

KEY NOTES



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Winter 2007

Winter Drop In Hours

Dawn	Tuesday	1-3
	Thursday	1-3
Liisa	Monday	8-11
	Friday	1-3

CHEAP EATS

KEY students recommend:

Old School Pizzeria

108 Franklin St NE
Olympia, WA
360-786-9640
East Coast style pizza by the slice from \$1.95 - \$2.55 for most

Asian Deli

2423 Harrison Ave NW
Olympia, WA
2 spring rolls or 5 egg rolls for \$2.50

King Solomon's Reef

112 4th Ave
Olympia, WA
360-357-5552
Huge breakfast for \$2.99 M-F from 6-8am

Far East Restaurant

218 4th Ave W
Olympia, WA
360-786-0333
Rice Bowls \$4.95 – big enough for two

California Burritos

Truck parked in lot next to Asian Deli on Harrison
360-786-9640
Everything (tacos, burritos, etc.) under \$5

New Moon Cafe

113 4th Ave W
Olympia, WA
360-357-3452
Ova, lacto, vegan-friendly, vegetarian options; prices from cheap to moderate.

Quality Burrito

113 4th Ave W
Olympia, WA
360-357-3452
Locally-owned CO-OP, everything under \$7

GOODBYES AND HELLOS

Goodbye from Niki Amarantides and Hello to Stacia Lewis

Eight years ago, on January 19, 1999 I began my job as Director of KEY Student Services at The Evergreen State College. I left Baltimore, Maryland to come to an unfamiliar college and coast line only to realize that the work I agreed to do was some of the most soulful and satisfying I would ever experience: welcoming and working with you all! You are such bright, determined, anxious, grateful, sweet, and complicated students, all with unique stories, gathered here to learn, grow, and find direction and purpose; my job was to try to help you do that. What an honor it has been!

Now, eight years later to the day, I am leaving Evergreen to return to Baltimore to work in an organization committed to improving housing, mass transit, drug treatment, and community leadership. I will have the chance to try a new career direction and once again work with a gifted group of people. Dawn Carlson will move into the role of interim Director of KEY.

Stacia Lewis who worked as an advisor in Evergreen's Career Development Center for eight years will step in as an Academic Specialist with KEY. Stacia received her BA from Stanford (in English) and her MS in Career Counseling. Stacia brings specific skills around career development, graduate school, and writing, as well as overall academic advising. I know KEY students will enjoy working with her, and I know she will add much to the outstanding KEY team!



March 2007:TESC Moves from Paper to Electronic Correspondence



Don't miss out on important college and KEY information! Starting Spring Quarter 2007, all Evergreen students are expected to activate and use your @evergreen.edu account. You will, of course, be able to forward all mail addressed to your @evergreen account to an email account of your choice, but it's YOUR responsibility (just as it is now for street addresses) to maintain a viable connection with your @evergreen email account for the purpose of official college business and announcements.

Not to mention, KEY has important news to share with KEY students via our weekly **KOP** (KEY Opportunities and Possibilities) and we only mail to your campus email addresses (because those addresses don't change!). Get connected!

Join us for two great cultural events this quarter:



Dr. Maya Angelou is coming to Evergreen! Considered one of our national treasures, Dr. Maya Angelou is hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman. A poet, educator, historian, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer, and director, she is the author of many best-selling books including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and *Even the Stars Look Lonesome*. Dr. Angelou travels the world, spreading her legendary wisdom and challenging her audiences to elevate the human condition. **February 18th at 7:00 pm at the CRC (a \$10 deposit is required)**



Former KEY Student JOSH BLUE: Winner "Last Comic Standing"

Evergreen graduate and former KEY student, Josh Blue, has been a fast-rising star since first appearing on Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia" before gaining the attention and endearment of the country as the winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing." Josh is a hilarious stand-up comedian and a stellar U.S. Paralympic Soccer player – refusing to bow to any of the challenges that come from living with Cerebral Palsy. Josh uses his incredible sense of humor and versatile persona to defy stereotypes and encourage others to overcome their preconceived notions about people who are considered "disabled." Blue jokes, "I realize that people are going to stare so I want to give them something to stare at." **March 17th at 8:00 pm at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts (a \$10 deposit required)**

Goodness Gilman!

It was a great year for Evergreen—and KEY students—to win Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to finance their study abroad! Nationally there were 1,189 applicants and 400 awards were issued. At Evergreen we had 14 completed applications submitted and 12 of those applicants were awarded between \$2,300 to \$8,000 in support (including one critical language award for the study of Arabic!)

