

From the Desk of Our Director

"Embracing our past, enhancing our present to inspire our future"

The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) provides multicultural student outreach, recruitment, transition, and retention support services to over 11% self-identified ethnic minority students in a university setting of 25,000+ students. To support these endeavors, the Center's programs and services are oriented toward advising, mentoring, personal/career counseling, and student leadership and development. Our student employment initiative was implemented in 2011 which stemmed from 2 student employees in 2008 and has now evolved into a student employment program. STEPS (Student Training Employment Programs and Services) is enhancing and transforming in a positive direction with the leadership of their manager and administrative support. The student employees successfully maintained a 3.3 overall GPA (out of 4.0), completed 149 hours of community service, and are working toward their 6-Column Model outcomes. Our Center is thriving and setting high expectations as we expand and improve our programming and services. Welcome back to another fantastic year! Let us help you accomplish your goals. Come visit us today!

Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo



Upcoming Events

Jan. 18th	Make a Joyful Noise Austad Auditorium- Val Browning Center	Friday 7:30 pm
Jan. 30 th -31 st	Boys in Peril Documentary Film Wildcat Theatre	Jan 30 - 3:30 pm Jan 31 - 10:00 am
Jan. 31th	Career Fair Union Building Ballrooms	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Jan 21 st	NAACP Breakfast & Freedom March Marshall White	8:30 am – 11:30 am
Jan 22 nd	MLK Service/ Best Buddies Group WSU Shepard Building/Kimball Arts	11:30 am AND 5:30 pm
Jan. 23th	St. Anne's Homeless Shelter Union Building Room 327	2:30 pm
Jan. 24 th	Tie Fleece Blankets and Knit Hats CIC Room 327	11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Jan. 25 th	Teach Students About MLK Madison Elementary	1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Alumni

Brandon Flores was an outstanding student and fantastic employee of the Multicultural Student Center; he graduated in August of 2010 with a BS Degree in Education with an emphasis in psychology and history. While with the center he worked as a Peer Mentor and for a short time as the Interim Advisor for API. Brandon has since been hired as a Liaison for the University of Utah. He helps bridge the gap between high school and college for multicultural and under privileged high school students. He also produces and performs Reggae music.

An Ngo was a part of the Multicultural Student Center. He was a client as well as a volunteer. He used to visit the center for personal connections and counseling, as well as academic advice. An attended the cultural parties and activities, as well as all of the area council meetings. He held various leadership positions in the Hispanic and Asian area councils, and donated the time that he could at the front desk, in the center, and around the community when presence of the MSC was needed. An graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Spanish and a minor in History and is currently living in Mexico City working on his Masters in Latin American Studies and working at the Panamerican University as an adjunct professor.

By: Cameron Banner

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CASASOLA

On November 15, 2012 the Hispanic Area Council along with the Ogden District and Gear Up, celebrated the Mexican Revolution.

The event began with a panel discussion with Weber State and University of Utah professors, Mexico Consulate members and Artes de Mexico in Utah. Following the panel, students from WSU and members of the Hispanic Area Council performed a skit of the revolution, where they represented the whole history and meaning of the revolution.

Throughout the night there were different cultural performances, dancers of the Revolution with Folk dances Tutulli, HAC and GearUp-OCSD

Community members were able to view and learn about one of the most photographic exhibits of the Mexican Revolution from Mexico's Casasola Archive by Don Agustin Victor Casasola, a giant of twentieth century photography.

The event also presented mural art projects with Ayne Velazquez OHS, puppets, flower making, dances, rancheras, accordion, and refreshments were served.

Article written by: Natalia Muñoz



CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD

Christmas is a historical holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ by Christians worldwide. Now, billions of people in non-Christian countries are increasingly celebrating Christmas! The spirit and meaning of the Christmas season is spread worldwide. Though there isn't a correct way of celebrating Christmas, sharing, caring, and giving are the staples we should all adhere to. While feasts and luxury are exceedingly popular as the chief reason for why we all get together and celebrate these holidays—especially Christmas, sometimes we forget the history, traditions and main reason why we all come together and gaze upon the bright lights of our rooftops and fir-tree. As we all sit by the cozy fire this year, or when we are sipping that frosty cup of eggnog—or hot cocoa, we all should commemorate on why we are here that joyous day, with our families and friends. Let's hope that it isn't until we open that big present under the Christmas tree when we realize the true meaning of Christmas!

By: Chelsea Bybee

Hanukah! It is also known as the festival of lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean revolt of the 2nd century BCE. Hanukah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev in Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of unique Candlebrum, the nine branched Menorah or Hanukah, one additional light each night of the holiday progressing to eight on the final night.

