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EDGE NEWSLETTER

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Special points of interest:

- The EDGE Seminar class meets every Monday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Pre-enrollment for Student Advising Center (SAC) starts in October

Multicultural Events:

- **BSU 80's and 90's Party**~ October 23, 2009 @ Eclipse (10 W. 11th Ave)
- **Pride National Coming Out Day**~ October 11, 2009
Helium for Hope~ October 25-31, 2009
- **HVP College Day**~ October 18, 2009 @ Kansas Memorial Missionary Church starting at 10:30 a.m.
- **HALO**
October 9- Salsa Night at 7 p.m.

What is E.D.G.E.

The Eagerly Dedicated to Grow and to Excel (E.D.G. E.) is a student retention program designed to provide tutoring and mentoring to minority students.

The change from high school or community college to a four-year school can be challenging. The EDGE program assists students with successfully adjusting to life at Emporia State University. As our name suggests, we want to share strategies that gives students that extra EDGE to help ensure your success.

The EDGE will assist you with your transition to ESU, and through specifically designed programs and services, work to foster academic achievement, social integration, and personal success.



Upcoming Events

- October 5: Dr. Kevin Rabbis: Creative Writing and Formal Composition Writing Techniques.
- October 8-9: Fall Break
- October 12: Dr. Galynn Wolfe Bondonario: Artistic Expressions
- October 14: Midterm grades available on Buzz-In
- October 19: Blythe Eddy: Exploring Your Talents & Leadership
- October 26: David Milford: Career Exploration
- October 28: Last day to Withdraw from classes with a "W" on your transcript

What the EDGE Program has to offer

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”

Robert Collier

- Overnight orientation program for EDGE students only
- Academic tutoring from a current successful ESU student
- An immediate support system
- Information on campus policies and services
- College survival skills, Time management skills, Goal setting strategies
- Personalized mentoring sessions and group sessions
- Edge seminar course (2 credit hours)
- Personal, educational, and cultural support

As an EDGE member, you will be provided with a successful ESU student and meet with her/him weekly for free tutoring in general education courses (math, science, English, psychology, etc.). You will also be required to take a 2 credit hour seminar class. There will be opportunities to engage in social and cultural networks.

E.D.G.E. Peer Academic Mentee of the Month



Name: Noel Smiley

Major: Nursing

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This is Noel's first year at Emporia State University. She decide to join EDGE because she thought that not only would it help her academically but it would be a good way to get to know people on campus. Noel wants to further her education to better herself as a person and to make a better life for her family. This Fall Noel made the change from Oklahoma State University to ESU because of the difference in cost and the great nursing school here at ESU.

E.D.G.E. Peer Academic Mentor of the Month



Name: Crystal Hill

Major: Education Social Science

Classification: Non-traditional

Hometown: Junction City, KS

Crystal is seeking her 2nd degree here at ESU. Crystal started as a mentee in EDGE, and she said that her mentor inspired her to also become a mentor. According to Crystal the EDGE program instills confidence and maturity in college students. In addition, she believes that EDGE establishes networking relationships with student that you can relate to. Crystal choose ESU because she wants to be a teacher and she believes that ESU is the place for her to accomplish that goal.

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Top Ten Test-Taking Tips for Students

Here are the top ten tips to success!

Have a Positive Attitude

Approach the big test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

2. Make a Plan

The week before the test, ask your teacher what the test is going to cover. Is it from the textbook only? Class notes? Can you use your calculator? If you've been absent, talk to friends about material you may have missed. Make a list of the most important topics to be covered and use that as a guide when you study. Circle items that you know will require extra time. Be sure to plan extra time to study the most challenging topics.

3. The Night Before

Cramming doesn't work. If you've followed a study plan, the night before the test you should do a quick review and get to bed early. Remember, your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

4. The Morning of the Test

Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test. Get to school early and do a ten-minute power study right before the test, so your brain is turned on and tuned up.

5. Test Time

Before the test begins, make sure you have everything you'll need - scratch paper, extra pencils, your calculator (if you're allowed to use it). Understand how the test is scored: Do you lose points for incorrect answers? Or is it better to make guesses when you're not sure of the answer? Read the instructions! You want to make sure you are marking answers correctly.

6. Manage Your Time

Scan through the test quickly before starting. Answering the easy questions first can be a time saver and a confidence builder. Plus, it saves more time in the end for you to focus on the hard stuff.

7. I'm Stuck!

Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. If you're still stuck, circle it and move on. You can come back to it later. What if you have no idea about the answer? Review your options and make the best guess you can, but only if you don't lose points for wrong answers.

8. Multiple-Choice Questions

The process of elimination can help you choose the correct answer in a multiple-choice question. Start by crossing off the answers that couldn't be right. Then spend your time focusing on the possible correct choices before selecting your answer.

9. Neatness Counts

If your 4s look like 9s, it could be a problem. Be sure that your writing is legible and that you erase your mistakes. For machine-scored tests, fill in the spaces carefully.

10. I'm Done!

Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the test, remember that you're not done yet. First, check the clock and go back to review your answers, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Spend the last remaining minutes going over the hardest problems before you turn in your test.

Follow these test tips, and you'll know you did your best - congratulations!

This article was found at www.teachervision.com

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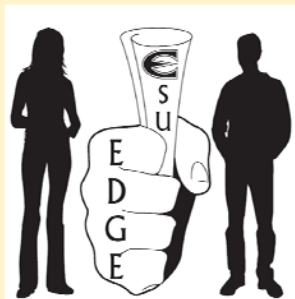
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EDGE is a simple way to make your experience at Emporia State University a more successful one. It is a free program—the only investment is your time and desire to succeed. The payoff, however, will last you the rest of your time at Emporia State University and beyond.

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