

Student Enrichment Program

**WESTERN OREGON
UNIVERSITY**

Spring 2007



TRiO Day Celebrates You! Turning Mirrors into Windows

Wednesday, May 30, 2007, marks SEP and Upward Bound's end-of-year TRiO Day Celebration and Barbecue at the Gentle House. Please come join your SEP staff and friends as we recognize our graduating seniors as well as the outstanding accomplishments of other SEP students.

The celebration begins at 3:00pm and will include keynote speaker, Damien Flores (former SEP participant and WOU graduate), acknowledgement of our graduating seniors and other special award presentations, plus feature entertainment by SEP participants. Following the presentations, stay for food and fun as we celebrate with a TRiO style Barbeque.

Look for upcoming information regarding this event! You won't want to miss it.

***If you would like to assist with this event, please sign up in the SEP Office. We need students to decorate, serve food and set up/clean up.*

Seniors...Celebrating your achievements

The purpose of TRiO Day is to celebrate the accomplishments of SEP students and showcase our seniors. In order to do this, we need your help. We need you to stop by the SEP office so we can get a picture of you to use during TRiO Day. We would also appreciate it if you would spend just a few minutes filling out a senior profile letting us know what your plans are after graduation and advice you wish to pass on to other SEP participants.



SEP graduate named Curator of Jensen

Roben Jack Larrison, SEP alumna and 2006 WOU graduate, was recently named Curator of the Jensen Arctic Museum. Roben is an Inupiaq Eskimo from Nome, Alaska, and worked as a student employee in the museum during her undergraduate studies at the university. She has been the interim Curator since last August. The Jensen Arctic Museum is only one of two museums in the lower 48 states and the only museum on the West Coast devoted solely to collecting, preserving and teaching about the Arctic culture and ecology. Under Roben's direction, the museum is constantly developing new displays and educational programs. SEP students are encouraged to visit the museum and to meet Roben. The museum is open 10am - 4pm, Wednesday - Saturday, and is located adjacent to the New P.E. facility.

SEP student to study in Puerto Rico



Jazmin Ramirez, a first year participant in SEP, will be studying at the Universidad Sagrado Corazón, Puerto Rico this fall. Jazmin applied earlier this year through the National Student Exchange (NSE) program to do part of her undergraduate degree in an exchange program. She is the second SEP student to participate in NSE since WOU became a member school last year.

Jazmin was recently placed at this school through an annual placement conference which occurs each spring. Two factors drew her to consider this university: First, all of her classes will be conducted in Spanish which will no doubt improve her language proficiency; Second, she wanted a place to discover and reconnect with her spiritual heritage. USC fit both of her criteria. Her exchange program in Puerto Rico will be from August – December 2007 and she will return to WOU in January in time for the beginning of winter term.

Since 1968, more than 85,000 students have participated in the NSE program. Congratulations Jazmin on your placement and we look forward to hearing about your experiences in the Western Caribbean on your return. For more information on National Student Exchange, please contact Denise Galey, NSE Coordinator at galeyd@wou.edu.

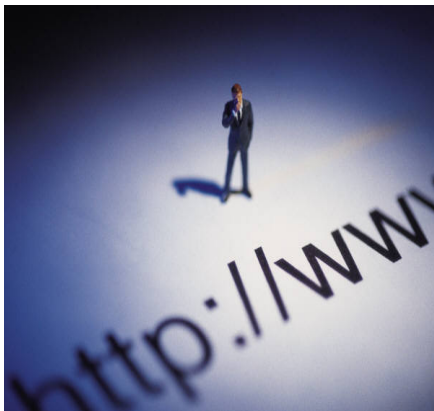
Paid internships for summer are available

Still wondering what you are going to do this summer? Ever wanted to get paid to learn on the job? The State of Oregon PROMISE Program is an internship program designed to provide professional, managerial, and technical paid work experience in state employment for Western Oregon University students as well as other college students throughout the state. The purpose of the program is to increase the potential pool of applicants currently underrepresented in state employment.

PROMISE provides opportunities to increase diversity and diversity awareness for participating departments and agencies. Students receive a unique opportunity to gain job experience at a critical stage of their career planning. PROMISE underscores the link between a college degree and employment in a positive way; it represents a model for how employers can work with higher education to recruit and retain racial/ethnic minorities.

PROMISE benefits all - students get exposure to state and local government; public sector agencies are provided with a tool to enhance the recruitment of a diverse workforce; and finally, important and meaningful projects are accomplished.

These are paid internships for the summer months. The deadline to apply for these internships has been extended, so click on the link <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/HR/projects.html> to get more information on available internships and how to apply for them. See your SEP educational advisor or contact the Service Learning and Career Development office if you need more information.



From On-Line to On-the-Job: An Introduction to On-Line Portfolios

We know most students are comfortable using the internet as a personal networking tool, but have you considered how to use the internet as an employment-networking tool? This is a great time to start thinking about how you can market your skills and work experience with your own on-line portfolio. From posting your current resume to pictures of work you've done and would be proud to show a future employer - the options are limitless! You also may know that every student at WOU has access to their own personal

web-page. During our workshop you'll learn how you can get started on designing your own web-page and we'll discuss how you can use that web-page to build on for your future career. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 26th from 1:00 - 2:00 in Hamersly Library, room 108.

SEP will be well represented at Commencement

With commencement approaching quickly, we would like to give you a glimpse of those people who are planning on graduating by Summer 2007.

