

HEOP/EOP welcome new first-year counselor

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Antonio Williams, of Rochester, NY, is the new first-year counselor for the Higher Education Opportunity Program/Education Opportunity Program (HEOP/EOP) at Alfred University. Williams works directly with new students entering in the fall semester. In addition, he works with the director in recruitment efforts for future entering classes. He will also assume primary responsibility for the Summer Transition Program that all new HEOP/EOP students are required to participate in to become matriculated in the fall of each year. Williams graduated from Alfred University in May 2006 with a bachelor's in sociology and a minor in coaching. He played on the AU Football Team from 2001-2004, and was a volunteer coach in 2005. Before coming back to Alfred, Williams worked at Sales Strategies Group, Inc. in Victor, NY, organizing real estate events throughout the United States. While enrolled at Alfred University, Williams did partake in many activities including working as a summer peer adviser and an office assistant. HEOP and EOP are state-funded programs that open up higher education at both public and private colleges and universities to New York State students who would otherwise not have the means to attend. Opportunity programs in New York State are the result of legislation developed in the late 1960s by former Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve.