



EOP students Angel, Karla, and Divya stand outside Entwood, the new home for the Educational Opportunity Program.

## New home, same mission.

CSUB's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) has relocated to the Entwood building on the West end of campus. Nestled among towering pines, characteristic of the Ents in the Lord of the Rings, our new surroundings give our building an air of fantasy; the grove's grassy, verdant slopes suggest the bucolic, picturesque nature scenes we all dreamt of when someone first pointed to the University and said "Go there, and build a better life..." What better place to call our new home?

Our new location provides new vistas, landscapes, perspectives—promoting reflection on where we have been and contemplation of where we can go. Education remains the most consistent means for lifting an entire generation out of poverty within one lifetime, and EOP has a long history—55 years—of helping first-generation, historically disadvantaged students achieve the goal of a university degree. EOP also has a destination, a logical endpoint: when everyone in our state lives above the federal poverty guidelines; when opportunity gaps are closed and everyone is allowed to realize their full potential; and when every adult has achieved a college degree. We are, of course, far from this idyllic reality.

The great hallmark of our program continues to be the remarkable students who exist in the *in-between*—distanced from potential, but undaunted, striving daily toward prosperity for their families. As American society continues to hemorrhage human potential through disinvestments from our communities, EOP will continue to recapture this human potential, reaching into our communities and cultivating the students who serve as bridges between these distinct realities. *Until these goals are realized for everyone, first-generation students will always have a home at EOP.*

### TikTalk: A Timely Workshop

The pace of modern life coupled with the demands of University study can leave first-generation students begging for a time-out. Join your EOP Peers as we discuss the pull of apps like TikTok, procrastination horror stories, and the moments of life too good to sell. Participants in this workshop will practice taking the sting out of major assignments through better time-assignment. This workshop is open to all EOP students.

Wednesday, February 26th, 11:00 AM

Location: HOB 1109



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