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"You must be the change you want to see in the world."

-Mahatma Ghandi, Indian political and spiritual leader (1869-1948)

The Importance of Voting

By Dominic Dorsey



Dominic Dorsey

When issued the charge of illustrating the importance of voting, I jumped at the chance. Quite frankly, this is the most excited I've been about an election in a long time. I've lived through eras of presidents who were lauded and others lampooned, the common denominator however is more of the same. Some presidents have been more bipartisan in nature, others more party centered, but still...more of the same. Since the initial election of George Washington, we've never had much diversity in leadership at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. With the exception of Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and much of the Clinton Administration there hasn't been much disruption of the status quo in Washington.

This year is different.

The nation will not be the same after November as a historic election materializes when we have the opportunity to place either a Black Man as commander and chief or a Woman as vice president. This is monumental considering the struggle by both of these constituencies. Between the demand for enfranchisement of women and the right to vote during the Women's Suffrage to achieve equality to the harsh existence, misrepresentation and injustice of Jim Crow denying the right to vote to African Americans, to now being able to hold one of those offices on Capitol Hill is very sobering.

Even still, people lost their lives, their families, jobs and countless other invaluable amenities in order for future generations to have the right to choose who will represent them. Mostly because many Americans don't feel as if their vote matters, or others that the President has much effect on how Washington is run. Do your research. I had to. If you think that electing the next president isn't a big deal, look at post 9/11 politics and our international relations, how tourism has slumped because of unilateral policies that exist only when you get to our borders. The rising cost of gasoline and the fall of the dollar as the national debt increases substantially...we have the power to impact all of this. Your vote has so much power you don't even realize it. They've discounted our vote, the vote of college age students who spend more time on facebook.com than cnn.com. When opinion polls over who's a more favorable candidate are conducted, they call residential areas, have you ever received a call on your boost mobile? They've discounted our vote because the assumption is that it will always be politics as usual in Washington and that the young people in this country don't matter.

You have until 29 days before the National Elections to register to vote. Indiana deadline is October 6th. America needs your vote to make our voice heard. Our ancestors believed in us, and believed in you... can you make a difference?

¡Sí, Se Puede!



**Latino Student
Association:
Hispanic Heritage
Month**

Wednesday, October 16,
2008

**LSA Meet the
Candidates Night**
Time: 6PM to 9PM
Location: CE268

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Black Light Baile
Time: 9PM to 1AM
Location: CE450C

November 3-7, 2008

LSA Elections
Time: 8AM to 5PM
*Cast Your Vote in the
LSA Office located in the
MultiCultral Center
(MCC 002, Taylor Hall)*

*For further details on
these events visit the
LSA office (MCC002) or
e-mail your inquiries to
latinosa@iupui.edu*

FEATURED ORGANIZATION



organization live by.

The Caribbean Student Association was introduced to the IUPUI campus November 8, 2006 the organizations purpose is to create awareness around the campus about the Caribbean culture, issues, and presence. Under the leadership of Chazette Mills a Caribbean Island native of Saint Kitts and Nevis and a sophomore here studying Tourism & Convention Management, with the hopes of becoming an Event General Manger for a large Caribbean hotel chain to help further the culture of the Caribbean.

As the president of the CSO "I believe that there is a need for my organization on campus we must always provide other ways other than degree requirements for every program. We must also provide knowledge about different sets of people and cultures outside of the United States of America.

"We expect, that by the end of the year, everyone knows a bit about the Caribbean Culture and would be willing to participate in future events such as the Carnival in Chicago and Caribana in Toronto."

The Caribbean Student Association plans to host several events this semester with one the first being a "Show Me Your Culture" fashion show co-sponsored with Black Student Union (BSU), I Club, Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS), and Russian Speaking Association (RSSA). This event will be held Friday October 24th 2008 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in multipurpose room on the 4th floor of the Campus Center admission is free.

Diversity is a powerful tool in the quest to become knowledgeable and successful , the Caribbean Student Organization is another organization that continues to foster and encourage diversity.

Coming soon to the MCC

Nelson Mandela 90th Birthday Celebration
Monday, October 27, 2008

Lecture:
"Madiba and Me" by Peter Davis on his work
with the Mandela family

Film premiere:
"Nelson Mandela: From Prisoner to President."
Followed by Q/A

Time:
6:30pm - 9:30pm
Location: Herron School of Art Auditorium.
HR101





FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

"The Integrator" has chosen Corey LeRoy as our outstanding student of the month for her great leadership qualities, exceptional work ethic and great personality!

Leadership is what you think of when you think of Corey LeRoy. Corey is a member of the Northern Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, though her father's family lives in Oklahoma. Ms. LeRoy is the newly inducted President of Native American Student Alliance (NASA) and the President of the

Affinity Student Council. Corey brings a very different perspective to NASA and the IUPUI campus and community life, she has a very bright outlook on her future. Corey is an English / Pre-Medical Student with the hopes of one day becoming a physician or an English teacher on an Indian Reservation preferably in Oklahoma because that is where her family is from. "My goal in terms of teaching is to inspire other Native American students to further their educations and go to college". In terms of NASA Corey wants to increase not only the number of active students of NASA but the awareness of the issues that Native American's are facing. "I want the IUPUI campus to know that we are here and that we have opinions that deserve respect and attention. We are not what the media portrays us to be. We are more than what meets the eye".

