

CSLA's Early Entrance Program – Spring 2005 Family Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 2005 Quarter after one of the wettest winter seasons in California history! We hope you are all drying out and feeling fresh and ready for a temperate spring in our usually gorgeous So Cal. winter is the only relatively quiet term in our busy year but we still have much to tell you so read on, EEP brothers and sisters!

EventS

2005 and the Winter quarter began shortly after the new year with the **Yearbook Chairs April E. and Cat T. scheduling Yearbook Photo Week January 10th through 14th** in the Lounge. Almost all of the regular EEPsters (sans the Elder Class) made it to the Lounge to have their likeness forever etched into digital history for this year's EEP Yearbook. Those who did not make it to Photo Week should contact April or Cat ASAP.

The following week on **January 18th and 20th** the EEP Lounge Manager Chris Humphrey hosted another **Great EEP Auction**. Each morning before the roosters stop crowing, Chris dutifully collects all property left out overnight in the Lounge (except for the safe zone, the Cubby Area) and saves it for the respective owners (minus the .25c return fee). All items not claimed are then stored for auction the following quarter. Chris ensures all monies collected from the auction are used to buy the EEPsters whatever they request at Group Meetings. If there are no requests, he buys frozen pizza! What a guy!

On Friday **February 4th** EEP office staff members **Rich Maddox and Erika Garcia** were honored at the halftime ceremonies of a CSLA Woman's Basketball contest as the recipients of the **University's Outstanding Faculty and Staff Members of the Year!** The EEP council in concordance with the Student Development office and the Associate Students Inc. (CSLA student government) nominated the EEP workers and sponsored this annual CSLA tradition. This award is meant to distinguish members of the university community who have made extraordinary efforts in providing services to the students. We think all who are reading this Newsletter would agree that they are definitely two worthy service providers! Congratulations!

The EEP held the annual **LaserTag Night at the Ultra Zone facility in Alhambra on Friday February 18th** from 6:00 to 10:00pm. The lasers were tagged, the pizza and sodas consumed and we hear no one escaped unscathed from laser tagging and bounds of fun. Is it true that the old folks used to use their hands to tag? Crazy, man!

On **March 10th** the EEP was visited by **Special Agents David Winsett and Kathy Nakano, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** who amazingly came and left without cuffing or removing a single EEPster. Friends of the Director, these fearless law-people came to discuss future careers in federal law enforcement, expressing much interest in meeting our country's best and brightest young minds. A most excellent luncheon of Subway, chips and soda was provided and the Agents brought a great video, handouts, kitchen magnets, a bulletproof vest and several other *instruments of compliance* for the

EEP teens to ogle and inspect. It was a very interesting day for the EEPsters and we thank the FBI for their bravery in entering EEP Land without back up!

Announcements

April 17th Sunday is the next SEAA WPCT Testing Event and, as always, we need your help. The Test Administrators headed by EEIX President Herbert Lee and Secretary Sam Hsu are already planning this Spring's Test and we hope to be able to re-hire each of the Proctor Teams and Lobby Greeters who made the December test such a success. **Parent food and treat contributions are most welcome** for both the Test Parent Reception (fruits, pastries, coffee) and the EEP Student Break Room (chips, cookies, lunch foods) PLUS we will host the last **PEEP General Meeting** of this school year in **Lecture Hall II from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. We will send out mass e-mails and notices very shortly so be ready!

The EEIX and the EEP office have now finalized the availability of the **2005 EEP Class Ring from Jostens Rings®** and recently sent a mass e-mail with details on March 14th. These unique EEP 10 carat white or yellow gold class rings will be offered in 2005 to any 4th or 5th year EEPster and are priced very reasonably at around \$425.00. Jostens EEP representative, Eleanor Boudreau (eleanorboudreau@jostens.com) is planning on a campus visit soon for sizing and all EEPsters and PEEPsters interested should contact either Eleanor at the above e-mail address or EEIX VP Sam Lee at samlee_bambie@yahoo.com for more details.

