Updates from the Director...

Greetings!

This has been an exciting time for Pre-Collegiate and Access Services. ConnCAP celebrated 25 Years and will continue to thrive through the support of CCSU, New Britain Schools, and past and present program participants. EOP’s strong retention and graduation rates have led to 45 students enrolling at CCSU this fall. I extend my appreciation to the PAS personnel, campus community, and students’ families. Congratulations!

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ConnCAP Celebrates 25 Years!

On August 30, 2012, the ConnCAP 25th Anniversary Celebration took place on the Vance Green. Students and alumni heard from program proponents and enjoyed food, musical entertainment, and outdoor activities. The event was a fantastic way to complete the successful summer program.

The master of ceremonies was ConnCAP alumnus and teacher, Jose Feliciano. Distinguished guest speakers included CCSU Vice-President Carl Lovitt, Mayor Tim O’Brien, New Britain Schools’ Superintendent Kelt Cooper, Dr. Peter Rosa of Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Dr. David Fearon of CCSU’s Travelers EDGE Program, and Jacqueline Johnson and Shaun Levy of Department of Higher Education.

Dr. Rosa, who supported the first ConnCAP grant in 1987, praised each student’s decision to participate in the program.

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The PAS Office Has a New Look

This summer the Pre-Collegiate and Access Services (PAS) office was renovated in order to accommodate a more spacious, up-to-date computer lab for undergraduates and dedicated office space for the EOP graduate assistants.

The newly designed space demonstrates our commitment to providing students with the best resources to help them thrive academically.

The renovation was made possible through the generous support of Academic Affairs, Facilities Management, and Dr. Richard Bachoo. It is wonderful to see students utilizing their space to study and to collaborate with peers!
The EOP 2012 Summer Program was a great success. This summer 46 out of 47 students completed the program. Out of the 46 students, 45 have enrolled at CCSU for the fall semester. One-hundred percent of students successfully completed their English coursework. In addition, 100 percent of students passed Reading 140, and 83 percent of students passed Math 099.

This year’s diverse student demographic represented many countries, including South Africa, Central and South America, India, and the Middle East.

On Wednesday, July 18, 2012, Pre-Collegiate and Access Services and the Center for Public Policy and Social Research hosted the EOP Mentorship Luncheon. Mr. Steve Kliger, the Executive Director of Center for Public Policy & Social Research introduced the keynote speaker, former state representative and CCSU faculty William Dyson, who gave a motivational speech to students. He advised them to work hard and to graduate from CCSU.

We concluded the award ceremony on August 2, 2012, awarding the graduates and the EOP undergraduates with numerous scholarships. Approximately $30,000 in scholarships was awarded to our students. Students continue to receive academic coaching from our dedicated graduate assistants and student workers.

...25 Years! (continued)

Superintendent Cooper told students that ConnCAP offers them an opportunity to change their lives for the better and to achieve their academic goals.

ConnCAP is successful because of the support of past and present CCSU faculty, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs as well as New Britain Public Schools and community. We are grateful for the continued support of President Dr. Jack Miller. In addition, parental involvement keeps our program strong; parents attend monthly meetings.

In the past school year, 99 percent of our seniors went on to college, and, since the start of the program, approximately 90 percent of our students have enrolled in college. ConnCAP continues to provide 132 students, grades eight through twelve, school year support and a summer school academic program. We recently hired math tutors to help increase middle and high school students’ math skills. Over 80 percent of ConnCAP undergraduates enrolled at CCSU hold a 2.5 GPA or higher.

What’s Happening in PAS?

**October Events:**
* Lyman Orchards, ConnCAP Middle School
* Saturday Travelers EDGE Program, ConnCAP Middle School
* Claim University, ConnCAP High School
* ConnCAP Parent Meeting
* EOP Network Gathering

**November Events:**
* PAS Professional Development Staff Retreat
* ConnCAP 25th Anniversary Meet and Greet, Alumni Event
* PAS Staff Appreciation Luncheon
* ConnCAP University Tours

**December Events:**
* Parents & Community Potluck

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