If you want to learn more about NASA please come down to the Multicultural Center Rm002 and ask to speak to Corey LeRoy.

Do you have anyone you would think should be featured in the Integrator? Send your nomination to mcc@iupui.edu

"Titles" By Ebony Barney



Ebony Barney

What do you claim to be? We often categorize ourselves based on groups, friends, labels we can't even afford, affiliations, titles, jobs, etc. When are we going to start categorizing ourselves based on skill, love, capability, imagination, and character?

Does our generation not constantly seem to want our Forty acres and a mule served to us on a silver platter with a college degree, along with an impressive resume to be the icing on the cake?

We tend to think that if we can manipulate our way into receiving titles that we were able to prove ourselves worthy of a title, and therefore we must somehow possess a skill, talent, or capability. Such an assumption is typically only foolishly made by the person that thought it might be enough at the end of the day the only people worthy of such titles prove it. Their efforts are rewarded often in less obvious ways like a good word. A genuine positive comment says much more than a letter of recommendation from somebody who really doesn't know you.

We often disregard our resources thinking that once we have made it to the point of receiving a title we can stop striving. If you don't keep working for that same title, it can be easily revoked? What makes us think that these inanimate objects solely belong to you? It only takes a moment to truly see someone who adds fluff to a resume. I ask you, Who do you claim to be? Which affiliation do you claim? Where do you want it to take you? What did you give? Is what you took more? And most importantly are you worthy of the titles you hold?

Strive for excellence in all you do, and prove yourself worthy of great things.



Native American Heritage Month Kickoff and more...

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008

Heritage Month Reception

This is an informal reception of discuss the upcoming events and programs focused on Native American affairs. It is also an opportunity to connect with campus peers with interest in experiencing the Native American culture.

Time:

10:30AM- 12 Noon

Location:

Campus Center Atrium

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008
Native American Bead Working: Cultural Art

Time: 12:30- 1:30PM

Location:

Campus Center CE405

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008
IUPUI American Indian Programs Presents...

Time: 9AM- 5PM

Location:

Taylor Hall UC115

A Night With Coyote

Time: 6:30PM- 8:30PM
Location: Taylor Hall UC Lower level

For further details on these events visit the NASA office (MCC002) or e-mail your inquiries to nasa@iupui.edu



GREEK LIFE:

Featuring

DELTA SIGMA THETA



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University by twenty-two women of vision, devoted to change. The principles of Delta Sigma Theta are scholarship, service, and sisterhood. Chi Indianapolis City-Wide chapter was founded March 14, 1925. The chapter is chartered at five schools: Butler University, DePauw University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Marian College, and the University of Indianapolis. Chi chapter's current members and past members are honored and humbled to have received the distinct honor of Chapter of the Year for 2008. We look forward to continuing the legacy of our illustrious sisterhood.

The Women of Chi Chapter Delta Sigma Theta present Fall Week 2008

The Nights before Δ :A Crimson Thriller.

October 26- November 1, 2008

The week will feature programs centered around community service and the sorority's five point programmatic thrust, reminding all that Delta means Change. The events will include: "Red is the new Green", "Delta Boot Camp", "The Countdown to Change: T-Minus 7", and "God's Chosen People: What is Israel?" to name a few. The week will culminate with the Halloween Party of the Decade, "Crimson Thriller" Friday October 31st 10-2am IUPUI Campus Center 4th Floor. Look out for more information about Delta week and other events on campus.

For more information Chi Chapter can be reached at Chi_chapter1925@hotmail.com
Chi Chapter web address <http://www.iupui.edu/~dst1913/>

What's Happening in the MCC ~ October Calender ~

Friday, Oct. 10, 2008
BSU Meeting
5:30PM, Taylor Hall
UC Lower Level

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008
**GLBT And ΓΦΩ
National Latino AIDS
Awareness Day**
12PM-4PM (free testing in Taylor
Hall Courtyard), NLAAD Program,
HR101 1:30-3:00PM

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008
**GLBT film Screening:
GLBT Rights Around the World**
12PM, CE305

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008
YGB: Young Gifted & Black
11AM, Taylor Hall UC115

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008
Cultural Café
11:00am, Campus Center 450 C

Friday, Oct. 24, 2008
**NASA Event:
The Important of Pow Wow**
1PM, Taylor Hall UC Lower Level

Friday, Oct. 24, 2008
BSU Meeting
5:30PM, Taylor Hall
UC Lower Level

Monday, Oct. 27, 2008
**GLBT Event: Diversity
Discussion Panel**
12PM, Talyor Hall UC
Lower level

Friday, Oct. 31, 2008
GLBT event: Halloween Social
9PM, Location Ball Residence Hall