



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY EOP ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1968 – 2008
October 24-26th, 2008
“RECONNECTING AND RECOMMITTING TO THE LEGACY OF SUCCESS”
University at Albany, State University of New York
Educational Opportunities Program

Dear EOP Alumni and Friends,

Throughout its forty year history, the worthiness of the Educational Opportunities Program has been validated time and time again. As graduates and friends of EOP, you are proof of the value and success of this program. Since its inception at the University at Albany, the EOP Program has graduated over 3,100 students and positively impacted the lives of thousands more. Many have gone on to pursue graduate and professional degrees and have made a significant impression on many of our communities.

To commemorate the 40 year existence of the EOP Program at the University at Albany, **an EOP Alumni and Friends Reunion** has been scheduled. It will coincide with the University's Homecoming Weekend, which will be held on **October 24th-26th, 2008**. The theme of the reunion is **“Reconnecting and Recommitting to the Legacy of Success”**. It reflects your enthusiasm for returning to your Alma Mater to network and celebrate this major milestone. Your attendance is key to ensuring the success of this very special event. It would be wonderful if you would attend.

We acknowledge your professional and personal achievements and view this reunion as an opportunity to showcase your accomplishments, network with EOP alumni, friends, current EOP students and the university community. Over the past forty years many of you have generously contributed your time and resources to ensure the continued excellence of the Educational Opportunities Program. We thank all EOP alumni and friends of the program for your hard work and devotion to learning and for your continued support of the EOP program. You are worthy of our praise and admiration and we look forward to seeing you this October.

Included in this mailing are the following documents:

Reunion Registration Form
Reunion Schedule (Subject to Change)
Reunion Program Journal Ad Form (Please Return By September 19th 2008)
Where are your Classmates? Form (Please Return By September 19th 2008)

REUNION REGISTRATION:

To register to attend the Reunion Weekend, please go to the University at Albany EOP Alumni Reunion Weekend web-site: <http://www.albany.edu/alumni/Reunions08.htm> and click on the EOP Reunion banner.

The online registration will not be active until August 22nd. If paying by mail, all checks should be made payable to the University at Albany Alumni Association with “EOP Reunion” in the memo section. Keep checking this web-site for Reunion Weekend updates!

The Registration Fee for the Reunion Weekend is **\$250.00** and includes the following: Friday Welcome Reception, Saturday Breakfast Lunch Reception and Banquet, and Sunday Brunch, Reunion Program Journal, EOP Alumni Directory, and a group photograph, as well as a contribution to the EOP Fund, which supports **5** named Scholarships presented every year to graduating EOP students (i.e., the Vernon Buck Memorial Scholarship, the Arthur O. Eve Academic Scholarship, the Shanna White Pathfinder Scholarship, the Clyde Frazier Scholarship, and the H. Patrick Swygert Scholarship).

Please also note that on the evening of Saturday October 25th, just prior to the 40th Reunion Banquet Dinner, we will host a tribute reception to celebrate the honorable **Dr. Carson Carr** and the legacy he has left on the Educational Opportunity Program. For those who may not be aware, Dr. Carr retired this past March after 23 years of phenomenal service to the University at Albany and underrepresented students across this state and others. We are **preparing a scrapbook-style journal** that will be presented to Dr. Carr and we are **calling for entries**. If you would like, you may **submit a brief document** in word format where you can describe what Dr. Carr has meant to you and how he has impacted your life. This entry should be as detailed and specific as possible but should also be rather brief (no more than 200 words). You may submit these entries electronically at Carson_Carr_Tribute@yahoo.com. Submittals **MUST be made by Sept. 19th** in order to be included in the scrapbook.

