Equal Opportunity Planning Committee (EOPC)

Funded Programs Summer 2005 and Academic Year 2005-2006

Summer 2005 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective or incoming undergraduate students

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Program Title: Alaskan Native Student Program
Campus: Altoona
Project Director: L.A. Wilson

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Program Description: This initiative seeks to prepare and recruit five to eight Alaskan Native students for baccalaureate programs at Penn State Altoona. The initiative also intends to transform the curriculum so that the experience of American Indians and Alaskan Natives is reflected in the substance of a broad selection of courses. Further, programs will be developed to educate faculty, staff, and students about the social, economic, historical, and physical environment of Alaskan Natives.

Program Title: McKeesport Math and Science Summer Camp
Campus: 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: Wise Choices
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Nüket Acar

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Program Description: WISE Choices is a three-day summer day camp program that provides an opportunity for high school girls in the State College area who are entering their senior year to learn more about science and engineering majors at Penn State.
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.

Academic Year 2005-2006 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective or incoming undergraduate students

Program Title: WITS - Precollege Workshops in Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, and Science
Campus: Beaver
Project Director: Jo Ann Chirico

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Program Description: This program hosts a series of six pre-college workshops for female high school seniors attending schools in Beaver County who are students of color and/or from low socio-economic backgrounds. The focus of the workshops is to stimulate the participants' interest and self confidence in college programs and careers in mathematics, engineering, science, and technology.

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

Program Title: Bridge to Academic Success
Campus: Hazleton
Project Director: Jacqueline Walters
Program Description: Bridge to Academic Success is a retention program designed to assist students who are first generation, culturally diverse, or academically at-risk first-year students in preparing for the rigors of college.

Program Title: Creating Leaders for a Diverse World  
Campus: Mont Alto  
Project Director: Amy Cotner-Klingler

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Program Description: This program will host a diversity conference at Penn State Mont Alto comprised of student leaders from Mont Alto and from colleges near the Mont Alto campus. The purpose of the conference will be to engage these students on ideas that pertain to globalization, diversity, and leadership.

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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: Start Smart
Campus: 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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

Faculty and Staff Programs

Program Title: EOPC Advancement Program for Minority Faculty and Staff at Capital College
Campus: Harrisburg
Project Director: Marian Walters

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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.

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