Out of the 12 Evergreen applicants who received Gilmans, 5 were KEY students! They are: Savannah Garcia, India; Seth Bartels, Spain;

Sue Paluh, Belize; Genevieve Becker, India; Kristin Oogjen, Mongolia.

Remember the deadline for Fall Quarter 2007 study abroad applications is **April 1, 2007**. The deadline for Winter/Spring 2008 Gilman scholarship applications is usually the third week of September (it was this year). This is during our first week of classes, so start working on your applications before school even starts if you want to study abroad in winter or spring 2008! For more information about Gilman, please visit their website at www.ije.org/gilman.

More Money for College

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to find more free money to pay for college? Check out these external scholarships **AF-TER** you've done your Evergreen scholarship applications! Come by and see your KEY advisor for help with applying.

The Seattle Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications Award: \$1,500

Applicants must be a Washington resident, a junior or senior by Fall quarter 2007, and be studying communications. Contact info for more information: AWC Scholarship Chair, Association for Women in Communications, 1412 SW 102nd Street /PMB 224, Seattle, WA 98146 **Deadline: February 16, 2007**
Email for info: awcseattle@attbi.com

Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund Award: \$10,000 or \$1,000

All applicants must be seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university. Awards are based primarily on financial need. **Deadline: January 2, 2007 or UNTIL 1,000 eligible applications are received.** For more information, check out: <http://www1.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp>

The Jeannette Rankin Foundation

Applicant must be a woman at least 35 years of age and a U.S.

citizen pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree, and low-income.

Deadline: March 1. Check the website for income guidelines and more information: www.rankinfoundation.org

Northwest Journalists of Color Award: \$1,000

Applicants must be Asian American, African American, Latino or Native American college students seeking a career in journalism. **Deadline: Early May.** Check their website for more information: <http://www.cwu.edu/~scholar/outside/northwestjournalistscolor.html>

American Indian Endowed Higher Education Coordinating Board Award: \$500-\$2,000

Applicants must be financially needy students with close cultural ties to an American Indian tribe enrolled full-time at a college or university in the State of Washington in the fall. **Deadline: May 15.** Check their website: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/aies.asp>

Meyer-White Scholarship

Award: \$5,000 depending on need

Undergraduate applicants must be 25 or older and have a demonstrated financial need and be a Washington resident. **Deadline: March 31.** Check their website for more information: <http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnw/pnwguide/onlineaps/mwonap.htm>

MEET KEY STUDENT ROB WORKMAN

And you thought it was tough finding housing around Evergreen? Ask KEY student Rob Workman who looked for a handicapped accessible apartment for 10 weeks, called 234 apartment complexes and inquired about 400 units throughout Thurston County. But instead of giving up and going home, Rob persevered and happily reports that he is now living in a 4-plex in southeast Lacey that is not only accessible, but overlooks Lake Pattison and has an eagle's nest outside his window!

Determination got Rob to find a place in Lacey, but determination is also why Rob is even alive today. Three weeks after he graduated from his Whidbey Island high school in 1994, Rob went camping with his cousin and was involved in a serious car accident that threw both of them from the car resulting in grave injuries. Rob was medivacked to Harborview Medical where he was given a 3% chance to live. Then after he survived those critical first days, Rob was told he could expect to be hospitalized for 3 to 7 years. Instead Rob was discharged three and half months later. If you ask Rob how this is possible, he'll just reply: "90% of everything is your attitude."

It was more than just attitude that got Rob to climb into a truck and trailer and start what he calls a three-year, 380,000 mile road trip across the country to see family and friends—one year after the accident which left him partially paralyzed. "That trip showed me that I could be anything I wanted to be, and that every place has opportunities I could participate in." When Rob returned from his cross-country odyssey, he enrolled in the Resource Center for the Handicapped in Renton and earned a drafting/design degree. Although he couldn't find a drafting job, he went on to work



for Microsoft for a while (testing video game controllers and "giving them lots of profit making ideas").

Through volunteering at the North Shore Senior Center in Kirkland, Rob began to work with adults with Alzheimer's and developmental disabilities. Here he set up his first computer lab and developed learning objectives to teach these adults to locate websites and email their families. As Rob puts it "with compassion, patience and assistive technologies, I was able to create an environment that they could succeed in."

After realizing he was good with people and computers, Rob decided to sign up for classes at Everett Community College. However, in addition to being a student, Rob became an activist for increased adaptive technologies and campus accessibility (which was prompted by being stuck in 3 elevators at EvCC!). Rob went on to become a student senator and then student body president. But Rob's activism didn't stop at the college; Rob applied and was appointed to the Everett Transportation Advisory Committee to represent full-time riders with disabilities and students. Over the Christmas break 2006, Rob and the mayor of Everett talked about current and future transportation needs at a luncheon he attended saluting the work of the committee.

