



MULTICULTURAL NEWSLETTER

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WHO'S WHO ON CAMPUS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

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Message from the Director:

Welcome to the first Olivet College Multicultural Newsletter! This Newsletter strives to give all students a greater understanding of multicultural services and multicultural programs available at Olivet College.
-Jason Meadows-

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United Latinos: The United Latinos invites all Olivet College students to attend one of their meetings, every other Tuesday in an office on the second floor of MacKay Gym. Any student wishing to learn more about the Latino culture is welcome and encouraged to attend. The basic philosophy of the group is that by raising awareness of the Latino culture, we will have more well-rounded students on campus. The goal is to expose students from Olivet College to Latino cultures.

Free Yo' Mind: Free Yo Mind is looking for students who are open to expressing themselves through music and/or poetry readings. Anyone who has a creative talent that is willing to share their talent with the college campus is invited to become a part of the group. Free Yo Mind will be meeting in the fall—look for emails and flyers announcing meeting dates and times. In meetings, anyone can come and sing a song, read a poem, or express themselves creatively as long as it is appropriate per Olivet College standards.

Pagan Exploration: The Pagan Exploration group meets every other Wednesday in the fireplace room at the library at 7:00 pm. Other gatherings are as announced. The group welcomes any students, faculty or staff interested in earth-based and other non-traditional religions. Pagan Exploration meets to learn from each other, to serve the earth and those who live upon it and to have fun. The group provides students with a way to explore non-traditional and earth-based religions or spiritual paths and provides service opportunities to students.

Black Student Union (BSU): The target audience for the BSU is African American students, ALL students are encouraged to get involved. The group currently has biracial and Caucasian students in addition to African Americans. BSU meets on a mostly bi-weekly basis in the African American Culture Center (AACC). Meetings are open to all students no matter what race, age, gender, religion, or handicap they are. The basic philosophy of the group is to unite and educate all students through various educational and fun activities.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP): The NAACP has 16 members recognized as a part of the Olivet College Unit. Through yearly memberships, the NAACP publishes a monthly magazine called the "Crisis" which comes to Olivet College. Members are also made aware of and are eligible for various discounts, scholarships and other perks.

Gospel Choir: Any students interested in starting up an Olivet College Gospel Choir should speak to Larry Smith for details.

Common Ground: Established to increase awareness of sexual orientation issues in and around Olivet College, Common Ground provides a supportive and egalitarian atmosphere for members of the community, regardless of sexual orientation.

If you are interested in starting up a student organization, please contact the Student Life Office in Mott 208 for details.



Common Ground Members support AIDS awareness.

RECAP—FALL 2010 MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

The Student Life Department in conjunction with the Multicultural Department and the African American Culture Center hosted multiple culturally-based events throughout the Fall 2010 semester. On September 8, over 250

students tested foods from a variety of different countries at the Multicultural Taste Fest. On September 15, a Hispanic-Latin lunchtime concert featuring Tumbao Salsa including Armando Vega drew multiple students,

faculty and staff. Michael Jacobs performed a Native American concert for an attentive audience of faculty, staff, and students on November 3. The BSU also attended a National Black Student Union Conference in November

SPRING 2011 MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

The Multicultural Department, AACC, the Women's Resource Center (WRC), and the Student Life Department are pleased to have offered a wide variety of multicultural events during the Spring 2011 semester. Kicking off the semester, the AACC hosted the Bell Ringing on January 17 followed by a Presidential Luncheon and guest speaker Tobias Brown discussing Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Each Tuesday and Thursday throughout February, the AACC hosted Giving Voices in the KC. Professionals Encouraging Education Reformed State-wide (P.E.E.R.S.) Awareness brought a DUI Simu-

lator to the Upton Gym on Feb. 3 from 10 am to 4pm. On February 9, guest speaker Charles Briggs spoke at 1:30 in the Mott Auditorium for Black History Month. Say "NO to the N-Word" Campaign took place from noon to 1:30 in the KC from Feb. 14-18. On Feb. 16, the WRC hosted a Women of Color Luncheon at noon in the Oaks Dining Hall. The WRC also hosted the Vagina Monologues on Feb. 24 and 25 at 8pm in the Conservatory. A Women's Conference Speaker, Jenn Pozner, will be coming courtesy of the WRC on March 23 from 1:30-3pm in the Mott Auditorium.

Free Yo' Mind sponsored a concert with the band JHD on March 30 at 9pm in the MacKay Gym. The concert was free, but students needed to bring a can or a non-perishable food item to donate for entry. April, which is Cultural Diversity Month, started with Take Back the Night on April 6 at 7pm in Klock Commons, sponsored by the WRC. A Spring Gospel Choir Concert was held on April 16 at 6pm in the Olivet Congregational Church. The semester finished up with a Multicultural Student Recognition Dinner on April 18 at 6pm in the Oaks Dining Hall.

“Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be kept by understanding.”
 ~Albert Einstein~



BSU member Beth Mitchell with Teju The Storyteller, a guest speaker at the National Black Student Conference.

****We are looking for ideas for multicultural programs for the Fall 2011 semester. If you have any program ideas or would like to host a program, please contact Jason Meadows at jmeadows@olivetcollege.edu or Emily Davis at edavis@olivetcollege.edu. ****

THE HUMAN FAMILY IN ACTION



The United Latinos stop for a picture at the Mid-Michigan Food Bank.



Members of the United Latinos volunteer at a food bank.



Members of Common Ground participating in an AIDS Walk.



BSU Members at the 13th Annual National Black Student Union Conference.