We are in the process of finalizing our plans for this year's **Provisional applicant process** and have selected **May 19th Thursday** as the date for our **Provie Family Orientation**. The 2005 Student Provie Administration Team of **Jackie Lechtholz-Zey, Winny Shen** (Provies) and **Sam Hsu, Herbert Lee** (Mentors), responsible for the administrative duties for the Mentors and the Provies, will be in attendance along with this year's Mentor Team leaders **Laura P., Cat T., Kevork A., Joyce H., Lei Z., Chris H., Clare K., Leslie C., Amanda J., and Justin P.** These EEPsters are responsible for organizing and guiding their Mentor Team in helping the Provies this summer. We will also need several members of the PEEP to attend the Orientation to help answer Provie parent questions. So be on the lookout for mass e-mail notices regarding this event.

The **Fall 2004 PEEP Fundraiser** was a huge success **raising more than \$10,000!** We have already constructed the new Student Computer Lab with flat screens, new chairs and new computer desks. We have also purchased new games and game tables for the Game room, new couch cushions, new stools for the Journalism Office/ Study Room, new office equipment, a student color printer, a Lounge cleaning and funding to support the EEIX Board plus much more! Thank you PEEP for the outstanding contributions to our Lounge and student life! Remember, all **Donations to the EEF are tax-deductible.**

Send donations throughout the year to:

The Early Entrance Foundation
Suite 1298
16311 Ventura Blvd
Encino, CA., 91436

The PEEP/EEF (Early Entrance Foundation) **Scrip Program for EEP fundraising** is in need of new members. As soon as you sign-up for the program the **EEP will automatically receive a small monthly donation** from select stores like Ralphs, Vons, Albertsons, etc. After registering there is nothing more to do but shop with no increased cost to you. It's the easiest way ever to support your favorite neighborhood EEP! No personal info. needed aside from your basic address-phone. Heck, the PEEP will even sign up for you! All PEEPsters and EEP Elders should contact Donna Hay at 818-905-6249 dhay16301@sbcglobal.net and or Shelley Kadison at 310-246-9060 or kadisons@aol.com to get the details, it takes about 10 minutes ☺

Speaking of the PEEP and the EEF we are proud to announce the formation of a **new parent newsletter** created and supported by Mrs. Donna Nagy/Hay (David) available now. The **PEEP Quarterly Newsletter** is designed with just the Parents in mind. Donna will assume the editorial drudgery and maintenance of the site but if you want to help: dhay16301@sbcglobal.net feel free to drop her a line! To access the most current PEEP Newsletter: <http://www.earlyentrancefoundation.org/newsletter.html> . Be sure to also visit the updated PEEP/EEF website with links to **35+ PEEP related news articles** plus more at: <http://www.earlyentrancefoundation.org>

The EEIX is **requesting parent volunteers** to sit on their **Justice and Discipline (JD) Board**. The JD Board is headed by the EEIX Vice President (Sam Lee) and includes other EEP student representatives and the Elders. The Board was established to help the EEPsters police their own campus community and to ensure proper deportment and adherence to the common rules of decency and the EEP Social and Behavioral Agreements. Sam needs PEEP representation so if you are interested please write to samlee_bambie@yahoo.com (samlee_bambie@yahoo)

We are very happy to announce the **addition to the EEP staff of student assistant Cynthia Martinez**, a junior majoring in criminal justice and computer information systems. Cynthia already feels at home in the Lounge with the EEPsters and can be found eating lunch or napping after her grueling EEP shifts! We also welcome to the staff current EEIX Social Chair **Amanda Jancu**, a junior majoring in physics and heading to law school upon her graduation in 2007. Amanda is a fantastic new member of our staff and has that *EEPster ability* to multi-task 1,200 projects at once! Thanks to our newest staff members for helping us with the Program!

EEIX 2005-2006 Officer nominations will be accepted during Group Meetings Week #3 of Spring with **elections scheduled for Week #8 Group Meetings**. Per the EEIX Constitution, the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be filled after formal elections are finalized by **Election Commissioner Neshan S.** (Elder). The EEIX Chair positions will then be filled by the new EEIX Board.