We plan to have a Program Journal with advertisements. Please consider purchasing an individual ad as well as encouraging your employer, fraternity, sorority, church, etc. to purchase an ad to support this event. All checks must be made payable to the **University at Albany Alumni Association** with “**EOP Reunion**” in the memo section and sent with the attached registration form. The Saturday evening banquet will be a sell-out event, so please register by September 1st to ensure your seat. The banquet will be held at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie. Please note that The Desmond Hotel has also reserved a block of rooms at a rate of \$119.00 per night. You can call The Desmond Hotel at Toll Free: (800)448-3500 Direct: (518) 869-8100 for room reservations and mention “EOP Reunion” to get the discount rate. Hurry – these rooms won’t last long at this rate!! Please also visit the reunion web-site mentioned above for additional lodging contact information.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming EOP Alumni and Friends Reunion Weekend, please contact Ms. Gladys Tosado-Santiago, EOP Counselor, at (518) 437-4437 or by email at GSantiagoTosado@uamail.albany.edu.

Sincerely,
Jason Benitez, Chair, EOP Reunion Planning Committee

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EOP Reunion Planning Committee Members

Tyshena Hunter

Maritza Martinez

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Gladys Santiago-Tosado

Maritza Vega

E.O.P. Alumni and Friends Constituent Group

SAVE THESE DATES
October 24th, 25th, and 26th

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____	Occupation _____
Home Address _____	Company Name _____
_____	Company Address _____
Home Phone _____	_____
Year of Graduation _____	Business Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____	E-Mail Address _____

Please Choose Option Below
 See Attached Event Schedule (subject to change)

Option 1: Reunion Package (includes all activities and meals for the entire weekend). The cost is \$250 per adult. (Children 12 and under pay \$75 per child).

Num. Adults _____	\$250 x _____	= _____	
Num. Children _____	\$75 x _____	= _____	
			Total= _____

Option 2: Saturday Evening Dr. Carson Carr Reception and Reunion Banquet. If you would like to only attend the reception and banquet on Saturday, October 25, at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, the cost is \$75.00 per person. (Children 12 and under cost \$15.00 each).

Num. Adults _____	\$75 x _____	= _____	
Num. Children _____	\$15 x _____	= _____	
			Total= _____

Option 3: Unable to Attend. We regret that you are unable to attend the reunion. However, if you would like to make a contribution to our EOP Fund, please specify amount enclosed below. If you would like to place an ad in our Program Journal, please complete the Program Journal Ad Form. *THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!* (All proceeds go to the EOP Fund and are used to assist current EOP students with emergency needs and scholarship monies)

Donation= _____

To help us determine exact counts and meal selections for each event please indicate which of the following events you will be attending with your meal choice _____ Welcome Reception (Fri.) _____ Breakfast (Sat.) _____ EOP Luncheon (Sat.) _____ Dr. Carson Carr’s Tribute Reception (Sat.) _____ EOP Banquet (Sat) (circle chicken or beef or vegetarian) _____ Brunch (Sun.)

Payment Options

- Please make checks payable to: The University at Albany Alumni Association (Write EOP Reunion in the Memo Section)
- Credit Card payment: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ American Express _____

Credit Card Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Please mail your Payment and Registration Form to:
University at Albany Alumni Association, 1400 Washington Ave, Alumni House, Albany, NY, 12222
Online Registration:

You can also complete this registration online by visiting the following link: www.albany.edu/alumni/register.htm

Weekend Schedule

(subject to change)

Friday Oct. 24th, 2008

Reaching Higher, Achieving More lunch

Campus Center Ballroom--Noon

EOP Alumni and Friends Welcome Reception

Assembly Hall and Fireside Lounge--5:30 p.m.

Your first opportunity to meet up with EOP alumni and friends. Stop by to say hello. Registration required.

Saturday Oct. 25th, 2008

All Alumni Breakfast

Campus Center Ballroom--9am

Noon – lunch

EOP Alumni Cultural Connections

University Hall Atrium--1:00–4:00p.m.

A tribute to Burundi African Dancers and Drummers and EOPSA. Come experience the many UAlbany cultural and alumni connections. Free.

