

July 23, 2009

Dear Continuing EOPS Student,

As you may already be aware, California is in the midst of a devastating fiscal crisis. As a result, EOPS programs across the state are facing the possibility of unprecedented decreases in funding. Unfortunately for students, these cuts would negatively impact the level of services that EOPS has been fortunate enough to provide in the past. To prepare for a reduction in funding, difficult changes have been made to the EOPS Program for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Diablo Valley College EOPS program cuts at a glance:

- **Reduction in book voucher amounts for new and continuing EOPS students. *Please see below for more information.***
- **No ASDVC discount stickers.**
- **Reduction in tutoring services including limiting the number of subjects offered.**
- **No EOPS work study. *If you are still interested in work study, we urge you to apply for federal work study through the DVC Financial Aid office. Please stop by the Financial Aid Office or EOPS Office for more information.***
- **Suspension of parent grants for non-CARE students until the current budget issues have been resolved.**

Fall 2009 book voucher amounts and pick-up dates

The following book voucher amounts will be awarded to eligible EOPS students in good standing:

- If you are enrolled in 12.0 or more units: \$175
- 9.0 – 11.9 units: \$150
- 6.0 – 8.9 units: \$100
- Eligible students on Alert Status after completion of an Alert workshop: \$75

Continuing students in good standing may pick up their book vouchers beginning Monday, August 3rd. You will receive an eligibility letter with pick up times! Eligible students on Alert Status who have attended an alert status workshop may pick up their book vouchers beginning Monday, August 31st.

EOPS program requirements remain unchanged

Remember that in order to remain in good standing with the program, you are required to complete at least 67% of your enrolled units with a 2.0 GPA, complete two EOPS scheduled counseling visits, complete a peer advisor visit, and complete your mid-semester progress report!

Due to the budget constraints, EOPS will be limiting bulk mailings this year. We will continue to send your EOPS eligibility letters via postal mail. However, please be sure to read any emails you may receive from the EOPS Office and check the EOPS web-page, www.dvc.edu/eops for updates on the EOPS Program, including workshops, campus tours and special events that will be planned throughout the semester. Please see the back of this letter for information about upcoming workshops to get involved with ASDVC and student clubs.

If you have any questions regarding the state budget cuts or need referrals to other student support services, please stop by the EOPS Office in the Student Services Center, Room 214 or call 925.685.1230 x2236. As in previous financially difficult times, the Diablo Valley College EOPS staff remains committed to serving and supporting our students. We wish you success with EOPS!

Sincerely,

Emily Stone
EOPS/CARE Director