EDMUND ASIEDU IS ON A ROLL!

Determination, motivation, and perseverance are just a few words that describe this over-achieving young man. Edmund is a student with a disability, but he has not allowed this to get in his way. “I am not going to wait on anyone to motivate me. I am going to motivate myself,” said Edmund.

Edmund is an upper junior and is eagerly looking forward to 2013, when he will graduate as a Social Worker. He is also a peer educator assigned with the Career Services Department and a recipient of a 2011 Jackson-Stricks scholarship.

Instead of catching up on his studies over the long President’s weekend, Edmund spent his time in Albany with the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities (CCSD), where he participated in the 41st Annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Caucus. Edmund spoke of this trip as a dream come true where he was in the company of many influential administrators of CUNY. He also spoke about the opportunity to network with politicians. Edmund participated in the 2011 ING NYC Marathon Wheelchair Division and is getting ready to take part in the March 24 New York Half Marathon.

ING NYC Marathon participant—Edmund Asiedu

This young man does not know what it is to slow down. His latest and greatest achievement was his success in registering a new disability club with Student Life. Despite the challenges that he encountered to get students to sign up, Edmund never gave up. Eventually he was successful in getting the number of persons needed to register the club. The Lehman College of Students with Disabilities (L.C.S.D) will hold its first official meeting on March 5, 2012 at Campus Life Building Room 111 from 3:30 p.m.

Edmund continues to set high goals for himself. He is an inspiration to those with disabilities and a living proof that “where there’s a will, there’s a way.”

NEED HELP WITH WRITING?

If you would like assistance with your writing assignments, including help making outlines, clarifying your thesis, learning to work with quotations, CPE preparation or just assistance in getting your thoughts clearly down on paper, there is help available.

Trevor Laurence Jockims, PhD student in Comparative Literature at the Graduate Center is available every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Access and Technology Center (Library Building Room 215).

Currently an adjunct Professor in the English Department of Hunter College, Mr. Jockims has extensive experience as a College Lecturer and Writing Tutor and has worked with a wide range of students across The City University of New York campuses.

To schedule an appointment please contact 718-960-8441 or 718-960-1167. Walk-ins are welcome as time permits, but appointments are recommended.
The most recent addition to the CUNY LEADS program is a JOB GROUP. The first meeting was held on February 22, 2012 and participants had the opportunity to discuss concerns regarding employment. The Job Group will meet once or twice per month. These meetings will provide support and resources for current Lehman students and alumni looking for work or about to begin their job search.

The group will discuss a variety of topics: resume and cover letter writing, interview skills, disclosure in the workforce, networking, and usage of social media in the job search. There will also be an opportunity to share available job opportunities and resources. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012 in the Music Building Room 313 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

CUNY LEADS provides students with disabilities the opportunity to gain skills for job development through academic and employment support. LEADS also works with the state agency ACCES-VR to provide students with well-rounded resources to ensure their success with internship or employment during or after their academic career.

If you are a student with a disability and would like to know more about resources available to you through the LEADS program please come to the LEADS workshop on March 14th at 3:30, Shuster Hall Conference Room 018.

CUNY’s University Student Senate is pleased to announce the 2012 USS Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Students with Disabilities Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes students with disabilities who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service under extraordinary circumstances.

Application criteria:

- Applicants must be matriculated students in active attendance.
- Undergraduates must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5, be registered for a minimum of six (6) credits and have already completed a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits and no more than eighty (80) credits at a CUNY college.
- Graduates must be registered for a minimum of three (3) credits and have completed a minimum of six (6) credits at a CUNY college, and no more than twenty-four (24) credits total.
- Applications shall be accompanied by a letter of verification from the college’s Director of Disability Services.

One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a Lehman student with a disability in the amount of $500.00. All completed applications are to be submitted to the Vice President Jose Magdaleno by March 16, 2012, Shuster 206.

For more information regarding the requirements and application criteria and process of either scholarship, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at Shuster Hall 238 — 718-960-8441 or email: disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu
SGA DISTINCTION AWARDS: Students with Disabilities

FIRST EVER DISTINCTION AWARDS for all Lehman College Students!

The 2011-2012 Student Government Association recognizes its commitment to the Lehman College student body. One of their many concerns is to aid students with the opportunity to excel academically and reach future goals.

The SGA distinction of award for a student with disabilities will be awarded to one (1) student, receiving an award of $500.

For eligibility, process, & applications please contact: Student Disabilities Services at Shuster Hall 238 or visit the Office of the Lehman College Student Government—Distinction Award Committee located in the Student Life Building (SLB) in room 202 or 222.

Deadline: Friday March 30th no later than 4:00 p.m.

Please note that incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered.

For more information, email: lehmanstudentgovernment@gmail.com or call 718-960-4960.

Are You Thinking of Grad School?

Congratulations to those of you who are considering grad school. Earning a graduate degree means that you have the potential to apply greater depth of knowledge to your field and to create more options for career growth.

Join the staff of Student Disability Services for a workshop on the Graduate School application process. Come and hear Trevor, Melissa, and Magda as they share their own experiences in researching, applying and enrolling in grad school.

Agenda:
- Application process
- Revised GRE
- Personal Statement
- Recommendation Letters
- Tuition Funding
- Q & A

The workshop will be held on March 19, 2012 in the Music Building Room 313 from 3:30 — 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by emailing: disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu or telephone the Office at 718-960-8441.

CUNYfirst IS COMING!

CUNYfirst — “Fully Integrated Resources and Services Tool” is scheduled to be up and running early APRIL 2012 for both Summer and Fall registration. It will include a live and interactive interface, a waiting list feature and "shopping cart" functionality for class registration, and personalized daily, weekly, and monthly class schedule calendars.

In conjunction with these new changes, the Student Disability Services will host a CUNYfirst Workshop on March 26, 2012 in the Music Building Room 313 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Join us and learn how to claim and manage your new account, register and pay for classes!

For more information and RSVP please contact Student Disability Services at 718-960-8441.

◆ Light refreshments will be served!
SDS Celebrates Disability Awareness Month: APRIL 2012
“THE DISABILITY EXPERIENCE”

In celebration of Disability Awareness Month, The Office of Student Disability Services will be hosting a panel of students and alumni who will share their personal stories about living with a disability. We invite all students, faculty and staff to attend this event to promote awareness and education. This coming event will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in the Concert Hall Lobby from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Some of the panelists are Edmund Asiedu, Sharon Lowe, Latavia Sturdivant, Jehu Brown and Laquon Johnson.

For questions and to RSVP please contact: Lauren McCarthy at 718-960-1980—Shuster Hall Room 238 or email: lauren.mccarthy@lehman.cuny.edu

♦ Light refreshments will be served!

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

You’re Invited to Attend the Student Advisory Board Meeting
Date: Monday, March 12, 2012
Location: Music Building 313
Time: 3:30PM – 5:00PM

Dedicated to fellowship, access, and opportunity

*Light refreshments will be served
Late Comers Welcome!

Office of Student Disability Services
Shuster Hall 238
718-960-8441

“ATTITUDES are the real disability”

Meet the Staff
Merrill D. Parra—Director
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Trevor Jockims—Writing Specialist
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