Attention EOPS Students! Important Information regarding Budget Cuts that could possibly impact you

EOPS has been serving underrepresented students since 1969 and has developed a model program state-wide assisting hundreds of thousands of students to obtain Associates degrees, learn a trade, and transfer to a University, for advanced degrees.

As EOPS/CARE students you have been able to experience firsthand the effectiveness of the EOPS/CARE program and have without question gained invaluable tools throughout your experience that you feel has contributed to your overall success. The legacy of this program, EOPS/CARE, is one rooted in personal empowerment, motivation and advocacy. As such your voices, feedback and opinions are critical to its continued endurance.

As we face the current state budget crisis Chaffey College continues to face anticipated cuts to classes, and programs and services available to our students. We all understand that these are difficult times and that all must cooperate and make needed changes to stretch our dollars. We are not opposed to this and in fact EOPS/CARE has taken severe budget cuts for the past 4 years.

We citizens of California need to understand the importance of voicing your experiences. It is key that you reach out and contact legislators in Sacramento about your concerns and to voice your disagreement with the plans to cut Community Colleges and programs like EOPS/CARE even further. Your voices are powerful and can bring home the reality that such changes will have far-reaching dire consequences for the future of our state, and the wellbeing of its citizens. When the populace is educated they contribute to all aspects of the state and especially to its vital economy.

What can YOU do to help yourself, Chaffey Colleges and EOPS during this crisis?

Your SUCCESS, or lack of success, is a reflection on the program therefore:

1. **Utilize EOPS Priority Registration, Responsibly** – plan for classes carefully and understand where your class progress is at all times
2. **Follow your Mutual Responsibility Contract** – maintain good academic progress in all classes
3. **Keep all your EOPS/CARE counseling appointments**
4. **Rent text books for your classes** whenever possible—this will make funds available for others
5. **Remain in your classes, do not drop** - doing so will jeopardize the completion of your course of study. (Remember not all classes may be offered each semester given the budget situation)
6. **Use the College Success Centers**, at all college locations.
7. **Be aware that as funding is reduced** services that you have enjoyed thus far will also be reduced.
8. **Above all don’t lose heart or hope**….you can and will be successful, just remain focused and positive!