

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 22,000+ students. From January 1, 2013 through February 28, 301 students visited the Center and were provided with 950 services. I urge those of you that serve multicultural students to help make them aware of these important programs and services.

This month I would like to focus on the MSC Scholarship Program initiative. Along with our scholarship recipients, our staff and STEPS students in the past 3 years have diligently worked to improve and enhance this program. In the Fall 2012 semester, with both scholarship cohorts (New Incoming Freshmen and Continuing students), the program had 100% completion in 4 of the 5 required areas (monthly advisor meetings, mid-term grade check form submission, community service/volunteer hours, and scholarship workshop completion). In the New Incoming Freshmen cohort, 92% of our students submitted their mid-term grades. Scholarship recipients contributed over 514 volunteer service hours. Way to go!

I would like to congratulate our staff and STEPS as we were recently awarded an additional \$12,000 in scholarship waivers. These critical funds will help an additional 15 qualified students with their educational expenses. Many special THANKS to our scholarship recipients as they helped make this program successful. An important goal of the MSC is to provide additional financial resources, specifically through intentional interventions to help guide and assist our students. I join the staff of the Multicultural Student Center in expressing our gratitude for your support and this opportunity to share our resources with our students, partners, families and friends. Let us help you accomplish your goals. Come visit us today!

Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo



Upcoming Events

March 6 th	FAFSA Priority Deadline	All Day
March 6 th	Latinos in Action Conference Shepherd Union Building	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
March 7 th	Early College Information Sessions Shepherd Union	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
March 12 th	LGBT Film Series Shepherd Union 232	Noon
March 12 th	Women's History Open House Women's Center SU 322	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
March 13 th	Career Café “Job Search Strategies” SC 230	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
March 21 st	American Indian Area Council Sunrise Ceremony & American Indian Symposium Location TBA	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM
March 25 th	Tasty Thursday (Australia) SC 150	11:00AM – 2:00 PM
March 27 th	WOW Awards luncheon Ballroom C	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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Chinese New Year 2013!

On February 15th, the Chinese Club hosted the annual Chinese New Year event at Weber State's Shepherd Union Ballrooms. This event attracted many students, staff, and community to its glorious Chinese cultural wonders. In fact, so many were drawn to this event that the ballroom had become excessively crowded to the point where the fire marshal declared the ballroom a fire hazard and some unfortunate guests were forced to stand outside and observe the event through the ballroom entrances. Many performances including dances, fashion shows, and trivia composed the night's exciting event.

Weber State's Chinese New Year was very successful, with even more guests this year! Several individuals, departments and clubs lent a hand to help make this year's event one to remember. Volunteers had several tasks to take care of such as food service, information handout, and ushering. Thank you to those individuals who helped out for this year's Chinese New Year!

-Michael Vuong

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Valentine's Day Fundraiser!

¡Hola a todos!

The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) held the Valentine's Day Balloons Bouquet event on Thursday, February 14th. As we know, every Valentine's Day, also named St. Valentine, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. Well we didn't miss the opportunity to celebrate this holiday to help students out with providing a romantic gift to their loved one. Look for this event next year!

We would like to thank those who participated in purchasing and selling our Valentine's Day balloons, we were able to raise funds to help support our student groups for future events!

For those interested in participating or collaborating with the Multicultural Student Center (MSC) you are more than welcome to visit or call for more information.

-Maria Rodriguez Mata



St. Patrick's Day

Every year on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. Saint Patrick is one of the most celebrated religious figures in the world. According to Collin Owens, an Irish literature expert and professor at George Mason University, at the age of sixteen he was kidnapped from his native land of the Roman British Isles by a band of pirates, and sold into slavery in Ireland. After six years of slavery he escaped to the Irish coast and fled home to Britain.

Saint Patrick decided to become a priest when he was back home and ended up moving back to Ireland after having dreams that the Irish were calling him back to convert them to Christianity. Saint Patrick ended up converting powerful people in Ireland, which caused a religious shift. Saint Patrick is said to have died on March 17th, which is why we celebrate his memory on that day.

-Stephanie Quinn

Easter

Easter is rooted from Pagan origin, although adapted by Christianity in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, its original meaning still sticks, with Easter eggs and bunnies symbolizing fertility.

