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WHAT DO WE DO?
We provide support, mentorship, and advocacy to students. We provide opportunities for education and discussion that not only help us to serve students, but also help us as employees to continue to grow and learn and grow (thus serving the greater values of the university: Service, Leadership, Excellence, and Faith).
UPCOMING FEB. EVENTS

• Holocaust Museum Pilgrimage
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Join members of the Marquette community on Sunday, February 9 for a pilgrimage to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center located in Skokie, IL. For more information, contact Campus Ministry.

• 2nd Annual Taste of Africa
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Marquette Place, Alumni Memorial Union, 6:00pm. Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement, Marquette University Student Government, and the African Students Association.

• How It All Started: Exploring the Origins of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Henke Lounge, Alumni Memorial Union, 6:00pm. Sponsored by Students for Justice in Palestine.

• SAY IT LOUD: Open Mic Night
Thursday, February 13, 2014
Annex, 7:00pm. Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement.

• Town Hall Series: Defining Blackness, “African American” or “Black”
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Students and members of the MU community are invited to share their experiences and hear from their peers on how they identify themselves, what their identities mean to them, and how their identities shape their experiences. Center for Intercultural Engagement, Alumni Memorial Union 111, 6:30pm. Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement.

• Faculty Fellow Presentation: Dr. Ed De St. Aubin, Sexual Behavior Study Results
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
AMU Ballroom D, 7:00pm. Sponsored by the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center.

• In Living Color: Commmemorating Black History
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Alumni Memorial Union Ballrooms, 5:00pm
The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) invites students to experience a live museum that features several members dressed as famous African American individuals. Sponsored by the National Society of Black Engineers.

• Waka Waka: It’s Time for Africa Fashion Show
Friday, February 21, 2014
Weasler Auditorium, 6:00pm
Sponsored by the African Students Association.

• Brew City Stomp Down Step Show
Saturday, February 22, 2014
Varsity Theater, 5:00pm
Sponsored by NPHC.

• Crazy, Sexy, Cool: Black Student Council Fashion Show
Saturday, February 28, 2014
Weasler Auditorium, 6:00pm
Sponsored by Black Student Council.
Did you know that Marquette is home to over 700 students representing 67 different countries? In fact, this past fall was the largest incoming class of undergraduate international students ever! Inevitably, language and cultural barriers can pose unique challenges for international students, but Marquette offers English language learners a wide variety of academic and supportive services, as well as opportunities to learn about American culture and celebrate their own.

The Office of International Education

The OIE offers international students both academic and supportive services, as well as many opportunities throughout the year for fun through intercultural exchange.

The English as a Second Language Program provides Reading, Writing, Listening, and Grammar courses to undergraduate degree seeking students who demonstrate a need for additional language instruction. These classes are intensive for-credit language courses taught by certified ESL instructors and are taken simultaneously with other subject matter areas. Additionally, the OIE partners with the English Department to offer special ESL sections of ENG 1001 and 1002 where topics are expanded to include extra language support and instruction. All of these courses are open to both international students and domestic students who identify as English language learners. Additionally, students can visit the OIE’s website at any time for extra English learning tips and strategies, as well as links to online language resources.

The OIE’s Program Center provides a space for students to gather for curricular and extracurricular international themed events. For example, the Conversation Club meets weekly to discuss American life and culture, share typical American dishes, as well as share favorite foods and customs from one’s home country. Moreover, the center serves as a meeting space for various organizations such as the Saudi Student Union, Hmong Student Association, as well as multiple language exchange clubs such as the Arabic Language and Culture Club and the Chinese/English Language Exchange.

Raynor Memorial Library

English language learners are often challenged by the American library system and western style of research writing. Many of the librarians at Marquette are trained to assist English language learners in selecting topics for academic papers, searching for resources through the Marqcat system, and navigating the library’s stacks. All of the ESL classes work closely with librarians and integrate library skills into the curriculum. Additionally, the librarians have created an English Language Resource Guide, accessible through the library’s search tool, where students can link to a number of ESL grammar and writing websites for self-study or easily locate English language textbooks through the library.

The Ott Memorial Writing Center

The Writing Center is a great place for English learners to get feedback on their writing. In the past, the Writing Center has worked closely with ESL instructors to train tutors to specifically address content and organization problems that are typical of non-native English speakers.