This summer, Rob joined KEY's Step Up program and began his first quarter at Evergreen. Rob's determination is clearly demonstrated when he says, "All my life I never thought I would live past 30. And here I am, looking back at the things I've accomplished and looking ahead at getting a BA in Assistive Technologies and Techniques so that I can help create universal access to computers to those in lower privileged communities." Welcome to Evergreen, Rob!

Day of Absence, Day of Presence 2007

Day of Absence is February 16, 2007

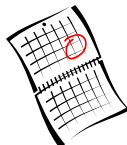


Day of Presence is February 21, 2007

Mark your calendars and plan on attending Evergreen's annual event celebrating the diversity of cultures and heritage on campus. A long-standing Evergreen tradition, this is a two-day event which celebrates culture, heritage and community. On the Day of Absence, students, staff and faculty of color are invited to an off-campus community-building retreat. On-campus events such as ally-building workshops take place in their absence. The Day of Presence represents the reuniting of our community and consists of campus-wide workshops, seminars, and performances. Be on the lookout for a schedule of events for these two days, and be sure to ask your faculty if your program will be participating. You don't want to miss these two important days of celebration.

WINTER 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Week 1**
1/10/07
FPAS' Scholarship Workshop
Prime Time Advising (housing)
6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Week 2**
1/18/07
Healthy Eating with KEY
Prime Time Advising
6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Week 3**
1/24/07 &
1/25/07
FAFSA Open House
KEY SSS Office
1:00 - 5:00 pm both days
- Week 4**
2/1/07
Got Spirituality? Come chat and ask questions of guest presenter Rabbi Seth Bernstein
Hosted by KEY in Prime Time
6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Week 5**
2/7/07
KEY 5th Week Gathering
First generation faculty talk about grad school. Burritos served!
SEM 2 B1107
1:00 - 2:30 pm



- Week 6**
2/18/07
Maya Angelou*
Campus Recreation Center
7:00 pm
- Week 10**
3/17/07
Comedian Josh Blue*
WA Center for Performing Arts
8:00 pm

* KEY has a limited number of tickets for these events and each requires a \$10 cash deposit. The deposit will be refunded to you the night of the event. To sign up for these events, you must contact KEY to get on the list. Tickets are limited, so sign up soon!

College Holidays

New Year's Day 1/1/07
MLK JR Day 1/15/07
Presidents' Day 2/19/07

Financial Aid and Scholarships: A New Year = A New FAFSA

Now is the time to prepare for 2007-2008 financial aid. Don't get behind in the timeline for priority funding. Here is what your timeline should look like:



Drop in to KEY offices anytime between 1 and 5 pm on both Wednesday and Thursday, **January 24th and 25th** and we will help you through the process.

•**January** – Prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Pull together tax information and request your pin number from www.pin.ed.gov. If you still have your pin from last year, you can use it again. Remind your folks to pull together their tax information as well.

“Yikes, but what if our taxes are not done?”

No problem, you can estimate your taxes and complete the FAFSA with the estimated numbers. Just make sure your taxes are done and ready to hand in to the Financial Aid Office before the March 15 priority deadline. If you are completing the FAFSA using the paper mail-in application, you must mail your application in the month of January to ensure you meet the priority deadline.

FAFSA PDQ- February is the month to **complete** your FAFSA, and you will need to do that Pretty Darn Quick (PDQ). In order to make the financial aid **PRIORITY DEADLINE**, you will want to complete your FAFSA application in February. We have scheduled time to work with you on completing your FAFSA.

•**February** – Remember folks the **TESC scholarship** deadline (**February 1**) is approaching quickly! We know time is tight at the beginning of the quarter, but a couple hours now may really pay off. For example, the KEY Scholarship/Tuition Waiver covers all of your tuition for a year (about \$3,900) and only requires a one-page essay. If you do the math, you receive about \$7.80 a word for that scholarship, and only KEY students can apply! Check in with your KEY Advisor soon, so we can help you get moving on this.

•**March 15** – Is the priority deadline for financial aid. You will need to have your **completed** and correct FAFSA submission in to Evergreen by this date in order to receive priority funding. If you were selected for verification, you may also need to submit signed copies of your tax forms prior to this date.

•**May or June** – You will receive next year's financial aid award letter and notification of any scholarships won. This will also be the time to let Financial Aid know if you are planning on attending summer quarter.

If you have any questions about your financial aid and the FAFSA, please contact your KEY advisor.