Dr. Carson Carr Tribute Reception

Desmond Hotel--6:00-7:30pm

An opportunity to share your experiences with Dr. Carr and celebrate 23 years of Dr. Carr's service to EOP.

EOP 40th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

Desmond Hotel--8 pm

Reconnecting and recommitting to the legacy of success is the theme for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Come reminisce with alumni and celebrate the legacy of the EOP program at UAlbany. *Registration required.*

Sunday Oct. 26th, 2008

EOP Farewell Brunch and Remembrance

Assembly Hall--10:30a.m.--Noon

One last chance to say connect with alumni until you meet again. *Registration required.*

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“WHERE ARE YOUR CLASSMATES?”

Please help us spread the word about the upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration by providing the contact information of a classmate that we may not be aware of, please complete the following information so that we may contact that person. If you need additional space for names and addresses, please attach a separate sheet.

Name _____
Home Address _____

Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____

Name _____
Home Address _____

Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____

Name _____
Home Address _____

Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____
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Name _____
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Name _____
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Business Phone _____
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Name _____
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Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____

Please mail this form by September 19, 2008:
Office of Academic Support Services LI-94
1400 Washington Ave
Albany, New York, 12222

August 2008

Dear Associate,

During the weekend of October 24th through 26th 2008, the University at Albany will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) at the University at Albany with a very special Alumni Reunion. We are expecting over 500 alums to make the pilgrimage to their Alma Mater for an exciting weekend of festivities. This reunion is an opportunity to celebrate our alums and their accomplishments; both past and present. More information regarding the UAlbany EOP Program is enclosed.

We are writing to request your assistance. As a part of the EOP Alumni Reunion Weekend, we are putting together a weekend journal that will contain both letters of support from our surrounding community, as well as journal ads; the proceeds of which will totally go to our EOP Emergency Scholarship Fund. This fund is exclusively utilized to help meet the medical and daily living emergency needs of our current EOP students. Requests such as emergency dental care, eye exams/eye glassware, and other unforeseen hardships that our students may experience are areas that we can assist them with because of the existence of this Emergency Scholarship Fund. None of the funds go to cover administrative costs; they go strictly to the students with verifiable needs.

The information needed to submit an ad is attached. Please return the attached with a copy ready advertisement. We are hopeful that you will share in our weekend reunion celebration by taking an ad out. It will help to share the joy of your business, agency, organization, and/or social group to our weekend visitors.

Any questions regarding this process can be forwarded to Ms. Tyshena Hunter. Her contact number is 518-442-5198 and e mail is THunter@uamail.albany.edu.

Your involvement will be deeply appreciated. As several alums are local as well, we will certainly make sure to advocate their support of your ad in the days, months and years to come.

Sincerely,

The EOP Reunion Planning CommitteeMembers

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PROGRAM BOOKLET REGISTRATION FORM

The EOP Reunion Committee is preparing a Program Booklet which will be published in October of 2008. The booklet will be distributed to all EOP Alumni participating in our reunion.

We are asking you to place an ad in our Program Booklet. Your ad will spread the word about your business or organization. It will also support the educational mission of EOP at the University at Albany. Please specify below which size ad you prefer.

AD RATES AND DIMENSIONS

(The Booklet will be printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper)

<u> </u> Full Page	7 x 9 1/2	\$125.00
<u> </u> Half Page	7 x 4 3/4	\$ 80.00
<u> </u> Quarter Page	3 1/2 x 4 3/4	\$ 50.00

*All ads must be camera ready and prepared according to specifications. Copies of the ads must be clearly printed or typed. Graphics for inclusion must be black on white. Purchase order ads acceptable. Please make your check or money order payable to: **University at Albany Alumni Association** with “EOP Reunion” in the memo section. Please return your ad with this form no later than **September 19, 2008**.*

*Office of Academic Support Services - LI 94
University at Albany c/o Tyshena Hunter
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Thank you for your support!