The first ever **EEP Talent Show** is in the works. See all the talent EEP has to offer in one room for one night only! **Friday, May 13th 2005** More with more details to come at Week #3 Group Meetings If you are talented in any way and would like to participate in the show, email pamlee823@gmail.com or amandajancu@yahoo.com with your name and prospective act.

A clarification on the www.isoldit.com **PEEP fundraising offer** - as noted in an earlier newsletter, PEEPster Helene Chemel (Jennifer) has offered to sell almost anything through her isoldit.com business but we wrote the wrong contact info for her, oops! Please note the **REAL e-mail address** is helene.chemel@isoldit.com. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out that garage and/or attic of all the wonderful treasures that you really don't need and will never sell yourself! Donate to the EEP through Helen's iSold it .com and we all win.

One of the EEP Elders is planning a **student film documentary on the EEP** and this year's Provie process. Under the general direction of CSLA Broadcasting professor **Alan Bloom** and the Office of Public Affairs, EEP Elder Sheldon Schwartz, Joy Houg (ALUM), Bobby Burton (EEPIX Journalism Chair) and fellow Elder Drew Greene are in the last phases of completing the necessary paperwork and will be mailing a brief description and permission slip home soon. Should you have any questions regarding this project feel free to write directly to Sheldon at sschwartz@schtm.com . Can we imagine Academy recognition soon?!

Students should **check their Individual Meeting Schedules carefully** and in cases where students must make a change or if PEEPsters would like to schedule a parent meeting with Lisa (EEP Student Counselor) please e-mail her directly: lisie@ips.net or send a note to Erica eepestaff@cslanet.calstatela.edu

We encourage all EEP students interested in **law school admission** after the EEP to join the Pre-Law Society. Meeting times may be obtained by contacting EEP recommended faculty advisor Dr. Scott Bowman at: sbowman@calstatela.edu

The **Tutoring Program** directed by the EEPIX Academic Chair has established new policies to ensure all qualified EEP Tutors are prepared to best assist all the EEP students who need tutoring. The details were discussed at Group Meetings and involve a more thorough screening process to ensure that the student needs are met and the Tutors' time is best used to help the EEPsters achieve academic success. If you are in need of tutoring OR if you are interested in serving as an EEP Tutor, please contact Rex Cheng at kirexhana@hotmail.com .

Yearbook 2004 pre-sales were very brisk with 45 copies sold at the low, low price of \$25.00 each! For a copy of The Yearbook available at the end of Spring for a still great price of \$35.00 please contact the EEPIX at <http://www.eepclub.org> (or call 323-343-5488 and leave a message) for **April Eriksson** or **Catherine Tung**. Personal pages are still available but only for a limited time so ACT NOW!

Student News

Alumni Contacts this quarter:

- ❖ **Harry Budisidharta** (2003, University of Colorado Law) in January to place a friendly Super Bowl wager
- ❖ **John Chin** (1993) pianist, on February 24th planning a return to So Cal from New York to attend jazz training at USC
- ❖ **Mark Gordon JD** (1999) on February 23rd to say "hi"

- ❖ **Matt Gozdecki** (2004) from his new position at UBS Financial Services and Brokerage House
- ❖ **Dimitri Kosturos** (2004, USC Grad School) on February 27th to visit some fraternity brothers and the EEP
- ❖ **Susan Ngo** (2000) on February 14th with a Valentines Day greeting
- ❖ **Sarah Novak** (2000, PhD in Medieval French Literature at the Sorbonne in Paris)
- ❖ **Bryce Ready** (2000, BYU Grad School) to check up on his sister, an EEP freshman
- ❖ **Sumanta Pal MD** (1998) on February 3rd to say “hi”
- ❖ **Daniel Tamae** (2000, City of Hope Grad School) on March 21st to say “hi”
- ❖ **Hank Wang** (1995) to say “hi”
- ❖ **Sherry Wasef** (1999, George Washington Med School) in December to wish EEP Merry Christmas
- ❖ **Adam Witthuhn (1999)** from the Bay Area on March 21st to announce plans to attend grad school in Library Science
- ❖ **Tim Weisbrod** (1994) from Baltimore in December with Christmas greetings

Remember, many of these EEP Alumni have provided the EEPsters with their e-mail addresses for consultation and advisement (in the Student Information Binder) with new additions available at Group Meetings quarterly

EEPster Accomplishments as of Winter 2005:

The following EEPsters have been awarded the prestigious University Honors Scholarship:

Priscilla B., Alezandra B., Joyce H., Tiffany K., Sam L., Ronald M., Chad P., Andrew P., Winny S., Frank S. and Lei Z.
 Congratulations EEP scholars!

