SIUE BLACK HERITAGE MONTH 2017 'UPLIFT, BUILD, REMEMBER'

Campus Activities Board hosted SIUE’s annual Black Heritage Month with the theme “Uplift, Build, and Remember.” A variety of diverse events took place throughout the month of February sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion. The number of events increased this year to 15 total events, compared to 8 events last year. Celebrations of black culture centered around: music, theatre, food, film, comedy, art, business, speakers and more. The month’s events included a performance of African drumming, dancing and singing by Addlife! World, a theatrical African performing company based in St. Louis. The Black Heritage Month events celebrated the contributions African Americans have made to all areas in our society that have contributed to our strength as a nation. In the Black Heritage Month Closing Ceremony, Chancellor Randy Pembrook stated that, “Black Heritage Month at SIUE has provided an opportunity to reflect on those contributions. We have looked back at historic moments and events from the past but also anticipate recognizing and celebrating accomplishments in the future as our faculty, staff and students continue to shape a changing world.” Click Here to Learn More.

SIUE HEAD START PRESCHOOL STUDENTS’ BLACK HISTORY MONTH PERFORMANCE

On February 23, 2017 the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion hosted a class of preschool students from SIUE’s Jackie Joyner-Kersee Head Start Center in East St. Louis. The students honored Black History Month with a performance of the song "What A Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong and participated in a Black History Month art activity.
CURRENT MOVEMENTS
SIUE GAMMA PHI OMEGA SUPPORTS 'NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL' CAMPAIGN

SIUE's Gamma Phi Omega chapter is showing support for the No Human Being is Illegal campaign. Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc. strives to unite sisters in the principles of achieving academic excellence, serving the communities in which we live and learn, preserving the sacred bond of sisterhood among women, and uplifting and advancing a cultural awareness among Latinos and those in our global communities. The "No Human Being is Illegal" campaign aims to offer “hope, education, acculturation and collaboration to our community’s immigrants." The campaign was started by an Indiana based organization called La Casa de Amistad (House of Friendship) in response to community concerns about issues regarding immigrants, asylum seekers, and limiting refugee admissions and benefits. Click Here to Learn More.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION: MONUMENT QUILT WORKSHOP

SIUE hosted a Monument Quilt workshop on February 16th in the MUC Goshen Lounge, to show support for sexual assault survivors and raise awareness about services available at SIUE. The event was sponsored by: the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion; the SIUE Art Therapy Counseling Program; Counseling Services; and the Office of Equal Opportunity, Access & Title IX Coordination. The Monument Quilt is a national community art project for survivors of sexual assault. SIUE community members were asked to create a quilt square to share their story or show their support for survivors of sexual violence. The quilt squares will be sewn together with squares from across the country to create a one-mile long quilt that will be displayed in our nation’s capitol next year. To learn more visit: themonumentquilt.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL COUGAR GAMES

Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Student Fitness Center Activity Gym.
The Cougar World Games will challenge, inspire and bring together diverse student groups and organizations to SIUE students, faculty and staff.

The Cougar World Games is a special event designed to promote diversity, understanding and acceptance between groups from different cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities through participation in various recreational activities offered across the globe. The basic concept allows students to visit various stations depicted as continents, while learning about culture, sports, music, ethnic foods and more. Campus Recreation is currently looking for volunteers to engage with Students in the "interaction zone." This activity is designed to provide an opportunity for Students, Faculty and Staff to engage in dialogue with students and guests to share information about their culture, countries of origin or outside organization. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact: Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation at nrosale@siue.edu or call 618-650-3242.

DR. MAE C. JEMISON: EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE & HUMAN POTENTIAL

Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Dr. Mae C. Jemison broke more than the sound barrier in 1992 when she climbed aboard the space shuttle Endeavour and became the first woman of color to travel into space. Tickets are free to SIUE students. Visit the MUC Welcome Desk to pick up your tickets. To Learn More Visit: artsandissues.com.

PHENOMENAL WOMEN’S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.
Maple/Dogwood Room
2nd Floor, Morris University Center
The Phenomenal Women’s program honors and celebrates women from all walks of life who have made contributions to diversity and inclusion at SIUE, the region, nation and the world. We received 37 nominations and 17 awardees along with their nominator will be invited to the luncheon honoring and celebrating SIUE’s phenomenal women.
Questions? Contact Rachel Garrett in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at ragarre@siue.edu or 618-650-5382.
THE UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, April 10, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Conference Center 2nd Floor, Morris University Center
SIUE students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to discuss the final draft of the University Diversity Strategic Plan. The University is currently engaged in development of goals, objectives and evaluative measures for the University Diversity Strategic Plan. Strategies and solutions suggested by members of the SIUE community in January’s Diversity Strategic Plan Summit have been taken into consideration. The Town Hall Meeting will give SIUE community members an opportunity to review the final draft of the University Diversity Strategic Plan before its implementation.

