

## **Educational Opportunities Program:**

Established in 1968 through a legislative initiative by then NYS Deputy Speak, Arthur O. Eve, the Educational Opportunities Program (or EOP) has graduated well over 4,000 alums in its 40 year history. To its credit, this program has been recognized for its outstanding work in successfully graduating once academically and economically challenged students. Specifically EOP at UAlbany has a graduation rate of over 60%, and retention rates of 92.3% after 3 semesters, and 72.4% after 8 semesters. EOP at UAlbany was one of two programs recognized nationally at the 2000 National Conference on Student Retention and was the recipient of the 2000 Noel-Levitz Retention Excellence Award. It has been ear marked as a model program in New York State Public Higher Education.