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Multicultural Activities

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Opportunities for Engagement

September

2 Diversity Dialogue, 6 p.m.
(Texan Hall Community Room)

8-9 "Beyond the Wall" Poster Sale,
9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (UC Spine)

9 Movie Night at the Pavilion
featuring "Gridiron Gang,"
8:30 p.m. (ASU Pavilion)

20 Family Day at ASU

**24 Club Café with singer/
songwriter Jessica Sonner**,
7:30 p.m. (UC C.J. Davidson
Conference Center)

**25 Multicultural Movie Series:
"Memoirs of a Geisha,"**
7:30 p.m. (Texan Theatre)

October

2 Diversity Dialogue,
6 p.m. (Texan Hall Theater)

**2 Guitar Hero III
Tournament**,
6 p.m. (UC Spine)



**8 Multicultural Movie Series:
"Crash,"** 7:30 p.m. (CJ Davidson)

12-18 Homecoming Week 2008

22 Diversity Dialogue, 6 p.m.
(Texan Hall Community Room)

**28 Multicultural Movie Series:
"The Laramie Project,"** 7:30
p.m. (Texan Theatre)

**29 Club Café with comedian
Baron Vaughn**, 7:30 p.m. (UC C.J.
Davidson Conference Center)



AMAS celebrates their 2007 Homecoming Step Contest Award

Diversity DIGEST

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Coordinator's Corner:

Multicultural and Minority... What's the Difference?



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This question is posed on a daily basis in casual settings and in multicultural literature. As the meanings evolve, many seek to assign the terms a universal meaning. Actually, the terms carry very different implications. The term *minority* is used by our society to define a group of people that are not a part of the dominant group. Conversely, *multicultural* involves the meshing together of different people (including women, men, persons with disabilities, Asian Americans, Muslims, Christians, etc.) In other words, *multicultural* requires action. Based on this definition, it is Multicultural Activities' goal to facilitate dialogue and bring about inclusion of all groups of people at Angelo State and the community at-large.

What are your thoughts? Contact the Coordinator for Multicultural Activities at celebrate_diversity@angelo.edu to share your insights. You could be featured in the next Diversity Digest.

(Source: Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs by Pope, Reynolds & Mueller)

Welcome!

On behalf of the Center for Student Involvement and Multicultural Activities, we would like to welcome to all of our new and returning students, faculty and staff. The purpose of Multicultural Activities is to provide resources, programs and activities which address pertinent topics regarding diversity. We hope that you will take advantage of the wide array of offerings such as the resource library, leadership development opportunities, workshops and cross-cultural events.

Multicultural Activities Welcomes New Students to ASU

The Office of Multicultural Activities sponsored a multicultural reception for new and returning students on Aug. 24 in the Mary Massie Hall lobby. The purpose of the event was to help new students adjust to college life and introduce them to the array of resources on campus. The ASU offices of Supplemental Instruction, Career Development and First-Generation Programs as well as various student organizations also presented information and resources available to students.

September 15-October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month highlights the history and accomplishments of America's fastest growing minority group. The observance coincides with the dates Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (Sept. 15, 1821) and Mexico (Sept. 16, 1810) celebrate their independence from Spain. We invite you to attend the various programs sponsored by our office and cultural student groups this month.

(Source: <http://www.tolerance.org>)

Applications Available for the Multicultural Advisory Council

Are you passionate about multiculturalism? Do you want to make a difference by educating the campus community on culture, planning events and developing leadership skills? If so, MAC is the organization for you! Find out more at the Center for Student Involvement on the Garden Level of the UC, or visit us on the web at www.angelo.edu/services/multicultural_activities/.



Angelo State University Multicultural Activities

Join a Cultural Organization!

- Alpha Social Studies Club
- Association of Mexican American Students (AMAS)
- Baptist Student Ministry
- Black Student Organization Striving for Success (BOSS)
- Chi Alpha
- Christian Campus Center
- International Student Association
- Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC)
- The Newman Center
- Sisters Keeping It Real Through Service (SKIRTS)
- Sigma Phi Lambda
- Students Organized Living in Dominion (SOLID)
- United Campus Ministries
- University Center Program Council (UCPC) Cultural Committee

Diversity Definition

Ableism

Ableism is defined as a prejudice toward individuals with disabilities. Ability is a subject that is scarcely included in multicultural literature. Some view this scarcity as a confirmation of the stereotypes and biases associated with people with disabilities. People from all walks of life experience the effects of ableism. In many instances, people with disabilities are perceived exclusively by their disability as opposed to their complete identity.

