Introducing: The Color Purple

By: India Stanford

Not the color blue or brown, but the color PURPLE! On April 9, 2011, the Educational Support Program will be attending the Broadway play, The Color Purple. The Color Purple is a musical based on the novel by Alice Walker. The storyline is centered on the diary entries of a young black woman who writes about her roles as a daughter, wife, sister, and mother. The play takes place during the 1900’s, which was a time of heightened tension within the family life and culture of the South. The play brings this intriguing storyline to life through music, great acting, and a phenomenal set. The Color Purple has previously earned 11 Tony award nominations, and has cast individuals such as Fantasia Barrino and Renee’ Elise Goldsberry. The Color Purple has captivated audiences across the nation, and we are excited to be able to witness this masterpiece. Spots for this cultural trip are sure to fill up fast, so we encourage ESP students to continue to visit us on the web at www.gvsu.edu and by searching ESP Mentors on Facebook. We will be sending out more information soon!

ESP’S Quote of the Month

By: Marnie Parris-Bingle

The Educational support program realizes that a few inspirational words can help bring about a much needed smile, or even ease some of the many unavoidable college stresses. Due to this recognition of the power of words, we will be including a quote within each newsletter! If you have any quotes or other inspirational words that you will like to see in the newsletter, please email the office at frontesp@gvsu.edu

"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it." –
Recognizing Outstanding Scholarship

By: India Stanford

On Saturday, February 19th students and ESP staff began their journey to Kalamazoo to be featured as guests at the MICAPP Scholarship dinner. Before the scholarship banquet began, peer mentors, Ashleigh and India, presented the college edition of Jeopardy, which featured questions about advising, classes, social organizations, money, and housing. The presentation was an instant hit with the Upward Bound students, eliciting a competitive spirit while helping the students gain priceless college information. After the presentation, it was time for the banquet. Students JaQuan Thompson, Veniece Richardson, Chris McNally, and Amber Williamson were amongst the students awarded with the MICAPP Scholarship. These students were recognized for their outstanding leadership, persevering attitude, and amazing scholarship. Although the students were nervous about having to give an impromptu speech, they did an awesome job! Many of the students paid homage to their families, friends, advisors, and other mentors that have helped them on their journey to obtaining success in college. These students served as great role models to the Upward Bound students in the room, driving home the message that hard work and dedication can take you anywhere in life. The Educational Support Program staff is very proud of these students and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Cooking Corner

By: Ashleigh Zerbst

Shamrock Shakes

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or 2 cups soy ice cream
- 1 1/4 cups 2% low-fat milk or 1 1/4 cups soymilk
- 1/4 teaspoon mint extract
- 8 drops green food coloring

Directions:
1- Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend on high speed until smooth.
2 - Stop blender to stir with a spoon if necessary to help blend ice cream.
3- Pour into 12-ounce cups and serve each with a (green) straw.
4 - Happy St Patrick's Day!
If you’re hosting a party and want to serve these, we suggest getting green sprinkles for the rim of the glasses!
You’ve Got Questions? We’ve Got Answers!

By: Melissa Selby-Theut

If you have any other questions that you would like answered, you can either submit them to frontesp@gvsu.edu or schedule an appointment with your ESP advisor. Remember, we’re here to help! I will be answering those questions in the newsletter throughout the course of the year.

What is the best way to find paid internships in Grand Rapids?

Well, very few internships, especially at the undergraduate level, are actually paid. It’s hard to search for an internship with the expectation that it will be as your opportunities will be limited. In the long-run, your best bet when looking for an internship is to find one that fits well with your future career goals. It will pay off down the road as you'll make better contacts and be more likely to get hired in your field of choice upon graduation. If it's paid, that’s just a bonus!

That said, the best ways to locate any internship are:

- Identify companies and organizations that you would like to intern for and call them to inquire about internship opportunities.
- Check out the website of your academic department; many academic departments have suggestions or opportunities listed online.
- Check out where other GVSU students have interned through the Experience Matters! Site (www.gvsu.edu/experiencematters).
- Contact the Chamber of Commerce in the city that you want to intern.
- Let your friends, family members, acquaintances, and advisor know that you’re looking for an internship; they know people who know people!
- Visit the Laker Jobs website (www.gvsu.edu/lakerjobs) or any of the other online internships search engines listed on the Career Services website.
- Attend a career fair! GVSU hosts several throughout the year, as to other local organizations. Career fairs offer job AND internship opportunities.
- Visit the Career Services Office at 206 STU on the Allendale Campus or 116B on the Pew Campus, or visit the Career Services website (www.gvsu.edu/careers)

The Social Network Takeover

By: Ashley Zerbst

Add us as your friend on Facebook!. Look for the “ESP peer mentors” when you are searching for us. We have been putting a lot of new information on Facebook. We have seen the advantages to using FB and are now using it to post important things such as drop deadlines, important opportunities and cultural events. We are also putting pictures on FB of all our cultural events and get-togethers. Over half of our students have friended us! Our facebook page is also a way to get in contact with us about appointment dates and other information that may benefit you. Friend us today!
Upcoming Deadlines
By: Vicky Powers

Winter semester is flying by and ESP wants to make sure you are aware of some important dates:

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