Greetings!

As we begin a new year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the essential role educators have in cultivating student minds. According to Martin Luther King Jr., “Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” Part of the educational process involves encouraging students to think critically about the world and to develop their own perspectives while maintaining a respect and understanding for others.

In December, EOP and ConnCAP students participated in the “Black and Hispanic/Latino Male Statewide Forum” at CCSU, coordinated by the State Department Resource Center (SERC). These students thoughtfully articulated their unique academic experiences, inspiring the attendees. PAS programs recognize that students define who they are throughout their academic journey. We continue to put students first. Best wishes for 2013!

Celebrating Our Student Workers

On November 29, 2012, we held our annual Student Worker Appreciation Luncheon. The office was decked in CCSU colors, blue and white, and the staff contributed a delicious selection of food. Those attending included Dr. Richard Bachoo and Dr. Joseph Paige, student workers, office staff, and office graduate assistants.

Good cheer and engaging discussions were enjoyed by everyone. Student workers are an essential part of our operations, and they deserve the recognition. Way to go students!

EOP and ConnCAP Students Speak out at Black and Latino Male Forum

On December 14, 2012, ConnCAP and EOP students posed the student panel at the “Black and Hispanic/Latino Male Statewide Forum,” were they discussed issues of educational equality and social justice. Students shared their experiences concerning their responsibilities and commitments towards education. In addition, they articulated the challenges they have faced during high school and college.

Event participants came from Connecticut and the New England area. The forum was sponsored by the State Department of Education, the Connecticut Parent and Family Information Resource Center, and the State Department Resource Center (SERC).

On December 14, 2012, ConnCAP families met at NBHS for a Potluck and raised money for scholarships. ConnCAP eighth grade students dedicated five Saturdays before celebrating their Travelers EDGE Program graduation on Nov. 6. CCSU professor “Doc” David Fearon coordinates with ConnCAP through a Travelers grant. This year students created an online visual blog to portray 21 special powers for success in their school, community, and future careers.

EOP and ConnCAP Program Photo Updates!

ConnCAP eighth grade students participated in a field trip to the Travelers EDGE Program at CCSU. They learned about the farm’s history as well as participated in field activities and went apple picking.

During the fall semester, the EOP students had a meet and greet with their school district’s executive assistant to support one another’s success in college.

In December, ConnCAP families met at NBHS to enjoy a Pinecon and raise money for scholarships.

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