

Director's Message

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Upcoming Dates

April

Make your 3rd Appointment to see an EOPS Counselor

May 1

EOPS/CARE Students may pick up final supplies

May 4

COS Scholarship Night

May 9

Academic Achievement Award Ceremony

May 19-25

Final Examinations

May 25

Last day to meet with an EOPS Counselor and Paraprofessional; End of the Spring Semester; Last day to make-up Incomplete "I" grades from Spring 2015; COS Commencement Ceremony

Dear EOPS students,

As we approach the end of the spring semester, we hope that you are stress free and starting to prepare for your upcoming finals. Keep in mind that as a current EOPS student participant you must make your three required contacts this semester so that you can continue in the program. At minimum, you need to have 2 EOPS Counselor and 1 EOPS Paraprofessional contact. You also need to make sure that you submitted your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application. In addition, if you had a low score on an early alert you need to discuss your low grade with your EOPS/CARE Counselor.

We have walk-ins and appointments daily and evening counseling twice a month. We also have EOPS/CARE Counselors and Paraprofessionals available on a monthly basis at the Hanford and Tulare Campuses.

If you are not sure whether you have completed all of your requirements, please stop by the EOPS/CARE Office. Starting Monday, May 1st we will be providing free final supplies to all EOPS students who have met all of their requirements.

We will be having our annual EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Academic Achievement Award Ceremony on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the COS Theatre. Students will be recognized for having earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the spring and fall 2016 semesters. We will also be recognizing our 2016-17 EOPS graduates! Students will be notified by mail and email if they will be recognized for their academic success.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact or stop by the EOPS Office! We wish you success with all of your upcoming finals!

Sincerely,

Adrian Beltran

EOPS/CARE Director

Jack Kent Cook Scholarship



William Russell

William Russell, EOPS student at College of the Sequoias, has been awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, worth up to \$40,000 a year, to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university.

The Cooke Foundation selected 75 students in the country to receive this prestigious scholarship and award from a nationwide pool of nearly 2,000 applicants. All of the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholars have financial need and strong records of academic achievement as shown by grades, leadership skills, awards, extraordinary service to others and perseverance in the face of adversity.

The Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest private scholarship in the nation for students transferring from two-year community colleges to four-year institutions that award bachelor's degrees. "Our Undergraduate Transfer Scholars have a proven record of accomplishment at elite colleges and universities and have gone on to successful careers in many professions," Cooke Foundation Executive Director Harold O. Levy said. "This is among the most prestigious scholarships in the country and we are extremely proud of the talented students who have been selected."

Cooke Scholarships fund the costs of attending college not covered by other financial aid, plus academic advising, stipends for internships, study abroad, and opportunities to network with other Cooke Scholars and alumni. In addition, after earning a bachelor's degree, each Cooke Scholar may be eligible for a scholarship for graduate school worth up to \$50,000 a year for up to four years.

