

Project Challenge News



From the Director's Chair

Dear Project Challenge Participants,

Well, it is time again to end another year at Emporia State University. I hope you can say that it was a great year; you learned a lot, got involved, worked hard to earn good grades, made some good friends, and you look forward to August when you can start all over.

I do hope you took advantage of all of our services! Remember as I always say, "We can't help you if you don't use our services." If you are going to summer school in Emporia and need some tutoring please come up to our office and let Kristi know. In the summer Kristi is in charge of the tutoring component since Shanna is working for Upward Bound.

Please make sure you don't leave here with any holds on your record and that you have enrolled for the fall semester. If you are attending summer school at another college make sure that when you complete the class(es) that they immediately send your transcripts to ESU.

We are having a Finals Week Pizza party on Monday, May 12. I hope to see you there.

Take care and if you aren't around here this summer, have a great one! I will see you in August.

Warmly,

Trudi Benjamin, Director

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Backpack found

A black backpack was found in the lounge on the TRIO floor the morning after the NCAA Championship Game. The bag is black and says ETA Cuisenaire. If the bag belongs to you, please come pick it up in the TRIO Office.



Student Leaders

Congratulations are in order for LaToya Green and LaSonya "Sony" McElroy, who will both be assuming leadership roles on campus in the fall. LaToya has been elected President of Black Student Union and Harmonious Voices of Praise. Sony has been elected Vice President of Black Student Union and Secretary of Harmonious Voices of Praise.

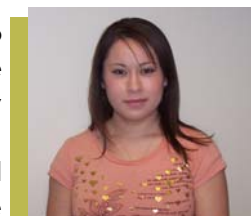
Congratulations, also, to graduating tutor Lindsay Davis for being named the ESU Newberg Distinguished Senior.

Outstanding Participant

Hola! My name is Claudia Gomez-Beltran. I am currently a freshman looking forward to becoming a sophomore. I am from a family of six, and also the best family in the whole world. The people that know me know that I am nice, sometimes a little quiet, and really organized.

One of my biggest inspirations has always been my family because without them I would simply not be where I am at now. One thing my family has always encouraged me to do is to do what I do best and enjoy every second of it. They have always said that no matter how hard I get beaten I can always recover and be a stronger person. Another inspiration is my friends because even though sometimes they get me in trouble, they have always been there for me when I need them. I love my family and my friends because without them I would be nothing.

Claudia was nominated by her tutor, Brad, who said, "Claudia shows extreme devotion to her job and school. She often works 20-25 hours per week at Applebee's and has a full class load. She always comes to tutoring, has questions, and is prepared. When working with Claudia it seems as though she really wishes to learn and wants to gain more than a grade."



Claudia Gomez-Beltran

Student Successes

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

Brittany Albright	Whitney DeVader	Mary H.	Amanda Maxfield	Kirstee S.
Aaron Allen	Dustin DuBree	Amber Harbison	Lasonya McElroy	Lauren Tehel
Angela Alonzo	Elizabeth Emley-Wallace	John Harris	Michelle N.	Tyrone Townsend
Robin Bartel	Daniel Etim	Keith Harrison	Vicky Ortega	Sujeily V.
Tiffany Baum	Hayley Finch	Kyle Hays	Jessica Penn	Matt Vossler
Jaleesa Beard	Adriana Flores	Yasmin Henderson	Carlos Pringle	Mamona Wajid
Lorene Booth	Ilda Flores	Tina Herrera	Cheryl Repp	Jamie Watt
Ashley Brandt	Adam Galindo	Amanda Hinrichs	Danisha Roach	E'Tillunte Webb
Casi Bruner	Damon Garcia	Dustin H.	Cindy Rogers	Juliet Wesley
Rita Butler	Ashley G.	Dancia K.	Dianna Rogers	Angie W.
Caysey Caywood	Claudia Gomez-Beltran	Bullet Koehn	Sean Ryan	Julia W.
Anthony Clemons	Yadira Gonzalez	Janet Laird	Andrea Schindler	Naomi W.
Kelli Coble	Lisa Goodger	Cari Lee	Misty Seal	Derrek Zietz
Krissy Cortez	Weston Grove	Amy Lemmon	Mary Sigle	Esenia Zuniga
Desarai Crayton	Bertha Guillen	Audanell Lester	Amber Smith	
Lory Cross	Laura Gunderson	Oscar Macias	Veronica Sotelo	

Final Exams

	Mon. May 12	Tues. May 13	Wed. May 14	Thurs. May 15	Fri. May 16
8:00 - 9:50	10:00 TR	11:00 TR	12:00 MWF	8:00 TR	12:00 TR
10:10-12:00	8:00 MWF	9:00 MWF	11:00 MWF	10:00 MWF	9:00 TR
1:00-2:50	1:00 TR	1:00 MWF	2:00 MWF	3:00 MWF	
3:10 - 5:00	4:00 TR	3:00 TR	2:00 TR	4:00 MWF	
7:00 - 9:00	Special Exam 1	Special Exam 2	Special Exam 3	Special Exam 4	

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 (Fri. May 16 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.

Summer and Fall Tutoring

If you are taking classes this summer and would like a tutor, please stop by the office soon. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to tutor all classes in the summer. We hire tutors based on the needs of students, so let us know! If you have already signed up, a tutor will be in contact with you soon. If you think you will need tutoring in the fall, please stop by or give us a call during finals week. Leave your name, the name of the course(s) for which you would like tutoring, and a summer address where we can reach you. The students on the waiting list will be the first ones contacted to schedule tutoring dates and times when the schedule is available for fall.

Important May Dates

- ◆ Friday, May 9: Last day of regular classes. Last day of tutoring.
- ◆ Friday, May 9: Deadline to register for the June 7 CAAP exam.
- ◆ Monday, May 12 to Friday, May 16: Final Exams
- ◆ Monday, May 12: Finals Week Pizza Party in lab, 11:30-1:00.
- ◆ Friday, May 16: Minority Student Graduation Reception, 7:00 p.m., Kanza Room, MU
- ◆ Saturday, May 17: Spring Commencement, 9:30 a.m., Welch Stadium

Year-End Checklist

Before you leave for summer break, make sure you have taken care of all these things, so all is in order when you return!

- ◆ Pre-enroll for fall and resolve all holds
- ◆ Return library books
- ◆ Forward paychecks to permanent address if leaving town
- ◆ Complete fall housing contract if living on campus next fall
- ◆ Watch mail and Buzz-In for fall fee payment information
- ◆ Check your student email account!

Keeping Your Finals Week Low-Stress

Finals week can be a stressful time, but there are several things you can do to reduce your body's reaction to stress. Try some of these tips, or come see us for more assistance.

- ◆ Maintain a reasonable diet and exercise regularly.
- ◆ Get an adequate amount of sleep—no all-night cram sessions!
- ◆ Take some time each day to be away from others and pressures.
- ◆ Associate with people who are supportive of you.
- ◆ Don't study one subject for more than two hours at a time, and take a 15-20 minute break before moving on to the next subject.

Evaluations

In order to maintain our grant funding, it is necessary for Project Challenge to evaluate the services we offer you throughout the year. If you receive tutoring, you will be asked to complete an evaluation of the tutoring services you received during one of your tutoring appointments. In addition, we will be emailing all participants a link to an electronic evaluation of our program services overall. Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation. Your results are completely anonymous and confidential. However, they are **IMPERATIVE** because we must have this information for the federal government in order for the program to continue. The evaluations are used as a means of improving the services we provide for you, so we value your honesty and candor. We appreciate your help in this matter and look forward to continuing to serve you.