By: Owen Tipa

Al- Hijra Islam: a religion of mysterious beauty and beautiful traditions. A good example is the Al- Hijra, which marks the first day Prophet Muhammad traveled to Medina. It also resembles the beginning of a new year! The story of how this all got started was that the Prophet Muhammad came to know of a plot of his assassination. With this, he decided to flee his home, Mecca, and travel elsewhere for his safety. For the next 30 days, Prophet Muhammad will stop in different cities until he reaches Medina. Today, there aren't any specific rituals people will do but some will take this voyage to Medina as well. So from all of us here, Happy New Year!

By: Juhi Dubal

Kwanzaa is a weeklong celebration that typically starts on December 26th until January 1st. Kwanzaa celebrates the proliferation of African heritage and culture throughout the world and emphasizes the ideologies of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Maulana Karenga is given credit for creating Kwanzaa in order to give African-Americans their own holiday to celebrate, thus avoiding simply following the dominant societal holiday. People that celebrate Kwanzaa also typically celebrate Christmas as well. The celebration of Kwanzaa includes drumming, candle-lighting rituals, artistic performances or showings, feasts, and decorating their houses with African cloth such as Kente cloth, and wearing traditional African regalia. As a part of the Multicultural Student Center I encourage ALL, whether African-American or not, to learn about and partake in this tradition.

By: Andres Morelli



The Hunger Banquet was held on November 15, 2012. At the event, each person was separated in different class: low, middle, and high class. The lower class had soup, the middle class had pizza and the high class had chicken and broccoli. The income levels reflected the income ratios of the people in Ogden City.

There were representatives from Kenya keys, Salvation Army, and Catholic Community Services. Compared to last year, there was a good turnout and more people were able to attend. Each person had to donate at least one can of food, which will go to both the Weber Cares Food Pantry and the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank.

By: Joselyn Rodarte

Black Scholars United

BSU has had a lot of fun activities already this year, but there are still a few that are coming up. BSU had their retreat in November, which was a big success. Professors and advisors came to talk to students about leadership and how connecting with BSU students in other universities is very beneficial. Some Brigham Young University and University of Utah BSU students also attended the retreat.

An event that is coming up is the Black History Blast. Even though it is still in the making it is anticipated to be a very fun experience for students. For any questions please contact, the advisor, Mrs. Carey Francis at (801) 626-7303 or email her at careyfrancis@weber.edu.

By: Maria Huerta

BSU MEETING DATES
All Meetings Held at Sheperd Union Lair
From 3:30pm – 5:00pm

January 23rd & 30th

February 13th & 27th

March 13th & 27th

April 10th

Leadership for Life Series

Leadership for Life Series is an opportunity to learn, get connected and advice from those who have succeeded because of their connections and success through opportunities at Weber State University. The speakers share their experiences in college and in the real world. I have learned many things from each of the speakers such as building your network of people, effective writing/communication, and adapting to different things, especially in the workplace.

Students get a chance to ask one-on-one questions during the luncheon that is provided which I believe is the best part. If I were to give some advice of my own, it would be to be more involved with the school and community and to keep in touch with the people you meet because you never know who they are going to be or what they can do for you in the future.

Timmy Phomsouvanh

American Indian Council

The American Indian Council has been in the giving mood lately. On Saturday, November 17th, members of the American Indian Council traveled to the Urban Indian Center in Salt Lake City to help serve dinner honor of Thanksgiving. Impressively, over 700 Native people gathered for the feast this year.

The AIC helped prepare and serve the food, as well as clean up after the event. During the event, traditional songs were sung and played on the hand drum. Through all of the stresses and pressures that occur throughout life, gathering for a simple Thanksgiving meal allows us to slow down and take time out of our busy schedules to enjoy the company of family and friends.

By: Stephanie Quinn



Hispanic Area Council

Hola! Welcome to the end of this wonderful semester! The Hispanic Area Council would like to thank those who made it possible for the success of this great team.

We would like to thank those who made our Dia de los Muertos event a success. Especially Viviana Felix Hispanic Senator for coordinating the event. We would also like to thank those people who worked hard and visited the altar last November 2nd.

Thanks to community members and those who helped with the CASASOLA event, where hundreds of people visited the Gallery, at the Union Station on November 15th.

For those participating or collaborating in HAC, please contact us with any questions or concerns at hispanicareacouncil@gmail.com.

Feliz Navidad y un prospero Ano Nuevo!!!!

For any questions or concerns, e-mail Senator Viviana Felix at vivianafelix@weber.edu

By: Maria Rodriguez