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Universities Invite CARE Students to Transfer

EOPS/CARE held its Annual CARE Conference in August. At the conference guest speakers from various universities introduced opportunities provided for single parent students after they transfer. Eileen Gnehm (from right) and Sombra Ruiz (second from right) previously were CARE students while they attended a community college. After transferring to UCLA, they helped establish a **Parenting Students** program at UCLA to serve as a resource for students with dependents. They spoke about opportunities and support that CARE students will receive through this great recourse after transferring to UCLA.

On the left, Veronica Miele, former EOPS/CARE student at LAVC, spoke about her experiences as a CARE student as well as her experiences after transferring to CSU, Northridge. At CSUN, she is a part of the EOP program, which is, in her words, "similar to EOPS, but without the personal and caring support." Second from left, Regina Zosa, also a single parent and a former EOPS student, spoke about her experiences as a student who did not have the opportunity to participate in CARE and had to survive despite a lack of resources.

The speakers shared their personal stories about being single parent and having to balance family, work and school obligations, changed dynamics after transfer and strategies for adjustment. Twenty eight CARE students attended this conference.



CARE Recruiting New Students



As our current students successfully complete their goals and move on, we continue recruiting new CARE students. We started the Fall 2011 semester with **forty four** continuing CARE students and currently, we accepted **twenty seven** new CARE students. We will continue accepting students if they qualify for CARE until October 14 for the Fall 2011 semester. Please welcome all our new CARE students into our CARE family.

CARE Student Achievements

Congratulations to former CARE students who completed their academic goals last semester.

- **Tatevik Minasyan** transferred to CSU, Northridge with Psychology major.
- **Zarinah Muhammad** earned a Child Development Certificate and transferred to La Vern University with Child Development major.
- **LaQueita Owens** transferred to CSU, Los Angeles with Nursing major.
- **Zanovia Price** transferred to CSU, Northridge with Child Development major.
- **Mirna Ramirez** earned a Child Development Certificate and continuing her education at LAVC.
- **Brandi Saxon** earned an Administration of Justice Certificate and transferred to CSU, Los Angeles with Criminal Justice major.

This semester, eight of current CARE students are also Dean's honorees for successfully completing their Spring 2011 courses. These students' names are recognized on page 4. These students are:

Evelyn Bates
Astghik Dallakyan
Ana Gopmez
Raquel Gomez

Lelyanna Hanna
Gayane Grigoryan
Anahit Makaryan
Anna Melikyan

CARE4Kids Holiday Workshop 2011

CARE students and their children under 14 years old are invited to the **CARE4Kids Holiday Workshop 2011** on Friday, December 16 at 12:00 noon in Monarch Hall. Every year, CARE hosts this event. Earlier in the semester, we mailed/mailed you a flyer regarding this event with the instructions about how to select gifts for your children and turn the information to our office by Friday, September 30, 2011, by 12:00 noon (see flyer on the back page). This deadline has been extended until Friday, October 28 for those student who have not yet turn in their gift selections. Please take a moment to select your gift choices from the Target.com and submit the information to the EOPS office as soon as possible, if you and your children wish to participate in the Holiday Workshop. Please remember that this event is only for CARE students and their children, and do not invite other guests as they will not be allowed to attend the event.



EOPS/CARE

Invites you and your child to the

CARE4Kids Holiday Workshop 2011

Friday, December 16, 2011

12:00 Noon

In Monarch Hall

Here is what we would like you to do to help us get ready for the CARE Holiday Workshop:

Visit Target.com website, and select a gift for each of your child under the age of 14. Please select items that do not exceed \$30 for each child. You also have an option of requesting a gift card for the amount of \$30 for each child. Once you make your selection, please print the page for each item selected with the name, item number and the price. On each page, please write your name, student ID #, a valid phone #, your child's first name, age and gender (boy or girl). If you have any questions/concerns, or need to access a computer in the EOPS office, please feel free to stop by or call the office at (818) 947-2432.

Please fill out the information at the bottom of this page, and return to the EOPS office with your gift selections no later than Friday, October 28, 2011 by 12:00 noon.

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I am Planning to Attend the CARE Holiday Workshop 2011

Student's Name

Student ID #

Contact Phone #

Please write the name, age, and gender of your children under 14 years old that you are planning to bring with you to the event.

Child's First Name	Age	Boy or Girl?
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This event is ONLY for CARE students and their children under 14 years old. Other guests (grandparents, nieces/nephews, brothers/sisters etc.) will not be admitted.