By Chelsea Bybee

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This semester the STEPS program has worked hard and is enjoying success as a result of hard work at the Multicultural Student Center. The Events team operated student outreach booths throughout the semester collecting the names of more than 300 students who want to get involved with the MSC. The MSC also hosted a Meet and Greet where we had the opportunity to get to know scholarship recipients and other students who want to get involved. Our Thanksgiving Extravaganza was a huge success! The dinner included a large variety of foods, live music entertainment, and some special guests from the Goddard School of Business.

The Volunteer team has had great success in getting involved with community service and other volunteer opportunities. Some notable events include cleaning the cemetery with the Hispanic Area Council in honor of Dia de los Muertos and helping out with Youth Impact. STEPS also supported WSU’s Hunger Banquet to help raise awareness for those who live in poverty. Assisting with Help Portrait was arguably the program’s most successful volunteer opportunity this semester with more than 200 families served at the Marshall White center.

It is our hope that through these endeavors the MSC can make a difference at Weber State and in the community. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and for making this semester a success!

By: J.D. Marett
Asian/Pacific Islanders Area Council

Hello everyone. I hope everyone did well in their fall semester classes. First, on behalf of the TOA group, I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the success of the TOA club dance and the “Help Thai Flood, 2011.” We also thank you for the support during the splitting of the Asian Pacific Islander Area Council. We couldn’t have done it without you. We have lots of activities planned for the next semester so stay tuned. There is something for everyone. I hope everyone will come out for fun and for the World Fashion Show on March 6th, 2012. This will be a collaboration between the different Area Councils. Regular meetings will be held every other Wednesday. The location and time are soon to be announced. Hope that as you spend this wonderful time with your loved ones, you will also find the true spirit of Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2012. See you soon!!!

By: Gideon Lawi

Toa Club

Weber State provides many groups that can join and within the Multicultural Student Center there are a few clubs available. One of those clubs that students are more than welcome to join is called the TOA Club, which is the Pacific Islander Club. TOA stands for The Ohana Association and in Hawaiian Ohana means family, the word TOA alone means bravery or strength in other Pohnesian cultures.

Within this Club organization the purpose is to perpetuate the culture of Polynesia and educate our fellow Wildcats of our place in history and the world today. It also helps persuade attributes within each member and share heritage with others.

Throughout this upcoming school year we are looking forward to have a Luau where we can showcase the many cultures we have in Polynesia which will most likely be held at the end of Spring semester. We would also like to have several dances, meetings where we can teach the students the differences between each Polynesian culture as well as host a fashion show or other activities such as bowling.

You don’t have to be Polynesian to join the group, so if you are interested you are more than welcome to join the group.

By: Patiola Thompson

A Helping Hand

“By small and simple things can great things come to pass.” (Hinckley) When people think about community service, they think that it’s time consuming, exhausting and unwanted. Most don’t even think about the effect they’ll have on these people’s lives. When I first started out as the Community Outreach Chair, I was overwhelmed with the workload there was. Thanks to my partner Chelsea Bybee, we have worked together to create partnerships with different agencies from the community. We have worked with Upward Bound, Youth Impact, Odyssey Elementary, Ogden Housing Authority, Davis Community Center and the Community Involvement Center at Weber State University.

We’ve enjoyed working with each of these agencies and helping their clients and people. One of the most recent events that we did was the Help Portrait. The purpose of this event was to provide a free holiday photo session for the community. The families that participated were those who were homeless, low income families, single parents, military, elderly, or those that may not otherwise have the money to pay for a professional photo shoot. There were over 200 families that attended the event. I spoke with many families and they were very grateful for this event. Service is a big part of my life. Everyone can do service even if it’s something small it is extremely appreciated.

By: Jeylson Rodarte

Black Scholars United

BSU congratulates everyone for making it through the semester. We hope you enjoyed the special time with your families as you charge up for the next semester. We have lots of activities planned for the spring semester which will involve lots of outreach programs as we try to be of service to the Ogden community. We have a Social scheduled on January 27th at the Wildcat Lanes from 7pm to 9pm. Come meet the new BSU members. They know what’s up! We are also going to have a talent show, a charity dance, Fashion Show and a book drive. We are going to team up with other Area Councils on some of these events, so you know they are going to be awesome. Stay tuned for the dates!

By: Gideon Lawi

2012 Black Scholars United Event Schedule

-January 27th, 2012 – Get to Know BSU – Pizza & Bowling Social 6pm to 9pm in the Lair & Wildcat Lanes

-February 13th, 2012 – BSU Talent Show? 7pm to 9 pm in the Wildcat Theater $3 Admission: Will be selling BSU T-shirts at this event

-February 25th, 2012 – BSU Charity Dance 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm - Ballroom A $5 Admission or Donation to be given to Catholic Community Services Items Needed: Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Food, Hygiene Items, Feminine Hygiene Items, etc.

-March 6th, 2012 – World Fashion Show brought to you by BSU! 6 pm to 8 pm – Ballrooms A & B Experience the diversity within BSU! Fashion show and foods from different cultures represented. $2 Admission

-BSU Dedication to Literacy Book Drive Begins the 1st Week of January 2012 to the end of February 2012. Will be collecting New & Used books, K-12, to be donated to the Christmas Bix House and to Odyssey Elementary.

By: Kim Phan

American Indian Council

The purpose of the American Indian Council is to help students learn more about their own culture. This semester the AIC held three events at the Davis Applied Technology Center, Millcreek Youth Center, and Roy Junior High School.

At these events they gave presentations about the Native American Culture where they did Q&A’s and also gave parents information about the different program offered at WSU. This next semester the AIC is holding their annual Pow Wow on Saturday March 10th, 2012 from 11:00am to 10:30pm in the Union Ballroom. This is an exciting event where you can be a part of the Native American Culture. There will be food, drum competitions, and 8 different dance competitions.

If you would like more information about the AIC or would like to join, contact Jeff Simons. Spring Semester meetings will be held on the 30 pm every Wednesday in SC 167, times are subject to change.

By: Kim Phan

Hispanic Area Council

Hello everybody, this is the final news for HAC this year. The last meeting of the year was held December 2nd. The council held a giveaway with two passes for a one night stay at the Marriott hotel and two $50 gift certificates to the Canyon restaurant. Congratulations to Maria Rodriguez and Ana Yepez for winning a free stay at the Marriott and to I.D. Marett and Andrea Salcedo who won gift certificates for the Canyons.

HAC held a Secret Santa gift exchange on December 8 to usher in the holiday season. The video can be found on Facebook. The council is now taking a Christmas break, but will meet again on Monday, January 6th.

HAC already has some activities planned for spring semester. In February, the council will be supporting Senator Jeff Henry with a fashion show to celebrate Black History Month. In April, the council will help out the Multicultural center with a recognition banquet for graduating students in the spring. The council will also volunteer at the community wide Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Marshall White Center.

Enjoy the break and we will see you next year!

By: Lidian Oliveira

The Multicultural Student Center would like to wish you Season’s Greetings 2011