How You Can Help Eradicate Ableism:

1. Learn more about the subject. There is much to be learned in the realm of ability.
2. Look around. Have you ever noticed public places that are not equipped to accommodate people with disabilities?
3. Watch your language. Be aware of slang terms that are offensive to people with disabilities such as "lame," that are used to describe something as unintelligent. These terms can be offensive.
4. Don't talk down to individuals with disabilities.
5. Treat people with disabilities in a respectful way that is age appropriate.

(Sources: <http://www.dianemaluso.org/prejudice/able-howcanreduce.html>, Diversity in Human Interactions: The Tapestry of America by John D. Robinson & Larry C. James)



Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference

Applications are now available for the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC)! SBSLC offers opportunities for students to hone leadership skills, network and interact with students from universities throughout the southeastern region. This year the conference will take place January 22-25 at Texas A&M University. The Center will assist students interested in attending this annual conference with partial registration and travel expenses. Contact the Center for Student Involvement at (325) 942-2062 to find out more or to request an application. Applications are due Oct. 15 by 5 p.m.

Multicultural Calendar

September

- 1 Ramadan** – Holiest month in the Nation of Islam. Muslims observe fasting every day during the month between dawn and dusk.
- 16 Diez y Seis de Septiembre** – Celebrates Mexico's Independence from Spain.
- 21-27 Deaf Awareness Week** – Creates awareness about the deaf culture and issues related to the hearing-impaired.
- 26 National Native American Day** – Although not officially recognized by the government, many American Indian organizations and tribes observe this holiday on the fourth Friday of September.
- 29 Rash Hashanah** – Jewish holiday that begins at sundown on 29th and ends at nightfall on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The two-day holiday marks the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days.
- 30 Navaratri** – Hindus commemorate the triumph of good over evil in the beginning of autumn. The holiday begins Sept. 30 and ends on Oct. 8.

October

- 4 St. Francis Day** – Christians celebrate St. Francis Day to honor St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan Monastic Order, for his services to the people for the appreciation of the natural world.
- 9 Yom Kippur** – Celebrated by the Jewish as the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur begins at sunset on Oct. 8.

- 11 National Coming Out Day** – An international observance of advocacy and discussion for gay, lesbian, transgender and bi-sexual issues.
- 12 National Indigenous People's Day** – In 1992, drums from across America and time zones coordinated ceremonies and observances at noon to celebrate and honor 500 years of resistance and the survival of North American indigenous people. From that day to the present, Native Americans observe Oct. 12 as Indigenous People's Day, not Columbus Day.
- 13 Columbus Day** – The United States recognizes Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World in 1492.
- 27 Reformation Day** – Observed by Protestant Christians to mark the anniversary of their tradition and its emphasis on the place of the Bible and religious freedom.

(Sources: <http://www.tolerance.org>, <http://www.dom.com/about/education/culture/index.jsp>, Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, its People, and its History by Joseph Telushkin, Testimonio: A Documentary History of the Mexican American Struggle for Civil Rights by F. Arturo Rosales, Understanding Islam: An Introduction by C.T.R. Hewer.)

Multicultural Resources Available

Visit the Center for Student Involvement today and check out a book, video or activity. Topics include religion, sexual orientation, race relations, social justice, leadership, gender issues, identity development and more! We look forward to seeing you soon.



SKIRTS takes top honors at the 2007 Homecoming Step Contest

Fostering Dialogue in the Residence Halls

One of the main goals of Multicultural Activities is to facilitate dialogue in regard to diversity issues. This fall, we are introducing a new program called "Diversity Dialogues." If you are interested in learning more about cultural issues over light hors d'oeuvres, join us for the next session on Oct. 2 in the Texan Hall Theater at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there!



2008 Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference