



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!!

*. As alumni of Rowan and the EOF Program, what would you advise to students who are still in the program?*

I would advise the students to take this program seriously. Being part of the EOF/MAP family is a privilege and it is important for them to understand that the EOF/MAP programs need their help to continue to be successful. Furthermore, I would advise them to take an advantage of all the opportunities that this program has to offer. They might not understand the method of how the system works or why it is so structured, but once they welcome the challenge, they will appreciate it later on as they get ready to graduate.

*2. Favorite memory of Rowan?*

Rowan has enabled me to build life long memories. From all the social gatherings to building connections with many people across the country, from many sleepless nights to preparing for the step show and other homecoming events. However, if I had to choose one memory, it would be my summer of 2004 where I was welcomed to the EOF/MAP family by Dr. Williams. The five weeks in the summer that I spent on campus was one of the most rewarding, fun, productive summers. I was able to meet and build relationships with 145 students, whom until today I see them as my PCI brothers and sisters and still keep in contact with majority of them.

*3. What are you currently doing? Future goals?*

Currently, I am attending the University of Pittsburgh to obtain my Masters in Education in Higher Education Management. My future goals are to graduate with my masters, work for 2-3 years and go back to school and obtain my Ph.D. or Ed. Furthermore, I would like to open up my own mentoring program, and coach a soccer team. I am also interested in traveling and be a keynote speaker on the importance of education and issues regarding diversity and relationships.

*4. A little background info - where you are from, etc.*

My name is Hatef Alavi. I was born in Iran and lived 12 years of my life in there. I moved to the United States in December of 1998. Currently, I am residing in Ocean Township, New Jersey. I have two brother (one older and one younger). I played soccer for 17 years and am a big sport fan. I am a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and currently involved with the RISE mentoring program at the University of Pittsburgh. I received my BA in Psychology with a concentration in Leadership Studies at Rowan University.

