

# Educational Opportunity Program (EOP): A Legacy of Student Success

## Program Overview

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University, Fresno has a rich history of student success. The program has a current enrollment of over 1700 students. Students in the program come from first-generation, economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. From receiving academic achievement awards, earning their name on the President and Dean's List, participating in the study abroad program, and volunteering countless hours of community service, EOP students are represented in all phases of campus life.

A critical component of EOP is the **Summer Bridge** program which is a three-week residential program designed to support the transition of first-time freshmen to the University. Peer Mentors also play a key role in supporting the adjustment of students during Summer Bridge.



"Everyone was interacting with each other and having a great time."  
-Jackie Robles



"Meeting with new people and getting to know them more throughout this program."  
- Phoua Moua



## Fall Bridge Meet & Greet

What Stuck With You?



"Mistakes are easily made, but they can always be prevented."  
- Sunita Yang



"The joy of meeting new people that somehow share the same story as me."  
- Felicia Martinez

## PRIDE POINTS

- Fall Bridge Next Term Retention Rate of 97.1%
- 90% of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students met with their assigned peer mentor in Fall 2017
- EOP 1<sup>st</sup> Year Retention rate of 79.9% compared to campus rate of 78.4% (*Tableau Data*)
- 6-year Graduation rate of 55.3% comparable to campus rate of 55.6% (*Tableau Data*)

## EOP Fall Bridge

Fall Bridge is a first semester program designed to provide EOP freshmen with a supportive environment through a learning community of peers, additional support from peer mentors to enhance the transition to college, and intentional connections with faculty, EOP counselors and other peers. Students are enrolled into block courses consisting of English 5A and Communication 3 and earn 6 units of credit towards general education.

All students are assigned a Peer Mentor and are expected to meet their Peer Mentor regularly throughout the duration of the semester. The Peer Mentors establish a helping relationship with each student, provide resources for a smooth adjustment to the university and work in conjunction with the EOP counselors to ensure students' success at the University.



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