

*A note from*  
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*Director of Admissions*



I grew up in a small West Texas community, graduating with 17 in my senior class. There wasn't much cultural diversity in my class or in my community. At Angelo State University, I was able to communicate with students of diverse backgrounds and develop relationships that I hadn't thought possible. Today, ASU continues to provide each of us—students, faculty and staff alike—opportunities to learn more about each other, fostering acceptance and an understanding of those different from us.

Several years ago, I taught an Intercultural Communication course at Angelo State. This course explored different communication themes as they related to and were influenced by culture. Naturally, experiential learning proves to be the best avenue for improving intercultural communication skills. But how in West Texas were we able to simulate cultural diversity? By partnering with the international students on ASU's campus, my students were given the opportunity to, in a very small way, experience cultural differences and their impact on communication. As expected, each class member went into the project with a lot of apprehension. At the conclusion of the course, the majority of the students left with an appreciation of a different culture. They were thankful for the opportunity to learn more about another culture; a choice they wouldn't have made on their own.

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## In November we honored veterans and celebrated Native Americans



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Lorina Sosa works with others on Native American jewelry techniques.

In November, the Multicultural Center and the Veterans Center collaborated for a veterans appreciation ceremony. Community organizations and activities were all geared toward the recognition and appreciation of our troops. The ceremony included many members of the ASU community who have served. Students were able to honor loved ones on a recognition wall, as well as write short letters as a token of thanks to those serving. The letters were a part of the nonprofit effort "A Million Thanks." Keynote speakers for the ceremony were Dr. Maurice Kelley (veteran) and Wayne Landis (Purple Heart recipient).

November also highlighted Native American Heritage Month. The Multicultural Center celebrated with

Native American music, traditional food and educational posters. Crafts were also offered so that students could make jewelry inspired by Native American designs. Christopher Morgan of Historic Fort Concho was also present to showcase Native American artifacts and memorabilia.



 **Upcoming Multicultural Events**

**FEBRUARY 26**  
**BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION**

UC Lobby, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
FMI: Multicultural Center, UC Room 114  
325-942-2729 or multicultural@angelo.edu

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It is our nature to search for like-minded people with whom to interact. We enjoy communicating and forming relationships with people who express similar interests. We should also explore the cultural diversity of the world, which is literally in ASU's backyard. When we take the time to build meaningful relationships that are culturally diverse, our lives become rich beyond measure.



**LENDING LIBRARY HIGHLIGHT**

### **Self-Discipline & Emotional Control: How to Stay Calm and Productive Under Pressure**

Audio CD Program

Self-Discipline & Emotional Control is a self-improvement program that provides creative opportunities and strategies to control your emotional life and develop healthy habits. These can be powerful tools for anyone who wonders how to change negative attitudes into positive attitudes to improve self confidence, work better with others and handle difficult situations in a proper manner. Being emotionally balanced can heal relationships and help build constructive habits by avoiding procrastination, disorganization and conflict. Understanding your character traits and having a positive vision can dramatically change the outcome of your daily responsibilities. This audio program helps you strengthen the things you do well, reminds you to do the things you enjoy doing, and provides new information and techniques to develop your habits for success.

The program consists of six self-directed tracks with a wide range of topics to help you be productive and effective. This audio program is now available in the Multicultural Center's Lending Library. Come by and check it out!

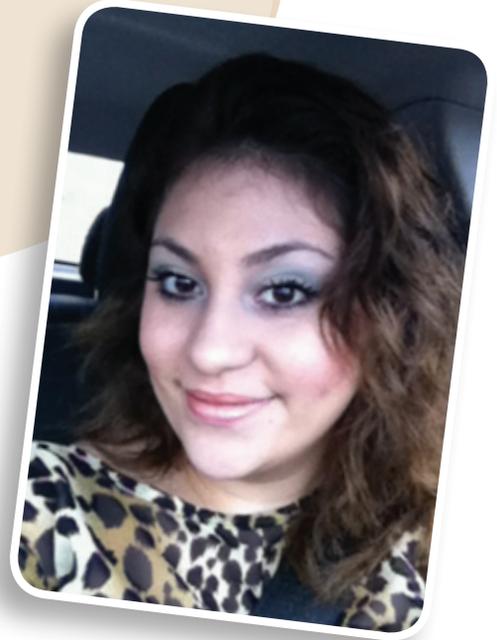
**TUES/THURS**  
 El Cafecito, 9 a.m.–Noon  
 @Multicultural Center Lobby  
 Ballroom Dancing  
 7–8 p.m. @ UC Lobby  
 Zumba, 8–9 p.m. @ UC Lobby

## Student Highlight: **Desirae Detorre**

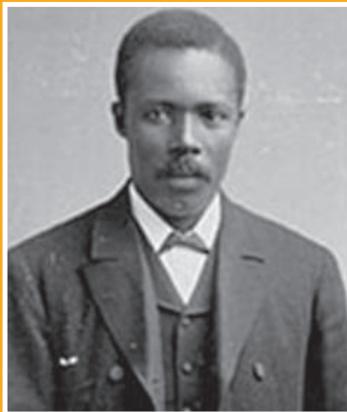
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I feel accomplished because I have exceeded expectations and I have surpassed obstacles that have slowed me down, but not stopped me. A characteristic that makes me unique is the passion I share for people and getting to know them. I am bilingual and Hispanic, and I love to share this with anyone. To be diverse is to show the world an amazing gift you hold and want to share. It is the difference between you and anyone else. The importance of diversity is to share a gift with someone else that can impact that person in many positive ways.

The goals that I have for my future are to graduate from ASU with my bachelor's degree in psychology, and then continue on and work for my master's degree. After that, I would love to have an industrial-organizational job with one of America's leading companies.



### **DID YOU KNOW...**



Potato chip inventor  
George Crum

Growing up in the 1830s in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was not easy for George Crum. Born George Speck in 1822 in Saratoga Lake, N.Y., Crum was the son of an African-American father and Native American mother who was a member of the Huron tribe.

Crum learned to cook as a young man, and he landed a job as a chef at the fancy Moon's Lake House. He loved his work, except for the fussy customers, who would complain. One hot day, his patience boiled over and he cooked up a potato dish after a customer complained that his potatoes were too thick—thus, the potato chip was invented.

Crum and the Saratoga Chip are a testament to human ingenuity and a tasty slice of culinary history.



**It's really important to share the idea that being different might feel like a problem at the time, but ultimately diversity is a strength.**

—CARSON KRESSLEY



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