Welcome Back Everyone!

This year the Office of Multicultural Affairs welcomed back everyone with their annual Fall Welcome Reception on September 25 at the Multicultural Center in Old Main. The reception was free and open to UW-Superior staff, faculty, students, and community members.

The Welcome Reception is the first event of the Fall Semester for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and we thank everyone for joining us with great food, conversation, and company. The event is a great opportunity to make connections with the multicultural community on our campus so if you missed this reception make sure you attend the next one on Feb. 5 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Multicultural Center!

Leadership & Mentorship Program

This year’s Leadership & Mentorship Program had their first two meetings on September 4 and 16 to get things started and to have the mentors and mentees meet for the first time.

The Leadership & Mentorship Program has created a few changes to the program, which include having the mentors and their mentees sign up for leadership roles within the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Leadership Program itself to gain some volunteerism and leadership skills. Some roles are bigger than others but the point is to have the students take some responsibility and action within the campus community so that they can have something to either put on their resume or to look back at with fond memories.

The program will still be calling in campus and off-campus resources for the benefit of the students’ college life as well as for when they graduate. They will be more knowledgeable on where to go for help and who will be able to help them under a diverse range of circumstances.

Leadership & Mentorship Program Mission:

The first year of college can be very challenging socially, academically, and personally. By pairing the prospective mentees with an upper level student (typically junior or senior) in good academic standing and a similar life experience, they will be receiving a positive first year experience to take with them throughout their time at UW-Superior. This program is designed to create a solid foundation of connections, resources, and relationships around the campus to help first-year students’ transition and succeed in the UW-Superior family.
-HOLA-

This new Hispanic/Latino student organization met on September 9 for the first time. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the meeting! The mission of this organization is "Integrating the Latino/Hispanic culture into the Twin Ports community by celebrating diversity, sharing information on important issues facing the culture, and facilitating intercultural dialogue." Anyone can join this organization and if you are interested please contact Simona Simkins, Ernesto Soto, Tania Murillo Duran, Reyman Solis, Moira Villiard, or their advisor Gabriela Theis. You can also stop by the Multicultural Affairs office at Old Main 230.

This is going to be a great year at UW-Superior with active and committed student organizations like HOLA, Black Student Union, and others!

-Black Student Union-

Approximately 50+ people, mostly students, attended the Black Student Union’s Meet and Greet – their first big event for the Fall semester. Black Student Union executive board members and co-advisors introduced themselves and explained their student organization mission, gave information on upcoming events and a call for student membership, as well as answered questions from attendees. They provided good food and great discussion. If anyone is interested in joining the Black Student Union please contact them at BSU@uwsuper.edu or like them on Facebook at Black Student Union of UW-Superior. Everyone is welcome to join the organization.

- Upcoming Deadlines -

- Student application deadline for Diversity Leadership Retreat is October 20 – All UW-Superior students are invited to apply!

- Student abstract submission deadline for the American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (UW-Eau Claire) – January 23, 2015. More information to come – but students start thinking about what you would like to present in one of the following: research, creative writing, visual arts and/or poster presentation.

- Upcoming Events -

- Oct 2, 2014: Women of Color Award Reception

- Nov. 5, 2014: Diversity Dialogue - Making A Difference: Best Practice From Students' Perspectives—12-1pm in Multicultural Center, Main 232
**Student Spotlights**

We take pride in all of our students!

**Marquise Slay**

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Year: Junior

Major/Minor: Business Administration and International Business with a minor in Sports Management/Coaching.

One "Fun Fact" about you: I play the cello in orchestra and have been doing it for 10 years.

**Moira Iwadarak Villiard**

Hometown: Cloquet, MN

Year in School: Junior

Major/Minor: Communications major, double-minoring in Spanish and Global Studies

One "Fun Fact" about you?: I'm really active in the arts community and excited about where it's headed -- my goal is to be part of at least one show, performance or exhibit every single month until I finish my current portrait series. (Simply put, art is my life!)

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**National Hispanic Heritage Month**

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

Source: [http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/](http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/)