the summer research partnership with Lincoln, Cheyney, and Penn State.

Comprehensive Student Programs - for students at various matriculation stages

Program Title: EMS Pipeline
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Michael Adewumi
  Phone: (814) 865-5401
  Email: m2a@psu.edu
Program Description: The EMS Pipeline program is a comprehensive student recruitment and retention program that seeks to bring students into and through the education pipeline into undergraduate and graduate majors housed in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

Faculty and Staff Programs

Program Title: EOPC Advancement Program for Minority Faculty and Staff at Capital College
Campus: Harrisburg
Project Director: Marian Walters
  Phone: (717) 948-6303
  Email: mrw16@psu.edu
Program Description: This program will develop initiatives that create ties between faculty and staff of color and appropriate mentors and provide mentoring/network and career development programs for participants at Penn State Harrisburg. These programs will be directed toward empowering faculty and staff to best navigate the system and successfully advance through their careers.
Program Title: Opportunity Network for Employment (ONE) Program  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Marianne Karwacki  
  Phone: (814) 865-0676  
  Email: mlk6@psu.edu  
Program Description: This program, which is a collaboration among Penn State and several community organizations, assists in developing employment opportunities for a diverse population of qualified people with disabilities.

Program Title: Recruiting a Diverse Workforce  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Steve Hayes  
  Phone: (814) 865-2885  
  Email: lsh5@psu.edu  
Program Description: This program utilizes new Internet resources to bring notification of Penn State jobs to a diverse pool of candidates.

Programs for All Penn State Constituents

Program Title: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration  
Campus: University Wide  
Project Director: Tom Poole  
  Phone: (814) 865-5906  
  Email: tgp1@psu.edu  
Program Description: Penn State annually recognizes the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and many University-sponsored MLK events are funded by EOPC.

Program Title: Multi-Sensory Art Exhibit  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Ann Snowman  
  Phone: (814) 865-9697  
  Email: ams32@psulias.psu.edu  
Program Description: This program will exhibit a tactile artwork display that will provide an art appreciation opportunity for the visually impaired. The exhibit will also serve as an educational program to help visitors without visual disabilities develop new insights and perspectives on art, creativity, and the needs of those with visual disabilities.
Program Title: Traditional American Indian Powwow  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: John Sanchez  
  Phone: (814) 863-7994  
  Email: apache@psu.edu  
Program Description: This event brings a powwow comprised of American Indians from across the United States to the Pennsylvania Centre Region.

Program Title: What Matters  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Cynthia Berger  
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  Email: cberger@psu.edu  
Program Description: “What Matters” is a weekly Penn State public broadcasting outreach that focuses on diversity and multiculturalism.

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