The following EEPsters have been acknowledged as recipients of the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities Award:

Alezandra B., Sam L., Timothy N., Andrew P., Winny S., Cat T. and Lei Z.
 More congratulations, young scholars!

- ❖ **Alezandra Brady** was awarded a CSLA Alumni Scholarship (Renaissance Woman)
- ❖ **Leslie Cain** won a second place award at the Statewide *Bartok Contemporary Piano Competition*
- ❖ **Erica Garcia** and **Rich Maddox** were named the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Members of 2005 by the Center for Student Development and the Associated Students Inc for service to the students of CSLA
- ❖ **Jesse Hsieh** has been accepted to the following law schools: George Washington (#24), University of Pennsylvania (#4) and UCLA (#14)
- ❖ **Paisley Kadison** has been accepted to Oxford University as a visiting scholar in a study abroad program. Paisley will study at St Edmund Hall in the Honours English Language and Literature Program for the 2005-2006 school year.
- ❖ **Andrew LZ** has been appointed a research team member for the Super Mileage Vehicle Team in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Club

- ❖ **Nina Lu** (2005) has been accepted to the following medical schools: University California at Davis, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Albany College of Medicine
- ❖ **Altair Maine**(1996) was noted in L.A Daily News on March 12th Saturday as the Head Coach of the Nationally Ranked (#6) North Hollywood High School's All-Academic Team
- ❖ **Michelle Morales** was awarded a CSLA Alumni Scholarship
- ❖ **Timothy Ng** won a CSLA Alumni Scholarship (Adashek Family Award)
- ❖ **David Nguyen** will attend medical school at the University of Iowa (#9)
- ❖ **Neshan S.** has been selected to participate in a joint research project with Cal Tech and will be completing research coursework in Spring at their Pasadena campus
- ❖ **Charissa S.** appointed Corresponding Secretary for Psi Chi National Honor Society
- ❖ **Jackson Vane** was awarded the EEP Graduate of the Year Joyce Bourke Scholarship for outstanding service to the Program and the University

We only can report what we hear of so remind EEPsters to note ALL accomplishments on the Office clipboard OR e-mail <http://www.eepclub.org> or brutbros@aol.com

ReminderS

Priority Registration will be* during the 6th week of Spring 2005
Advisement Slips due by Wednesday, April 20th @ 3:00pm
Tuition due by Friday, April 22nd
Priority Registration is Monday, May 2nd 2005

*We will alert EEPsters of changes @ Group Meetings, the Big Board and/or through mass e-mail. Remember, Advisement Slips will be due by 3:00 p.m. on April 20th

Group Meetings for Spring will be Week #3 **April 12th/13th** and Week #8 **May 17th/18th**

The **PEEP's new Early Entrance Foundation (EEF)** and the **PEEP** (Parents of EEP) are looking for all **parent assistance and involvement**. Write to Ned Fenton nifenton@msn.com.

PEEP newsletter at: <http://www.earlyentrancefoundation.org/newsletter.html> .

EEP Class Rings through Jostens available soon. call/write to EEIX Vice President Samantha Hsu/ Social Chair Amanda Jancu at <http://www.eepclub.org>

EEIX Elections in Spring at Group Meetings. Nominations accepted Week #3 ONLY.

EEIX Talent Show Friday, May 13th 2005. E-mail pamlee823@gmail.com

EEIX Sweatshirts are ready for sale. Call or write to <http://www.eepclub.org>

EEIX Tutoring info contact Academic Chair Rex Cheng at kirexhana@hotmail.com
EEP Yearbook 2004-2005 pre-sales are over. Call or Write to the Yearbook Chairs April Eriksson and Catherine Tung <http://www.eepclub.org> for a copy.

