Equal Opportunity Planning Committee (EOPC)

Selected Summer 2007 and Academic Year 2007-08 Funded Programs

Summer 2007 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for pre-college students

Program Title: Gaming for Girls
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Virginia Belser
  Phone: (814) 865-7725
  Email: vcb2@psu.edu
Program Description: Gaming for Girls is a week-long day camp for middle school girls that is designed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for participants to explore and enhance skills related to information technology and foster an interest in entering IT-related fields.

Program Title: Let’s Grow Them! Developing Space Scientists through the UBMS Program
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Mercedes Richards
  Phone: (814) 865-0150
  Email: mtr11@psu.edu
Program Description: This program is a collaboration between the Eberly College of Science and Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) and seeks to provide ten 9th-12th grade UBMS students with research experiences together with Penn State faculty in core areas of science, including space science, for six weeks during the summer.

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: Northeast Region Cooperative Extension Service Learning Program for 4-H Students  
Campus: Cooperative Extension Northeast Region  
Project Director: Michael McDavid  
  Phone: (570) 675-9274  
  Email: gxm2@psu.edu  
Program Description: This program sends 18 4-H teenagers on a service learning trip among the  
Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation community. The experience provided an occasion for  
students to participate in an engaged and inclusive learning environment along with an opportunity to  
see themselves as more culturally sensitive and active citizens in the future.

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.

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

Program Title: Minority Advanced Careers in Nursing  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Lisa Kitko  
  Phone: (814) 863-2228  
  Email: lah150@psu.edu  
Program Description: This program brings six junior and senior nursing students from Dillard  
University, Alcorn State, and Tennessee State to Penn State’s School of Nursing for a summer  
program designed to enhance their research and clinical skills in preparation for entering a graduate  
program in nursing.
Academic Year 2007-08 Programs

Pre-College Programs - for prospective 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.

Program Title: Women in Engineering Program  
Campus: Erie  
Project Director: Dipo Onipede and Melanie Ford  
  Phone: (814) 898-6521  
  Email: ouo1@psu.edu (Dipo) and mfr11@psu.edu (Melanie)  
Program Description: This program introduces 10th and 11th grade girls to engineering in a day-long series of workshops that demonstrate various facets of engineering to encourage an awareness of engineering and consideration of engineering as a career.

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

Program Title: Adopt a Native Elder  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Bobbi Toth  
  Phone: (814) 863-0760  
  Email: bjt10@psu.edu  
Program Description: This project is a service-learning program involving students in Communications Arts and Sciences 250. Students in this class gather donations to assist more than 350 Native American children and elders living on reservations in Arizona and southern Utah.

Program Title: Bridge to Academic Success  
Campus: Hazleton  
Project Director: Jacqueline Walters  
  Phone: (570) 450-3005  
  Email: jxw2@psu.edu  
Program Description: Bridge to Academic Success is a retention program designed to prepare first-year students who are first-generation and academically at-risk for college. The program provides academic and personal support for program students to help them persist and ultimately graduate from college.
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: Anthony Ogden  
Phone: (814) 865-7681  
Email: aco3@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: Fort Valley State University 3+2 Articulation Program  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: David Bice  
Phone: (814) 865-4477  
Email: dbice@geosc.psu.edu  
Program Description: This program is a partnership between Penn State’s Department of Geosciences and Fort Valley State University, a Historically Black College and University in Fort Valley, Georgia. Fort Valley students complete 3 years there before coming to Penn State to finish their last two years. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive two degrees, a B.S. in Chemistry/Math from Fort Valley and a B.S. in Geosciences from Penn State.

Program Title: Knowledge, Excellence, Wisdom, and Learning (KEWL)  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Ed McKeon  
Phone: (814) 865-1773  
Email: eam214@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: Philadelphia Field Project  
Campus: University Park  
Project Director: Lakshman Yapa  
Phone: (814) 865-1187  
Email: lxy3@psu.edu  
Program Description: The project is an interdisciplinary research and service initiative on urban poverty in the United States, using Philadelphia as a case study for field work. Undergraduate students from the Schreyer Honors College, holders of Bunton-Waller fellowships, and Mitte Scholars of the Smeal College of Business at Penn State do service learning work in Philadelphia to address problems associated with poverty there.

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: The Renaissance Math Program  
Campus: DuBois  
Project Director: Melissa Coles  
Phone: (814) 372-3035  
Email: mec160@psu.edu  
Program Description: This program intends to strengthen the math skills of adult learners so that they will be more prepared to succeed in higher education.

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.
**Graduate and Medical Student Programs - for prospective graduate and medical students**

Program Title: Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Medical and Graduate Students  
Campus: Hershey  
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.
Other Programs

Program Title: Diversity Web-Based Training Development
Campus: Altoona
Project Director: Jennifer de Coste
   Phone: (814) 949-5000
   Email: jud7@psu.edu
Program Description: This project will develop a Web-based diversity training module for all Penn State Altoona faculty, staff, and students.

Program Title: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Campus: University Wide
Project Director: Terrell Jones
   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: Supplier Diversity Initiative
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Vernon Davis
   Phone: (814) 863-2520
   Email: vld3@psu.edu
Program Description: The Supplier Diversity Project identifies and reviews minority and woman-owned businesses for work within the Penn State System while providing the data required to build a robust supplier program.

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: World Music and Dance Festival
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Amy Dupain Vashaw
   Phone: (814) 863-8205
   Email: adv1@psu.edu
Program Description: World Music and Dance Festival highlights three artistic companies from different parts of the world (Mexico, Argentina, and Russia). The program is designed to increase the understanding of these cultures among students, faculty, staff and the community-at-large.
Program Title: A World of Difference
Campus: University Park
Project Director: Cynthia Berger
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Program Description: “A World of Difference” is a weekly Penn State public broadcasting outreach that focuses on diversity and multiculturalism.

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