Equal Opportunity Planning Committee (EOPC)

Funded Programs Summer 2004 and Academic Year 2004-2005

Summer 2004 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective or incoming undergraduate students

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Program Title: Consider College Program
Campus: Penn State Mont Alto
Project Director: Sheri Shirk

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Program Description: This program hosts 45 Hispanic and African American high school students in a 2-day program that helps these students understand the benefits of higher education and obtaining a degree from Penn State. Program activities revolve around college and career exploration and interaction with Penn State faculty and staff.

Program Title: McKeesport Math and Science Summer Camp
Campus: Penn State McKeesport
Project Director: Tony Mitchell

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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: MTM Engineering Camp for Girls
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Cheryl Knobloch

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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

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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

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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.

Program Title: Summer Transition for 1.5 Generation Students  
Campus: Penn State Delaware County  
Project Director: Norma Notzold

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Program Description: This program is designed to increase the preparedness of students who are non-native English speakers and are starting at Penn State during the summer
session. Major components of the program include a one-week first-year seminar, a 30 hour individualized tutorial program in math and writing, and brown bag lunches with faculty and staff to become acclimated to the "college experience." All students will also meet with a financial aid staff member and the advising and learning center staff.

**College Student Programs - for currently enrolled students**

Program Title: Diversity Grants-in-Aid  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: John Keller

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Program Description: Diversity Grants-In-Aid assists students with financial need (as defined by their student aid profile) 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 academic year.

**Graduate Student Programs - for prospective law students**

Program Title: Summer Law Scholars Program  
Unit: Dickinson School of Law  
Project Director: Beth Cook

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Program Description: Summer Law Scholars Program is a 6-week summer program to introduce historically underrepresented undergraduate students to law school and the legal profession. Students take two law courses, attend LSAT preparation classes, and interact with practicing attorneys and judges.

**Academic Year 2004-2005 Programs**

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

Program Title: American Studies Course Cluster for Non-Native Students  
Campus: Penn State Delaware County  
Project Director: Myra Goldschmidt
Program Description: American Studies Course Cluster for Non-Native Students focuses on assisting students who are non-native English speakers make the transition to higher education by providing them with academic support services and engaging them in courses that introduce them to American culture.

Program Title: Black Male Leadership Symposium
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Jocelyn Bennett

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Program Description: Black Male Leadership Symposium assists in developing black male leaders through a series of workshops and breakfast meetings among protégés and mentors. Though the program primarily targets first- and second-year undergraduate students in the Smeal College of Business Administration, the program is available to any African American male student at University Park.

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Program Title: Extended Counseling Program for LGBT Students
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Stephen Shetler

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Program Description: This program provides extended counseling at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for LGBT students. Due to the heavy demand for counseling
at CAPS, students are typically limited to no more than 10 sessions. However, LGBT students often require longer-term services due to the additional pressures they face in dealing with homophobia. This program provides support for additional sessions for LGBT students.

Program Title: Knowledge, Excellence, Wisdom, and Learning (KEWL)
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Dana Aina

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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: LGBTA Mentor Program
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Chloe House

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Program Description: The LGBT Mentor Program helps students develop positive lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) identities and become connected to the LGBT community. Mentors are LGBT graduate students who are matched with other students working issues of "coming out," which may include internalized homophobia, isolation from friends, and fears about family response.

Program Title: Start Smart
Campus: Penn State Mont Alto
Project Director: Nanette Hatzes

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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.

Program Title: Wise Inspire Series
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Nüket Acar

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Program Description: The Wise Inspire Series brings together accomplished women scientists and engineers with women science/engineering students and post-docs and also young women and girls in a series of lectures, workshops, and small group discussions. The purpose of the program is to encourage persistence in science-oriented curricula among students and post-docs and to stimulate and nurture an interest in science and science-oriented careers among young women and girls.

Graduate Student Programs - for prospective and currently enrolled graduate students

Program Title: Academic Computing Fellows
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Paul Peworchik

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Program Description: Academic Computing Fellows provides financial support to students who typically are under-represented in the information sciences. The program is for doctoral students from a variety of disciplines who have appropriate backgrounds and strong interests in applying computer technology to their academic fields.

Medical Student Programs - for prospective medical students

Program Title: Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Medical and Graduate Students
Campus: College of Medicine
Project Director: Alphonese Leure-duPree

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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.

**Curriculum Development Programs**

Program Title: Information Technology in an International Course Context  
Campus: System Wide  
Project Director: Carleen Maitland

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Program Description: This project will develop and implement a course designed to provide upper-division students in IST with a mechanism to integrate knowledge of international issues into the design, dissemination, and use of information technology.

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