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THE INTEGRATOR

IUPUI Multicultural Center is Open for Business

Welcome back!!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready for all that the upcoming school year has to offer. From where I am sitting today, this school year is going to be phenomenal. IUPUI has gone through some major changes this year that will definitely have an impact on our campus community. The changes in campus administration, the addition of new faculty and staff, and the continued growth of the campus center, along with the development of the new MCC, all provide the framework for an exciting year on campus.

I began my tenure with IUPUI as a student in the Fall of 1991 and since that time I have been amazed at how the campus has continued to shift to best serve our student body. Now we see another example of this commitment to students through the development of the multicultural center, MCC. From the beginning of this urban campus, there has been a void that had yet to be filled, a multicultural center. At IUPUI the multicultural center presents an opportunity for those groups that are historically underrepresented in higher education to feel at home on this campus. The idea of providing a space for students to connect with each other and celebrate their individual cultures is one that has been embraced by universities across the nation and now here at IUPUI. The MCC, while focusing on underrepresented populations, is not just here for them. We are here for the entire campus.

All IUPUI students will hopefully gain better insight into the lives of individuals that are different from them through the MCC programming. Based upon the history of race relations in America, it is hard to have open dialogue regarding the differences in our communities. Each of us are complex individuals who have developed our sense of "who we are" based upon where we have lived, who is in our families, what type of upbringing



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Kim Stewart-Brinston



Joseph T. Taylor Hall

For more info about the MCC
visit us on the web @

<http://mcc.iupui.edu>

Try the HUMAN RACE MACHINE

Taylor Hall, First Floor,
August 25- September 5, 2008

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we have had and all of the other life experiences we have encountered. These items shape how we view the world and how the world views us. My hope for the MCC is that it provides the opportunity for all IUPUI students to expand their understanding of themselves and others.

For the fall of 2008 you can expect to see programming from the MCC celebrating the new facility and the manner in which it will be developed. We will also be completing the task of hiring a permanent director for the MCC.

The first event we will be hosting is Human Race Machine, which will allow students faculty and staff to see themselves in someone else's skin. Please plan to join us August 25th – September 4th for this once in a lifetime experiences. Please stay tuned for more programs to come and stop by our offices in Taylor Hall 002 to find out how you can be a part of this inaugural year.

Best Regards,

Kimberly Stewart-Brinston

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FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

"The Integrator" has chosen Noe Barragan as our outstanding student of the month for his great leadership qualities, exceptional work ethic and great personality!

Noe's Major: Communication Studies & a Certificate in Translation studies

Home Town: Atizapan de Zaragoza DF Mexico

Favorite Pass Time Activity: "I watch

Luchas Libres(wrestling) and Telenovelas (soap operas) and if I miss it I try to record it on DVR."

Noe Barragan is a senior at IUPUI this fall. He is an outstanding student that has definitely demonstrated his leadership qualities through the service he does for his community. Noe is the current President of CUSO (Culturas United Student Organization) a student organization that focuses on service to the community. He is also part of the Campus visits staff and a great asset to the Office of Multicultural Outreach. Noe was also featured in the most recent biannual issue of the IUPUI magazine for his amazing story of success in this country. Noe Barragan is a true role model for the IUPUI community and the city of Indianapolis.



Introducing the Assistant Chancellor



Greetings IUPUI Community:

I am Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Kenneth B. Durgans Ed.D of this newly established Division of IUPUI. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and this office to you. Our Division is a part of the IUPUI's extensive commitment to diversity. Our division includes Adaptive Educational Services and the newly created Multicultural Center. The mission of the

Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, is to foster an inviting learning environment for faculty, staff and students who bring varied human characteristics, backgrounds, interests and points of views that serve to enrich the IUPUI Community. We will continually endeavor to facilitate, build and create interaction, understanding and dialogue between our diverse cultures to achieve an increased inclusive community. Our collective goal is to further instill Diversity into our Institution's consciousness; reinforce it with equity and inclusion through our policies, practices and programs; and continually prepare all members of the community for a multicultural world.

The core values of our program are culturally specific leadership, innovation, creativity, professionalism coupled with the novel application of diversity best practices. We will consistently strive to foster a community of achievers complete with a solid, open rapport between faculty and undergraduate students and a genuine culture of collaborative learning and scholarship among students. We will steadfastly endeavor to cultivate within you remarkable leaders who will transform the world with your minds.

As a new semester begins, I hope that you will take the time to reflect upon the challenges you face as you embark on your life's mission. IUPUI offers you an excellent opportunity to take a giant step toward realizing that goal. I implore you not to retreat from the challenges before you and to come mentally prepared to be extraordinary students. Equipped with a well trained mind, you can do anything. I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to assist you in your pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Durgans Ed. D.

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GLBT History Month Kickoff and Queer Fair

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

10am-2pm, Campus Center Atrium

Come see with that GLBT community of IUPUI and Indianapolis has to offer. Browse the booths of local organizations and businesses to find information for entertainment, involvement, activism, and health! Enjoy free food and giveaways. Visit www.life.iupui.edu for more information.

GLBT Musical Performance

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Campus Center, Food Court

IUPUI students will chose a musical performance in celebration of GLBT History Month. This show will be free and open to the public. For more information please visit: life.iupui.edu

National Coming Out Day

Thursday, October 9, 2008

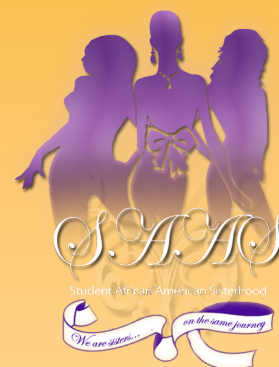
UC Courtyard

Join students, faculty, and staff in the celebration of National Coming Out Day with music, food, entertainment, and educational booths. Please note: The National Coming Out Day celebration is on Saturday, October 11, 2008, but we are celebrating Coming Out Day at IUPUI a few days earlier. *sponsored by Queers and Allies (Q & A)

FEATURED ORGANIZATION

For 4 decades the IUPUI campus has been a training ground for students, preparing them to go out into the professional world and become leaders. In light of recent events and countless articles detailing the lack of concern for students of color the school took the initiative to focus not only on the needs of its students in general but the needs of students of color. One of the new offices on campus that is dedicated to the needs of the students is The Office for Student Success introduced in (March of 2008) under the direction of Khalilah A. Payne. The office houses Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) & Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS). These organizations seek to address the initiatives such as mentoring, retention, graduation and connectedness for African American students on campus through social and academic interventions. Under the leadership of Jocelyn Hurst (SAAS) and Nate Williams (SAAB) seek to help students not only maintain their academic success but to foster and equip them with critical thinking skills to become well rounded individual's on and off the IUPUI campus. SAAB & SAAS at IUPUI seeks to address issues that are germane to this specific population:

- Create less threatening environments
- Support and nurture environments
- Promote accountability / commitment
- Promote leadership
- Provide a network of peers and professional African American men/women who are involved in mentoring and tutoring on the campus and in our communities
- Advocate for excellence on campus in diversity, social arena, and academia.



Currently SAAB & SAAS are working on new initiatives to become better resources to help students that include: study tables, team building workshops, luncheons, and leadership development to name a few. Through continual research efforts and best practice evaluations, the Office for Student Success in conjunction with Student African American Brother & Sisterhood will continue to offer students an avenue to success on and off of the IUPUI campus.

GRΣΣK LIFE

The Multicultural Center is also home to the minority Greek Organizations On campus. They are...

Fraternities

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Zeta Phi Beta ZΦΒ (NPHC)

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