Blanca Aguirre
 Jennifer Beller
 Danielle Blanchette
 Danielle Bradford
 Daniela Ceja-Torres
 Chris Claggett
 Sarah Cole
 Michael Coleman
 Sheena Davidson-Thelin
 Lily Droyyak
 Beth Fleisher
 Ingrid Garber
 Heather Gatter
 Leticia Gonzalez
 Zane Graser
 Maria Gutierrez
 Jared Hicks
 Shantya Jackson
 Tresa Johnson
 Teresa Karner
 Chelsey Kent
 Melissa Kidd
 Kaleka Kukahiko
 Sandra LaChance
 Maria Lemus
 Tricia Mills
 Alicia Monrroy
 Luz Ochoa
 Osman Osman
 Mathew Pineda
 Ronda Roberts
 Ahtira Rucker
 Kao Saechao
 Christine Watson
 Dustyann Wyatt
 and
 Leanna Fauley - Associate Degree

Congratulations!



SEP students garner several leadership positions

Many SEP participants have recently been selected to serve in leadership positions across campus. Some groups have yet to complete their selection process, but to date, SEP staff is aware of the following groups:

Multicultural Recruiters 2006-07

This is a newly formed group on campus. These student leaders serve as campus representatives specifically trained to address the interests and needs of prospective students of color.

Andrea Arce, Coordinator	Blanca Aguirre	Ilce Aguirre
Trea Asmelash	Jenny Cortez	Carmen Cortes Maldonado
Omar Melchor	Mallory Migliaccio	Juanita Montes-Romero
Veronica Ochoa	Rusell Peña	Renita Penunuri
Kristy Polanco	Adriana Ramos	Beatriz Reyes
Cristal Sandoval	Paola Sumoza	Michael Waller
	<i>Plus Team</i>	<i>2007</i>

A team of student leaders trained to facilitate WOU student orientation programs.

Omar Melchor	Erica Moreno	Nicole Seery	Ekaeta Udosenata
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Resident Assistants 2007-08

A staff of paraprofessional student leaders trained to carry out programming and community development.

Jodi Barnes - Gentle Hall	Chris Hammond - Landers Hall
Tiffany Hendrix - Heritage Hall	Cesar Torres - Landers Hall
Juanita Montes-Romero - Alternate	

Hall Government 2006-07

Elected students to represent and consider the interests of students living in the halls.

Jayne Keithly - Barnum Hall Representative
Nick Dugas - Landers Hall Representative
Leanna Fauley - Gentle Hall Secretary
Juanita Montes-Romero - Heritage Hall Representative
Stefennie Sorenson - Gentle Hall Representative

Peer Mentors 2006-07

To educated students on healthy lifestyle options.

Cristal Sandoval

Diversity Peer Educators 2006-07

A group of student committed to diversity programming, educating and outreach to improve the culture and climate of Western Oregon University for everyone.

Cristal Sandoval	Tina Trinh
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Alternative Spring Break 2007

Leaders: **Tina Trinh** (Montana) and **Maria Acosta** (New Orleans)
 Participants: **Danielle Bradford** (Montana), **Eulailia George** (Spokane)

ASWOU 2006-2007

Anastasia Dancer - Student Senator

Congratulations to all of our student leaders!

On A Roll

Recognizing Student Accomplishments

Honor Roll

Ilce Acuirre-Rodriguez	Jennifer Beller	Ming Bemetz	Michael Coleman
Anastasia Dancer	Ashley Erb	Tiffany Hendrix	* Kathy Holmes
* Dylan Jones	* Sandra LaChance	* Omar Melchor-Ayala	Karla Neuschwander
Renita Penunuri	Kristty Polanco	* Alyssa Pratt	Sarah Pratt
Justine Rosenlof	*Kyle Rossi	Ahtira Rucker	Cristal Sandoval
Gus Townson Jr.	* Tina Trinh	Tony Tompkins	Brianne Vredenburg
Erica Wade	Chris Watson	*President's List - 4.0 GPA	

On A Roll

Angela Abron	Blanca Aguirre	Terra Ashford	Trea Asmelash
Katrina Baker	Jennifer Bebb	Danielle Bradford	Zach Caffall
Rebecca Carroll	Lindsay Christensen	Carmen Cortes-Maldonado	Victoria Easter
Leanna Fauley	Amanda Fletcher	Eulalia George	Jessica Gissel
Kaitlynn Gross	Tara Halligan	Howard Jenkins	Lauren Kane
Ivan Laib	Kirsten Lockwood	Yesenia Lopez-Duran	Mallory Migliaccio
Juanita Montes-Romero	Nancy Munoz	Cory Naught	Belinda Neff
Tashia Pettyjohn	Richard Rogers	Alexandra Stricker	Lacey Stricker

Dates to remember...

April 13	Last Day to add classes
April 16	General Scholarship Fund applications due
	Holocaust Remembrance Day
	Speaker: Eline Hoekstra Dresden
April 18	Teacher Recruitment Fair
April 28	Hawaiian Luau
May 1	Leadership Recognition Dinner
May 8	Etiquette Dinner & Fashion show
May 10	Peruvian Dinner
May 10 - 12	Spring Dance Concert
May 11	Nuestra Fiesta Latina
May 21 - 25	Registration for Fall term
May 23	World after WOU
May 28	Memorial Day holiday
May 29 - June 2	Actor's Workshop
May 30	TRiO Day
May 31	2007 Academic Excellence Showcase
June 16	Commencement

Remember to see your SEP Educational Advisor twice each term.

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