These resources are designed to support the learning needs and personal growth of ESL students and ensure their success at Marquette. Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer students to these resources and are welcome to attend any of the OIE’s cultural events! For more information on serving the language needs of ESL students please contact Nora Hochstetter in the Office of International Education at 414-288-7002 or nora.hochstetter@marquette.edu.
The Division of Student Affairs Diversity Committee and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center are offering two training opportunities for faculty and staff this spring. Diversity Advocates training will resume in March 2014 and is a training program for faculty and staff to provide support, mentorship, and advocacy for students by promoting diversity and inclusion on campus. The new training provides more comprehensive tools for developing a diversity consciousness, understanding social identities, identifying acts of discrimination and stereotyping, and developing advocacy skills.

Also this spring, the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center in the Office of the Provost will be launching a Safe Zone program to give faculty and staff opportunities to deepen their knowledge about LGBT and gender justice issues, student identity development, and religion and sexuality. Both individuals and departments can participate in Safe Zone training to help build safe and brave spaces and strengthen the network of campus partners interested in gender, sexuality, and diversity on campus.

Please contact the Diversity Committee Co-Chairs (Carla Fullwood at carla.cadet@mu.edu and Angela Zapata at angela.zapata@mu.edu) to RSVP for these informational sessions.

Upcoming Info Sessions for DA Training & Safe Zones

- Thursday, Feb. 6, 10:00am, AMU 254
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4:00pm, AMU 254
- Friday, Feb. 21, 11:00am, AMU 157
- Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2:00pm, AMU 163
Join student groups and faculty from other Catholic schools in the region for a day of organizing and strategy. An exciting general program will be followed by four breakout sessions on: Messaging/Lobbying/Politics & Policy, Organizing Fundamentals: Coalition building. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other students, faculty, and activists also passionate about advancing immigration reform. Meals and snacks provided.

Saturday, February 22, 2014
9:00am-6:00pm
Loyola University-Chicago

Registration: $5

Register for the summit:
Celebrate Pan African Heritage Month at MU!

PAN AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH
SHADES OF IDENTITIES, SHADES OF EXPERIENCES

Sunday, Feb. 9
2nd Annual Taste of Africa
An educational and cultural event with food and music from around the continent Africa.
6-9 pm, AMU-Marquette Place
Sponsored by African Students Association

Thursday, Feb. 13th
Say It Loud Open Mic Night
7pm, Annex
Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement

Wednesday, Feb. 19th
Town Hall Series: Defining “Blackness”
African American or Black?
Share your experiences and hear from students and staff on how they identify themselves, what their identities mean to them, and how their identities shape their experiences.
6:30pm, CIE, AMU III
Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement

Thursday, Feb. 20
In Living Color: Commemorating Black History
Please join the members of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE-MU) in a "live museum" that features several members dressed as famous African American individuals.
5-7pm, AMU Ballrooms
Sponsored by (NSBE-MU)

Friday, Feb. 21
Waka Waka: It’s Time for Africa Fashion Show
First annual ASA fashion show debuting the different cultural clothing and fashion of Africa through time.
6-8:30pm, Weasler Auditorium
Sponsored by African Students Association

Saturday, Feb. 22
Brew City Stomp Down Step Show
6pm, Varsity Theater
Sponsored by National Panhellenic Council (NPCH)

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Film screening of Boys Cry
This documentary explores the bullying trend from a cultural perspective examining African-American on African bullying.
6:30pm, CIE, AMU III
Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement

Friday, Feb. 28
Crazy, Sexy, Cool Fashion Show
This year’s show will consist of dance performances, poetry and fashion.
6:30 pm, Weasler Auditorium
Sponsored by Black Student Council

For more info contact intercultural@mu.edu
Marquette University will host the 2014 Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) Student Diversity Conference on Friday, May 2 through Saturday, May 3, 2014. The purpose of the WAICU Student Diversity Conference is to provide a collaborative forum where students, faculty, and staff can learn about differences, discuss diversity and social justice related issues, and create action plans for addressing these issues on campus and their respective communities. Carla Fullwood, Assistant Dean for Intercultural Engagement in the Office of Student Development, has been working with Marquette student volunteers to help coordinate this year’s conference. All faculty and staff who are interested in assisting with promoting, and/or presenting should contact Carla at carla.cadet@marquette.edu.