

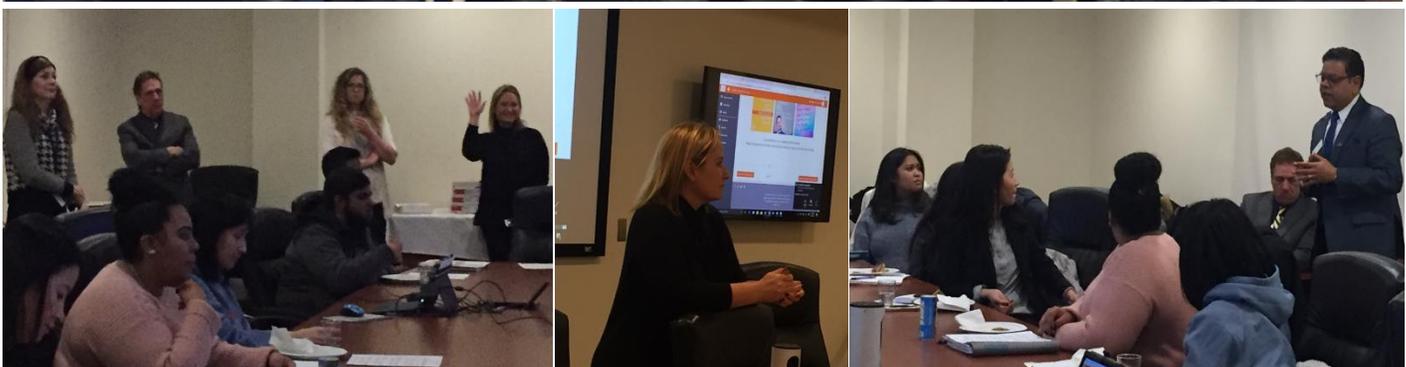
## ***SOB Advisory Board Exploring Your Potential Scholarship***

*Under the guidance of Prof. Marissa Hofmann and Prof. Michael Onorato SOB students are using the Exploring Your Potential (EYP) program for career preparation this semester. The SOB Advisory Board created a scholarship to allow students to participate in this exciting pilot program.*

*Using EYP, these students will **build their leadership skills** and **sculpt their career plans**. EYP is an online program that offers a series of lectures, videos, and exercises to enhance self-discovery of skills, interests, and unlimited opportunities; the gateway to access the current world of work.*

*Ms. Jennifer Kushell, founder of EYP, visited our campus and explained how the program works. The students are self-motivated and enthusiastic to meet the challenge. Dean Raj Devasagayam thanked the SOB Advisory Board for their generosity and encouraged students to maximize this opportunity.*

*During the kickoff event this week, Ms. Jennifer Kushell, Dean Raj Devasagayam, Prof Marissa Hoffmann, Prof. Michael Onorato, Ms. Lorraine Todisco, and Mr. Raul Zevallos, congratulated the scholarship recipients.*



## Announcements

- The next TLRC is Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a Faculty Roundtable Discussion entitled “**Creating the Future? Millennial and Gen Z Learners in the Classroom.**” Participants will discuss the significance of these designations for our students as well as best practices for creating inclusive classrooms at Old Westbury. Amy Hsu, Elizabeth Morphis, and Stephanie Schneider, all from the School of Education, will facilitate the roundtable.
- For over a decade, Old Westbury accounting student have volunteered for the **Bethpage Federal Credit Union** (“BFCU”) sponsored **VITA program**. VITA student volunteers gain valuable real-world experience preparing electronic tax returns, building their resumes, and at the same time help their local communities. Students who wish to enroll in the VITA program for the **2018-19 tax season** should do so now. Students will first review basic tax return topics by taking an online course provided by the IRS. Volunteers will then need to pass an online test to become certified. After certification, students will attend an IRS-sponsored training course on the preparation of electronic tax returns. Upon successful completion of training, students are expected to volunteer a few hours per week throughout the **February 5 – April 11, 2019 tax season** at one of the designated [VITA sites](#).
- The Call for Submissions for the [2019 Open SUNY Effective Practice Awards](#) closes February 8, 2019. In its fifth year, this program recognizes and highlights the best practices, strategies, innovations and programs of our network of exemplary Open SUNY Fellows and online practitioners from across the SUNY system.
- The [SUNY Faculty Development Conference](#) will take place from April 4-5. Early bird registration deadline is February 28. This interactive conference will highlight programs and practices designed to support faculty. The conference keynote speaker is Dr. Bret Eynon, a historian and Associate Provost at LaGuardia Community College (CUNY). An accomplished teacher, scholar and educational developer, Dr. Eynon is the co-author (with Randy Bass) of the 2016 AAC&U publication *Open and Integrative: Designing Liberal Education for the New Digital Ecosystem*. His keynote speech will be on “**Learning, Teaching and Deep Learning: Faculty Development and the Future of Higher Education.**” The conference will feature 40 presentations, workshops, roundtable discussions, panels and posters facilitated by faculty and staff on the SUNY campuses, System Administration, and outside SUNY.
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019** is the **2019 Student Research Day**. This annual event celebrates the student’s academic and creative accomplishments at SUNY College at Old Westbury. The theme this year is **Research for Change**. Please note that a faculty mentor must approve all abstracts prior to submission. Applications and abstracts are due March 8, 2019. Visit the [Research Day website](#) for the [2019 application](#).
- The **SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)** is a multidisciplinary event that brings together undergraduates and faculty mentors from across the state for a full day of activities. Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals to present their original research (oral presentation or poster); creative writing; visual art; music performance and composition; dance choreography; theatrical script, or other work. All students submitting proposals must work with a faculty mentor on their campus before submitting a proposal. Questions may be sent to [SURC@SUNY.EDU](mailto:SURC@SUNY.EDU). SURC 2019 will be held at three campuses: SUNY Adirondack with SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury on April 26, 2019; **Farmingdale State College on April 26, 2019**; Niagara County Community College on April 27, 2019. The SURC 2019 Abstract Submission Portal is now open at <https://www.suny.edu/surc/>.

Designed and edited by Raul Zevallos – Assistant to the Dean

Assisted by Melody Young – Biology Major, Class 2019

If you have any information for future newsletter please send it to [zevallosr@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:zevallosr@oldwestbury.edu)

