

From the Desk of Our Director
“Embracing our past, enhancing our present to inspire our future”

On behalf of the staff of the WSU Multicultural Student Center (MSC), I would like to wish you and those you hold dear all the good fortunes of life, health, peace, and prosperity throughout the year!

The Center is thriving with many successes as visits are continuously on the rise. Connecting you with the guidance and support to be successful at the University is our priority. We look forward to meeting you at the Center!

Warm Regards,
 Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo, Director



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22 nd	President Chuck Wight's Inauguration Browning Center-Austad Auditorium	2:00 PM
October 24 th	Zombiethon Student Association Fundraiser McKay Education Building \$10 per person	6:00PM – 8:30PM
October 25 th	Imagine Dragons Concert Dee Events Center	7:00 PM Sold Out!
October 30 th	Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit Student to Student	7:00 AM – 3:30 PM Volunteers Needed!
October 31 st	Tasty Thursday South America Multicultural Student Center	11:00AM – 2:00PM
October 31 st	BSU Halloween Party Shepherd Union Ballroom B	8:00PM
November 2 nd	9 th Annual Turkey Triathlon Campus Recreation \$10-\$45	8:00 AM Register to participate or volunteer
November 21 st	Tasty Thursday Africa Multicultural Student Center	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
November 28 th -29 th	Thanksgiving Break	No School

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Block Party

This year the block party was a success for the Multicultural Student Center and for many other departments that are on and off campus. Many students visited our booth with interest of our services, others were already aware and stopped by just to say hello. This was my very first year going to the Block Party and I enjoyed it. There is so much information you receive from other departments and opportunities to get involved at Weber State University. I honestly recommend people to attend the Block Party in the future you will meet some awesome people and receive some free goodies.

-Eileen Hernandez



Culturally United



A Monthly Insight into Multicultural Life on the WSU Campus

Dr. Forrest Crawford



As some of you know, Homecoming week was the week of September 23rd with the kickoff and dance on the 21st. The dance this year was themed “Masquerade” and it was great! Majority of the students came dressed up and danced the night away. Of course, traditionally, the Wildcat at Midnight was initiated on the dot and was a sight to see. As the week pushed on, the campus was filled with energy and excitement! Friday, Sep. 27th, there was a Pep Rally and they played the movie Pacific Rim on campus. The next day was the big day of the tailgate and homecoming football game! It was a pretty good turnout! The community came out to support the tailgate, which was filled with food, fun, games, and prizes! When that was over, the game began! Many of the students were cheering and hollering and showing all their support for the football team. Unfortunately, Weber State did lose to Sacramento State. Overall, this was a fun week on campus. It was a nice break from all the stress and seriousness of school, and it was great to see students getting excited and coming together. Can't wait until next year!!

-Juhi Dubal

Dr. Crawford was recognized on October 3rd for his work for the university and the community. There was a reception and presentation in the Student Union Ballrooms in the evening. Crawford served as the Assistant to the President for Diversity and as the Secretary General for the International Society for Teacher Education, a worldwide organization focused on the exchanging of ideals and pedagogies in line with teacher education.

Crawford has helped our department in numerous ways such as funding numerous events and helping the Black Scholars United organization remain strong for students on campus. The Dr. Forrest C. Crawford Distinguished Stewardship Award was also created in honor of Dr. Crawford for graduate students. It acknowledges Dr. Crawford's remarkable energy and commitment to Weber State University (WSU), and, especially, his leadership of the University's Diversity Initiative.

This award will be given to Weber State University graduate students who “have made exceptional contributions to the University, their profession or the public.”

Thank you for everything you have done for Weber State, Forrest. You are a blessing!

**“You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give.”
-Winston Churchill**

Campus student leaders around campus were nominated to be a part of Leadership for Life Series hosted by the Alumni Center. Leadership for Life is a yearlong series hosted once a month where Weber State Alumni come to speak to students selected to participate in the series.

The first presentation of the series was on September 19, 2013 and the Weber State alumni presenter was Dan Dillingham, who was also a former Student Body President. He spoke to students about how his experiences at Weber State University helped him develop as a leader in his career. Dan gave ten quotes from leaders around the world, and shared stories and gave experiences for each one that students can incorporate in their leadership experiences. Students really enjoyed listening to his presentation, and I personally felt more empowered to become more involved, and become a better leader.

-Michelle Diez



Now that fall has settled in, we hope you've adjusted to being back on campus. We had a fantastic turn out for our first Tasty Thursday of the year.

To celebrate North America, we served free Mexican cookies, Ginger Ale (Canada Dry), tomato soup, and over 100 grilled cheese sandwiches! We also learned fun facts about cultures of North America. Every month we'll be serving free food to celebrate each continent.

For our next Tasty Thursday, we'll serve South American food on October 31st, from 11:00-2:00. Come by the Multicultural Student Center on Halloween for delicious food!

-Ashlee Cawly

Black Scholars United

Saturday September 28th marked the first big event of the BSU year at the tailgate party before the game against Sacramento State. The booth was a huge attraction that brought many people over so that BSU members could share their message. Everyone had a good time getting a solid start to the year.

BSU has many events coming up this month here is a glance at what you can expect.

October 3rd - Dr. Forrest Crawford Tribute

October 5th - Speakeasy Summit Hotel Conference 247 24th St. Ogden UT

October 19th - Color Run; followed by the Annual BSU Barbeque at Stewart Wasatch from 3P.M. - 6P.M.

October 31st – Halloween Party Union Ballrooms 8 P.M.-11P.M.

-Christopher Jackson

American Indian Council

Well it's that time of year again! Fall leaves and crisp air all remind us of the upcoming holidays of the fall season. But there are a couple holidays that we all tend to forget.

Native American Day, a holiday celebrated on the fourth Friday of September, it's celebrated to honor Native American cultures and contributions made to the United States. Another holiday, most known to Americans is Columbus Day. This day takes place on the second Monday of October. We are most familiar with it being the day that Christopher Columbus arrived in North America.

As we all look forward to Halloween and Thanksgiving, we shouldn't forget the days that started the legacy of the great country we have today.

-Chelsea Bybee

Hispanic Area Council

HAC of Weber state University is committed to assisting the Hispanic Student population with the struggles of everyday life as a multicultural student in the academic space. They bring a sense of awareness to the Hispanic culture and life through educational events and activities held at Weber State University along with community involvement service projects such as:

- HAC Booth
- Outreach
- Scholarships/Internships
- Service

Events for October

- Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit

Social Events

- College Town Color Dash

-Jeff Henry

For more information about Area Councils please visit www.weber.edu/multicultural

National Hispanic Heritage Month

According to hispanicheritagemoth.gov, "Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America" (website). A well-known Latino celebration that takes place is Dia de Los Muertos. Dia de Los Muertos begins on November 1st and ends on November 2nd. According to ladayofthedead.com, "Dia de Los Muertos is one of Mexico's traditional holidays reuniting and honoring beloved ancestors, family and friends. It is an ancient and enduring ritual when the living commune with the dead" (ladayofthedead.com).

Dia de Los Muertos is celebrated in Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Costa Rica. It is important to emphasize that Dia de Los Muertos is not a day of grieving or sadness. Dia de Los Muertos is a day of honoring and celebrating the lives of loved ones who have passed on. During Dia de Los Muertos, graves of loved ones who have passed on are decorated and altars are set up in people's homes honoring deceased relatives. On the altar, people place pictures, food, and drinks for their deceased loved ones. Sometimes people even bring mariachis or play music at the grave to make the celebration even more enjoyable.

-Stephanie Quinn

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