E-bay retailer PEEPster will help you donate items to be sold via E-Bay with proceeds to the EEP. Contact helene.chemel@isoldit.com

Provisional 05 EEP Applicant interviews will begin again soon so contact Erika eepestaff@cslanet.calstatela.edu for office appointments ASAP.

Remember to use Lounge Resources

- **Student Information Binder** (campus policies, alum contact e-mails, etc.)
- **Course Evaluation Binders** (faculty ratings and course evaluations written by EEPsters)
- **Group Meeting Binder** (new opportunities, event info, sign-ups, policy changes, EEP events, etc.)
- **Hanging Wall File** (campus forms and information on clubs, scholarships, campus phone directory, Honors classes, etc.)
- **Cubby Shelf Unit** (interesting magazines, old schedules, class materials, weird EEP stuff, spare umbrellas, etc.)

Students must have their basic subject **Math and English coursework** finished in their first 45 units, must take the **WPE** prior to earning 135 units and should have the EEP staff direct them to a **major advisor** when ready.

U.S News and World Best Graduate Schools is available now at <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/usinfo/popunder1.htm> user name is rmaddox@calstatela.edu , password is **RMStern8**.

CSLA-EEP Important Dates

March 21st – 26th Winter 2005 Quarter Break
March 28th Quarter classes begin
March 31st Thursday Caesar Chavez Holiday
March 28th – April 11th Late registration/adjustments
April 4th 2005 No record drop deadline
April 5th Spring 05 “W” withdrawal period begins
April 11th Spring 05 ADD Deadline
April 12th and 13th EEP Group Meetings
April 13th and 14th Grad Fair and CSLA Yearbook Photo Days
April 17th Sunday WPCT Exam
April 20th Wednesday EEP Advisement Slips Due by 3:00pm
April 29th Friday Payment for Summer 2005 Priority Reg.
May 2nd Monday 2005 Priority Registration Date
May 12th Thursday Withdraw Period Ends
May 13th Emergency Withdraw Period Ends
May 17th and 18th EEP Group Meetings
May 19th Thursday Provie Family Orientation
May 30th Memorial Day Holiday Campus Closed
June 6th – 11th Spring 2005 final examinations
June 13th – 18th Campus Closed Holiday Quarter break
June 20th Summer 2005 Quarter classes begin

News, Notices, Cheers and Jeers

A Message to the Parents of the EEP from Richard S. Maddox
Formerly The Maddox Message and Director Message

Just a brief reminder that **the entire EEP Quarterly Newsletter is available** on-line at: <http://www.eepclub.org> (or <http://www.calstatela.edu/eep> then to the **EEIIX** link for the Spring 2005 Newsletter.) If you want a printed version of the Newsletter mailed home, write or call the EEP office at 323-343-2287 or eepstaff@cslanet.calstatela.edu

See it all including Student Accomplishments (Who is going to Oxford?), Announcements (How much is an EEP Class Ring?) and Events (Who was honored at a Woman's Basketball game?) plus MORE in the On-Line Newsletter

NEWS & NOTICES

Greetings PEEPsters and EEPsters and thanks for another wonderful quarter of excitement and study. Before I continue this section I have some great news that will undoubtedly affect the EEP in some small way. After careful consideration and planning for the past three or four years, **I have decided to continue my education by returning to graduate school effective this summer.** Happily, I was accepted to a number of doctoral programs and have chosen to attend the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California (USC) beginning in August 2005. I will specialize in educational psychology with an emphasis on the development of educational models for highly gifted youth. USC's Rossier School is ranked #20 in the nation with the faculty ranking 3rd so it is a marvelous opportunity for me to become a more effective leader, teacher and advisor.

