

# Project Challenge Newsletter

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## From the Director's Desk

Dear Participants,

Well another semester is almost ending and I certainly hope you did well and the outcome is favorable. November is always such a fast month and when you return from Thanksgiving break it will be even faster. I know a lot of projects and tests will be due and this can be a stressful time; just make sure you are using good time management skills.

I hope all of you have pre-enrolled for the spring semester and that you are paying all your bills that are due for the fall semester. Make sure you know how much financial aid you are getting for the spring semester so you know if you need to make up any difference, that way you won't have any surprises when you return. Also if you do have to pay out of pocket you could try to get a job during winter break if you think you will be short of money. If you are going to try and get a job in the spring see if you could interview before you leave in December, or set up some interviews before school begins.

We are going to try to have most of our tutoring board schedules up during finals week so please come up to our office during that week and you will be able to sign up for times conducive to your schedule in the spring.

Good luck to all of you with the end of the semester and with all your finals.

Warmly,

Trudi Benjamin, Director

## Info You Need to Know!

**Spring Tutoring:** We will have the tutoring schedule ready by finals week, so come sign up before you leave for the winter break. Remember, all freshmen must sign up for tutoring. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**USA Funds** provides up to \$1,500 for students. Several PC participants have received USA Funds Scholarships in the past. Visit [http://www.usafunds.org/planning/access\\_to\\_education\\_scholarship/index.htm](http://www.usafunds.org/planning/access_to_education_scholarship/index.htm) from December 15, 2008, to February 15, 2009, to apply online. We encourage all students to visit the website now and see if they are eligible to apply.

**Evaluations:** At the end of each semester, it is necessary to evaluate the services offered by Project Challenge. Soon, all students will receive an email containing a link to our online evaluation, and we ask that you take a few minutes to complete it. Your responses are anonymous. It is essential that we have feedback in order to improve services provided and also to comply with the funding regulations of the program. Students receiving tutoring will also be asked to complete an electronic evaluation of their tutor(s). We appreciate your help and look forward to continuing to serve you!

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	Mon. Dec. 15	Tues. Dec. 16	Wed. Dec. 17	Thurs. Dec. 18	Fri. Dec. 19
8:00 - 9:50	12:00 TR	11:00 TR	10:00 TR	12:00 MWF	8:00 TR
10:10-12:00	9:00 TR	8:00 MWF	9:00 MWF	11:00 MWF	10:00 MWF
1:00-2:50	3:00 MWF	1:00 TR	1:00 MWF	2:00 MWF	_____
3:10 - 5:00	4:00 MWF	4:00 TR	3:00 TR	2:00 TR	_____
7:00 - 9:00	Special Exam #1	Special Exam #2	Special Exam #3	Special Exam #4	_____

**Spring Billing Statements:** Important information about billing for spring classes is available online at <http://www.emporia.edu/busaff/payingtu.htm> so please visit the site to find out all of your responsibilities and important dates!

**Final Exams:** The time of your final is determined by dropping any minutes off the regular class time. For example, the final for a T/R 9:30 class would be held during the T/R 9:00 block (Monday, December 15 at 10:10). Any student that has more than three exams scheduled for one day that has not been able to make alternate arrangements with instructors can appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

## Happy-Grams!

Personal letters of congratulations have been sent to the following students so far this semester for outstanding personal or academic accomplishments:

Chelsea Anukam	Caitlin Edmundson	Janet Laird	Jamie Risley
Brittany Albright	Ilda Flores	Geneva Lawrence	Chelsea Rogers
Margaret Alvarez	Erica Frederick	May Lee	Stephanie Salazar
Tiffany Baum	Ashlee Gerety	Amy Lemmon	Lauren Sanders
Jaleesa Beard	Claudia Gomez-Beltran	Audanell Lester	Brome Schraad
Becky Boldridge	Angelica Granado	Rebecca Libertus	Cami Shaw
Ashley Brandt	Tarrie Grubb	Terrell Matthews	Mary Sigle
Jacob Brotbeck	Delia Guzman	Amanda Maxfield	Veronica Sotelo
Rita Butler	Sam Hall	Hailie Merrill	Nicole Staggs
Caysey Caywood	Nathan Hammond	Lorenzo Marquez	Chris Sweet
Alice Christian	Yasmin Henderson	Sony McElroy	Tyrone Townsend
Krissy Cortez	Dustin H.	AJ Pence	Sujeily V.
Whitney DeVader	Alicia Humphreys	Anna Perez	Mamona Wajid
Abigale Elyacharshuster	Danica K.	Johnathan Pringle	

## Outstanding Participants

My name is Ilda Flores and I'm attending my second year at ESU. I graduated from Emporia High School in 2007. I'm still undecided about my major but hopefully I will find something that really interests me. I'm a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon and I enjoy being in it.



Ilda Flores



Yasmin Henderson

I was born and raised in Wichita, KS. I have been a part of TRIO for six years now. I am a sophomore political science-public affairs major. Some of the activities that I am involved in include Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society, Harmonious Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, and of course Project Challenge. Next fall I am studying abroad, but plan to complete my degree here at ESU. Upon graduation I plan to attend graduate school in hopes of becoming a Public Administrator/Educator. Some of my favorite things to do are go to the movies, paint my nails, have deep conversations, bake cakes, crack jokes, and mostly lend a helping hand. My favorite part of Project Challenge and the component I appreciate most is the constant support and love they show their students. I credit my success as a college student to them.

## Chi Alpha Corner

Greetings, everyone!! I hope you all had a safe and happy Halloween. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, so be safe traveling home. I'd like to give a BIG thanks to everyone who helped out with the canned food drive that was held Halloween night. Students from TRIO and Chi Alpha Epsilon went around town and in an hour collected over 450 non-perishable items for two food pantries in town. Awesome job everyone! I'd like to encourage members of Chi Alpha Epsilon to be as active as possible so that we can exceed even further. Next, I'd like to share an opportunity with the members of Chi Alpha Epsilon. This year, we have decided to adopt a needy family. This would entail giving clothes and gifts to children and possibly parents in need this holiday season. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the office at 620-341-5097.



# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Deadline to register for Jan. 10 PPST Exam	12 Last day of classes; tutoring lab closes; billing statements mailed	13
14	15 Final Exams PC Winter Open House (see insert)	16 Final Exams PC Winter Open House	17 Final Exams PC Winter Open House	18 Final Exams	19 Final Exams	20 Commencement, White Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. 
21 Hanukkah begins at sundown; winter begins 	22	23	24 Grades available on Buzz-In	25 Christmas Day; ESU offices closed 	26 ESU offices closed	27
28	29 ESU offices closed	30 ESU offices closed	31 ESU offices closed			

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ESU offices closed	2	3
						
		6	7	8	9 Pay fees or make a \$150 down-payment or be dropped from classes at 4:00	10 PPST/PLT Exam, 7:30 a.m. VH Atrium
11 Residence halls open at noon	12	13	14 Classes begin	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Jr Holiday; no classes, offices closed 	20 Tutoring begins	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Last day to drop/add classes	29 Kansas Day 	30	31

Mark your calendar now for the annual **TRIO Day Luncheon**, which will be held on **Friday, February 27, 2008**. A **FREE** lunch is provided for all PC participants! Details available in the January newsletter.