

OAOA What's the Word

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

ICCP
Four Year Family (4YF)
CSTEP MEET & GREET
ADVOCACY DAY
TDF



Hey Everyone! Welcome to OAOA's monthly newsletter. This newsletter is dedicated to all who are reading and we'll be coming to you every month with love, bringing you recaps of events and the latest tea (info) with the office!

OAOA OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30am-7pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-7pm
Wednesday: 8:30am-7pm
Thursday: 8:30am-7pm
Friday: 8:30am-5pm
No weekend hours this semester

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OAOA has some new members of the office! Check out our Instagram for their introduction videos to learn more about them.

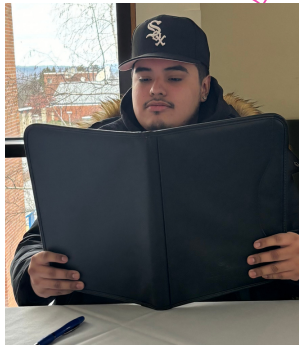


Alessandra Healy
Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Title: HEOP/CSTEP Counselor



Andy Ruiz, HEOP '27
Business Administration
Sports Management
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Title: Admissions Ambassador

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FOUR YEAR FAMILY (4YF)

4YF takes place each semester where HEOP students participate in several workshops relevant to their cohort year.

This semester, sessions included:

- How to create an elevator pitch
- How and when to Study Abroad
- Networking with all cohort years by school, sharing experiences and advice within your major.



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ADVOCACY DAY

What is Advocacy Day?

Advocacy Day is a yearly event in Albany, NY. Students attend meetings with legislators to share their stories & experience, and to advocate for programs such as HEOP, CSTEP & TAP.

Due to weather constraints, our students attended this year via Zoom.

Here are what our students Jeremy Figuereo and Shay Featherstone had to say about their experience during advocacy day.

STUDENT + AID =
OPPORTUNITY

Jeremy Figuereo HEOP '27

"We spoke to legislators on Zoom about HEOP/CSTEP. We advocated on why we should not have a 3% cut on our financial aid and instead receive a 20% increase for HEOP AND CSTEP students."

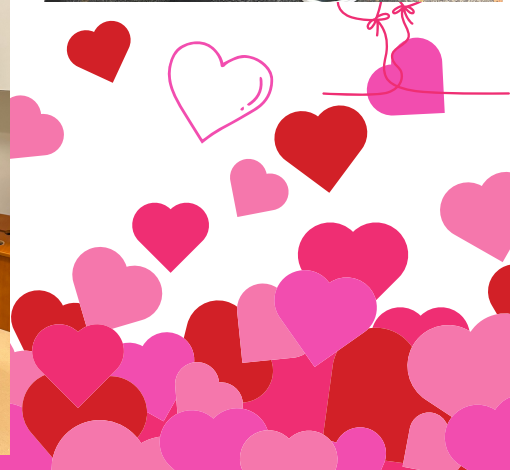
Shay Featherstone HEOP '26

"We spent the day advocating for more resources for HEOP and CSTEP, because it is important that those who are here can make the most of their experience and more people are able to enjoy these opportunities."

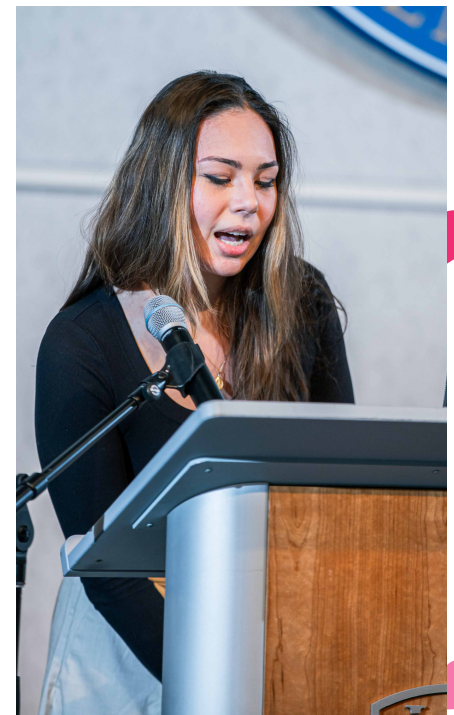
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CSTEP/CSTEM MEET & GREET

CSTEP & CSTEM students attended the Meet & Greet to connect with fellow CSTEP/M students, get program updates, and play some fun games in the OAOA office. There was also a raffle to win CSTEP/M Swag to represent their programs around campus!