INAUGURAL CULTURAL TOUR TO THE LINCOLN MUSEUM IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
We will travel by bus to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL. Lunch and tour tickets will be provided free to registered/selected participants. Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration is now open. Space is limited to 50 attendees, so please register soon to reserve your spot!
Questions? Contact Rachel Garrett in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at rargarre@siue.edu or 618-650-5382
Click Here to Register
WOMEN’S STUDIES EVENT SERIES
DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: 'IS FEMINISM TOO...?'
Wednesday, April 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
Women’s Studies Office, Peck 3407
The Difficult Conversations series are student-led conversations for students.

COFFEE WITH COOL WOMEN: JANA GILES
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Women’s Studies Office, Peck 3407
Jana Giles is a post-colonial studies expert and professor of literature at University of Louisiana at Monroe. As a bilingual person of Puerto-Rican and Anglo-American heritage, her interests focus on the political and aesthetic complexities of contemporary life.

SUSTAINABILITY IS A FEMINIST ISSUE: CONNIE FREY-SPURLOCK
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Peck 0405
Connie Frey-Spurlock is a faculty member in the SIUE Sociology Department.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATIE STUART ON WHY SHE WENT INTO POLITICS
Wednesday, April 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Location TBA

FEATURED SPEAKER: EILEEN POLLACK
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Peck Hall 1402
Eileen Pollack is a faculty member at the University of Michigan and the author of the book “The Only Woman In The Room: Why Science Is Still A Boys’ Club”

For more information about Upcoming SIUE Women’s Studies events contact Veronica at vdelgad@siue.edu
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Online Learning Community is available to all members of the SIUE community through SIUE’s Blackboard site, under the “My Organizations” tab.

The Online Learning Community offers:
COMMUNITY: This area contains Community Topics on a variety of Diversity & Inclusion subjects, such as LGBTQ Pride, Women’s Rights, and African American History. You’ll also find links to the discussion board, where you can start or continue a conversation related to the topic, or share your thoughts in the Open Mic forum.
RESOURCES: This is where you can find resources on diversity and inclusion awards for SIUE students, faculty, and staff; information about SIUE’s new Multicultural Center (located in the MUC); details about mentoring programs on campus; and resources for veterans. You can also share resources through Community wikis, or simply use a private journal space for personal reflections.
TRAININGS: Anyone can take part in the online training modules in this community. Learn about how to identify and reduce bias and more with these self-paced trainings. You will receive a certificate of completion when you complete the module, which you can add to your personal or professional portfolio. Modules will continue to be added throughout the semesters.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Multicultural Center (SIUE-MCC), is a place where we celebrate the rich diversity and inclusion of our campus community. The Multicultural Center is a multi-use, professional, academic, and social space that supports positive engagement and constructive dialogue related to diversity and inclusion, and welcomes students, staff, and faculty who share those principles. We want to bring together people with different ideas, backgrounds, and talents, to foster understanding and discuss social and cultural issues. In addition, the center is a place to hang out with friends or hold meetings. A minimum of 24-hours advanced notice for events with fewer than 15 people is required to reserve the room. We currently offer 10 pages of free printing to students and student organizations.

Hours of operation are:
Monday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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FACULTY/STAFF MENTORING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The goal of the Faculty/Staff Mentoring Students with Disabilities is to enhance the learning experience for students with disabilities by assigning faculty or staff mentors to any student participating in the Disabilities Support Services. These faculty/staff mentors meet with students on a regular basis and assist students in strategizing about the complexities of university life. Specifically, the faculty or staff mentor will help students deal with curricular and co-curricular access.

Click Here to Learn More

CAMPUS PRIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Campus Pride offers a database of LGBTQ-related scholarships. Campus Pride is a national nonprofit organization that serves LGBTQ and ally student leaders and campus organizations in the areas of leadership development, support programs and services to create safer, more inclusive LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities. It exists to develop, support and give “voice and action” in building future LGBTQ and ally student leaders.

Click Here to View the Database

FACULTY/STAFF MENTORING STUDENT ATHLETES

The Faculty/Staff Mentoring Student Athletes Program is a joint program with the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Basketball Management Team where faculty and staff members serve as Mentors to student athletes. Faculty/Staff support is vital to helping an athlete focus on his/her academic priorities.

Click Here to Learn More

See something missing from this newsletter, that you feel should be acknowledged by the SIUE community to celebrate diversity & inclusion? We want to hear from you! Please contact the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at siueidi@siue.edu or call (618)650-5382.