I welcome your support as I progress through the program, expecting to finish in late spring of 2008. As part of my planning for this eventuality, I have more fully developed and supported our EEIIX leaders in addition to adding student assistants to our office staff. **I also now have a FANTASTIC self-supporting and, may I say, most excellent parent support group in the PEEP so my absences will be hardly noticed!** I plan on leaving early from campus one day each week and will come in late the next. Otherwise, I hope my dual life as EEP Director and doctoral student will not create any unusual tribulations for my EEP family. I will gladly discuss this topic at our bi-annual PEEP General Meeting on April 17th and am always willing to discover new ways to make this change as easy and beneficial as possible. I thank you all for your patience, support and care and I welcome your advice

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NEWS & NOTICES

- ❖ The **new computer lab** provided by the PEEP Fundraiser 2005 is up and running for the continued respectful and scholastic use by our students. As a reminder, the lab is provided by the parents for SCHOOL WORK and/or SCHOLARLY efforts ONLY.
- ❖ Because of carelessness and misuse, **all Lounge electrical outlets are OFF LIMITS** to all EEPsters (except those in the Gameroom and Kitchen). There is no need for our teens to plug-in or unplug any equipment. Should they need to use a wall outlet or power strip they **MUST** contact a member of the office staff.

- ❖ Effective immediately there will be a **ban on all video/computer games using laptop wireless connections in the Lounge and in the Lab**. Students wishing to use their laptops for video games should leave the Lounge/Fine Arts areas.

CHEERS & JEERS

- ❖ **C**heers to the PEEP for the continual efforts to help, fund and support their EEP. Such help was especially noticeable after another successful fundraiser for the 2004-2005 school year. We couldn't make the EEP the success it has become without parents like **Donna Hay, Chris Greene and The Kovshiloskys** to name only four!
- ❖ **C**heers to the EEPX for the outstanding effort these young scholars make to the development and operation of the Program. Each of these student leaders spend a minimum of 100 hours per quarter working to make the EEP better for all of us. I look forward to the **2005 EEPX Elections and a new Board of leaders** for 2006!
- ❖ **C**heers to **EEP Elders like Rex C., Jesse H., Jonathan R., Neshan S. and Jackson V.** who are truly becoming excellent adult leaders and role models. These young men have taken an active role in helping maintain an orderly EEP environment and in guiding/advising their younger EEP brothers and sisters and I thank them each.
- ❖ **J**eers to the EEPsters who continually leave dirty dishes in the sink, who misuse the equipment and who leave fast food wrappers on our furniture. Do any of these **socially maladjusted behaviors** sound familiar? If so, let us know and we will watch out for your EEPster's *dirty habits!*
- ❖ **J**eers to the EEPsters who are intent on wasting their EEP opportunity by skipping classes, **playing video games for hours on end**, not completing homework and otherwise neglecting their scholastic responsibilities. The only ones hurt by this behavior are themselves. If we can help in any way to get your student on the straight and narrow, call us!
- ❖ **J**eers to the EEPsters who don't get involved in Program and Campus life as they are missing a lot of great opportunities and, quite frankly, a lot of FUN! If your student isn't talking about activities, clubs, faculty, events, new responsibilities and other students then maybe they need a gentle reminder about **involvement**. If we can help we will!

Should any parent want to discuss their child's performance or if there are any questions or concerns please call the office to schedule a meeting. You may also feel free to call or e-mail me. Have a great quarter!

Student Contributions & The EEPX Presidential Message

President's Message

Spring Greetings to the entire EEP family! This is Herbert, your EEP Club president. We've had a very busy quarter, and the quarter ahead looks like it'll be just as packed.

In the past quarter, we've had 2 major social events, our Lasertag outing and the Spring Formal. Both were big successes and Kudos™ to the social chairs, Pam and Amanda for pulling them off!

The EEP Club homepage has been changed, thanks to our brilliant tech chairs Josh and Myle. Now, instead of having to remember our old, longer website address, we have the user-friendlier <http://www.eepclub.org>

We are currently looking for a PEEPster to serve as the Parent Advisor to the JD board. If you would like to help, please contact Samantha Lee, our EEP Club vice-president.

As always, EEP Club is glad to offer free tutoring to students who are having trouble in classes. If you need help, please contact Rex, the Academic Chair and he will organize meetings with one of our qualified tutors.

EEP Club elections are coming up in less than a quarter. If you'd like to run, submit your name at Week 3 group meetings.

Finally, a thanks to all EEP parents! We at EEP club always cherish your support and guidance.

Newsletter contributions welcome for Summer 2005 -All rebuttals will be processed