The Dynamic Multicultural Timeline Celebrated in the Multicultural Center 1969-present

Although the Multicultural Center opened at OSU in 2001, there is a wide range of history represented among the programmatic areas and initiatives in the MCC. Some offices have existed on campus for over 40 years with “origin stories” directly linked to the civil rights era.

Over the span of 30 years prior to the 2001 opening, African American Student Services (AFAMSS), American Indian Student Services (AISS), Asian American Student Services (ASAMSS), Hispanic Student Services (HSS), Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS), and Women Student Services (WSS) had variously formed, the result of direct actions taken by students and community members. Since 2001, additional programming areas include – New Diversity Initiatives (NDI), National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), Bias Assessment and Response Team (BART) and Intergroup Relations (IGR).

As per recommendations from our program review and strategic planning process 2005-2007, in 2008, the MCC launched an intercultural programming model, where all programmatic areas are headed by Intercultural Specialists, liaisons to specific constituency groups, and responsive inclusively to all members of the OSU community concerning intercultural relations.
MCC Programs and Initiatives

Please see our on-line calendar for dates and locations of these & other MCC events.

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Cultural & Community Celebrations:
- Drums & Dough! An Intercultural Journey through Music & Breads (Sept)
- AfAm Family Affair & Reunion (Sept)
- GLBT Resource Fair (Sept)
- Asian Organizations Mixer (Oct)
- La Fiesta/Dia de los Muertos/Honoring Our Ancestors (Oct)
- Thanksgiving Alternative/Harvest Celebration (Nov)
- AfAm Thanksgiving (Nov)
- GLBT Family Holiday Dinner (Dec)
- Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration (Dec)
- MLK Day event (Jan)
- One Asian Nation Semi-Formal (Feb)
- Qpid Semi-Formal (Feb)
- Powwow (Apr)
- Buckeye Mela (Apr)
- Annual African American Heritage Festival (Apr/May)
- ExplorAsia (May)
- Asian Festival (May)
- MCC Annual Awards Ceremony (May)
- Rainbow GLBT Graduation (May)
- Indigenous Students Graduation (May)
- Latin@ Graduation Ceremony (May)
- Black Students Graduation (May)

History & Awareness:
- Hispanic/Latino/a Heritage (Oct)
- GLBT National Coming Out Day and History (Oct)
- American Indian/Indigenous Awareness & Heritage (Oct)
- Transgender Awareness Day (Nov)
- World AIDS Day (Dec)
- Asian American Day of Remembrance (Jan)
- MLK Jr. Day (Jan)
- United Black World Month (Feb)
- We Are All Related (Feb)
- Lesbian/Bisexual Women’s Health (Mar)
- Indigenous HIV/AIDS Awareness (Mar)
- International Women’s Day event (Mar)
- National Day of Silence (Apr)
- MAASU Spring Conference (Apr)
- Unidad Latina (Apr)
- Asian Pacific American Awareness Heritage Month (May)

INITIATIVES

Student Cohorts & Leadership:
- Council of Black Leaders
- BELLA Latina Leadership
- GLBT First Year Cohort
- Social Justice Cohort
- Latino SUR - Strength, Unity & Respect
- AGiYa/Mujer/Woman Coalition
- Asian Student Leadership Conference
- InterGroup Council
- Diversity Leadership Transcript Program
- GLBT Leaders Consortium
- GLBT Programming Board
- GLBT Ally Project

What’s YOUR Story? -- Monthly Dialogues
- Indigenous Identity Dialogue Series
- Intercultural Leadership Series
- Go There! Series
- Learn From Your Community
- Nourish YourSELF
- Y Tu Quien Eres?
- Common Ground

Trainings:
- National Coalition Building Institute
- GLBT Leaders Consortium
- GLBT Programming Board
- GLBT Ally Project

Collaborative Grants
Application deadlines:
- Nov, Jan, Apr

BART
Bias Assessment and Response Team

Graduations
GLBT Rainbow Celebration (May)
Latino & Indigenous Ceremonies (Jun)
African American Farewell (Jun)

MCC 3-credit COURSE!
InterGroup Dialogue (EDU P&L 270.04)

InterGroup Dialogues are 3-credit courses carefully structured to explore social group identity, conflict, community, and social justice. IGD engages students to explore issues of diversity and inequality and their personal and social responsibility for building a more just society.

Sampling of MCC Academic Collaborations

African American & African Studies
Alumni Association
American Indian Studies
Arts and Sciences
Asian American Studies
Center for Teaching & Writing
Comparative Studies
Education and Human Ecology
Education Policy and Leadership
Engineering
English
First Year Experience (FYE)
Frank W. Hale Jr. Center
History
Humanities
International Affairs
Kirwan Institute
Latin American Studies
Math & Physical Sciences
Minority Affairs
Optometry
Physical Activities & Edu Services
Public Health
RecSports
Sociology
Theatre
The Women’s Place
Todd A. Bell National Resource Center
Veterinary Medicine
Women’s Studies

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