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INTERCULTURAL CAREER CONNECTIONS PANEL (ICCP)

Intercultural Career Connections Panel is an annual event at IC, where Alumni of diverse identities and professions offer insight about their journeys, challenges, and accomplishments. The speakers' panel (Ricardo Gomez Perez '14, Leonardo Wise '20, Eden Strachan '21) is followed by an opportunity to network informally, and this year participants were able to have professional headshots taken by OAOA alum Bejin Philip Benny '23. The event was moderated by current students Carolina Iribarren '24 & Destiny Carrion '25.



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FEBRUARY TDF

TOUCH DOWN FRIDAY happens on Friday's once or twice a month to connect with OAOA students across all programs.



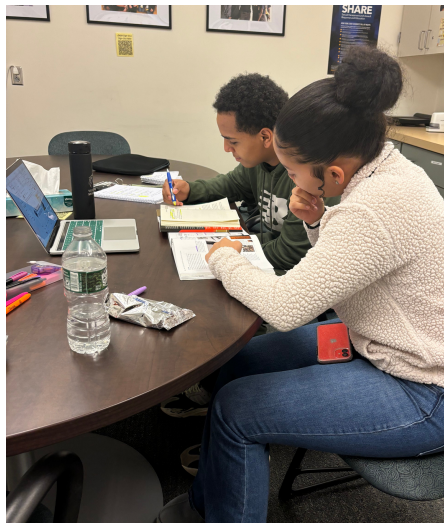
GAME NIGHT

The PM's hosted a game night event, where there was food, games, and even karaoke!

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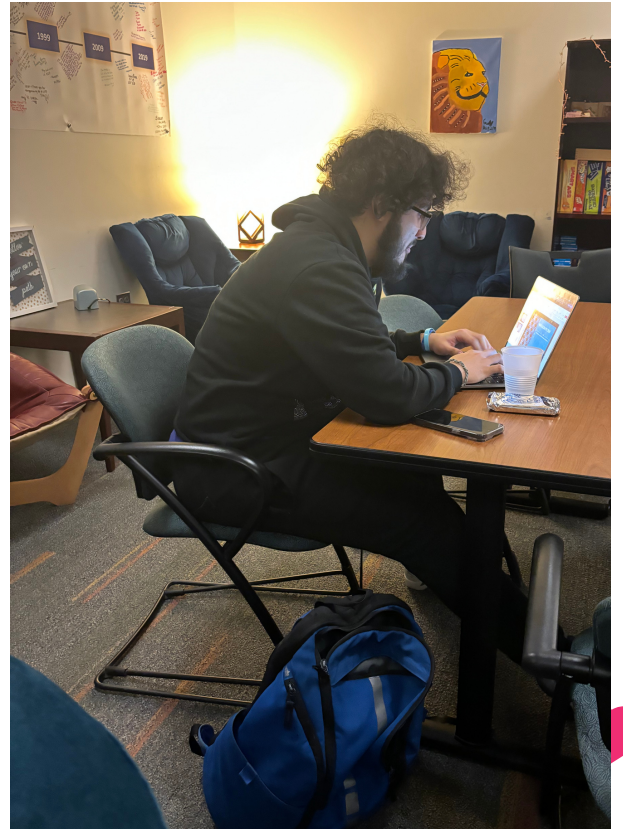
OAOA students around campus
this month!



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OAOA AROUND THE OFFICE

OAOA students in the office
hanging out & getting work done!



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Isaac Perez

College Success Advisor KIPP

HEOP/CSTEP

ITHACA '23



Q. How has post graduate life been treating you?

“Post grad life has been an interesting transition. For me personally, it has been a bigger shift into independence, living on my own now. Each day is a new learning experience.”

Q. What is your current job?

“I am a College Success Advisor for KIPP: Forward, which provides post high school support for alumni of KIPP schools. I serve as an advisor for first year students.”

Q. Have you experienced any challenges?

“Time management has been something that has been critical in adulting, making sure that all aspects of your life are being taken care of.”

Q. What advice, if any, would you give undergraduate students?

“One piece of advice I would share is to be open minded. People don't know how one opportunity could open the doors to many more.”

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For a chance to be featured in our newsletter!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM HEAVEN BANDZZZZ

Treat every day like it's Valentine's Day, put love into everything you do. (Read All About Love by bell hooks!)

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If there is anything you'd like to see in the newsletter, or any feedback please feel free to reach out! And also follow all of OAOA's socials, and see you next month!