Get your Easter apps!

'Easter!' is a bunny tracker and counts down til' the big day. Find out where the Easter Bunny is and what he is doing.

'Easter Egg Design Generator' will help you come up with some Easter egg design ideas.

Best of all, is the 'Easter Bunny Scanner', scan your friends and family, see if they have been naughty or nice, "good eggs" or "bad eggs" for the Easter Bunny.

Spring time is now coming, so you know what that means here in Utah: re-wax your snowboards and skis and head into the mountains to enjoy the snow while it lasts! Spring Break is also here, so for those traveling out-of-state, enjoy the warmer climates and relaxing times before preparing to get back to your studies!

Mardi Gras Turnout!

The Multicultural Student Center held a celebration on February 12, 2013 in the Student Union Atrium. We wanted to help celebrate and raise awareness about the cultural tradition. Students had the opportunity to win prizes by playing the trivia wheel, make masks, and receive beads and noisemakers. We ordered King's Cake all the way from New Orleans, which got there right in time to kick off the event.

Also, we showed a documentary film detailing the preparations and events taking place in New Orleans, such as how costumes and parade floats are made, different members of krewes, and what type of music is played. Overall, it was a successful turnout and we give thanks to all departments that participated. We hope to see the event expand and continue to grow in the near future.

Timmy Phomsouvanh



Black Scholars United

BSU just recently finished up assisting the Multicultural Student Center with selling lovely Valentine's Day Balloon Bouquets. There was a booth in the Union filled with balloons, roses, candy, and much more! All in all, we managed to sell just about every balloon and ended up raising over \$150! A lot of us pitched in to help out with these balloon bouquets, but we wouldn't have been able to do this without African American Senator, Jeff Henry.

The next BSU meeting will be held on March 13th at 3:30pm-5pm in the Student Union Lair. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend and learn more about what upcoming events or volunteer opportunities that BSU will be a part of.

-Chelsea Bybee

American Indian Council

The weather is crazy right now and students are doing their best to get to classes on time. The sun is trying to peek out, but the clouds keep on covering. The AIC is coming up with new ideas for the rest of the semester. On March 21st, AIC will be a Sunrise Ceremony as a American Indian tradition and following that event with the annual American Indian Symposium. The Sunrise Ceremony is a traditional prayer ceremony in which an elder gives a blessing to all that are present. Look for advertisements about the events around the beginning of March.

The American Indian Council is proud to announce Sharmayne Clark as their new secretary. The American Indian Council is looking for a Ms. Indian WSU. For more information, contact Jeff Simons at the Multicultural Center at (801) 626-7333 or jsimons@weber.edu.

-Jovany Bahena

Hispanic Area Council

The Hispanic Area Council is currently planning some new events and activities for the month of March. For the month of February HAC hosted a fundraiser for their area council at the Chick-Fil-A in Ogden.

HAC also helped out with the Chinese New Year Celebration hosted by the Chinese Club. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Hispanic Area Council, meetings are held every other week on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM in the Union Building.

For more information please e-mail the Hispanic Senator, Viviana Felix, at vivianafelix@mail.weber.edu

-Michelle Diez

Tasty Thursdays

"Tasty Thursday" is an event hosted by the Multicultural Student Center. The event is about the variety of cultural meals throughout the seven different continents of the globe. This event is an educational opportunity for students to not only try different foods from around the world, but to also learn about the different countries associate with each continent.

Tasty Thursday has brought many students together and has given the peer mentors and employees of the Multicultural Student Center the opportunity to engage and build relationships with multicultural students that are attending Weber State University.

"Tasty Thursday is very fun. It has been a very successful event of the Center. They have a lot of food and it's FREE." -Ray Espino, MSC Administrative Associate.

By: Owen Tipa.



The Ohana Association

There is a lot going on in TOA and also some sudden changes. To start off, TOA will not be having their annual Luau, but they are planning an end of the year event. This event will be on April 13th, where they will be hosting a BBQ and then going to the Black and White Basketball game.

The time and place for the BBQ are still not set, but as soon as this information is determined we will let everyone know. Also keep an eye out for a performance, at the Union Atrium, being worked on by TOA in collaboration with the Center for Diversity and Unity.

-Maria Huerta



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