We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims.

- R. Buckminster Fuller -
Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22nd. Each year, events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day is now celebrated in over 192 countries worldwide.

Join SIUE’s Student Organization for Sustainability (SOS) in celebrating Earth Day during the Campus Activity Board’s annual Springfest!

Springfest will begin on April 18th and go through April 22nd, Earth Day. SOS will be hosting a plastic grocery bag collection. All recycled plastic grocery bags will be donated to a local organization that makes sleeping mats from the bags for people experiencing homelessness.
April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse.

The majority of child abuse cases stemmed from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive. A community that cares about early childhood development, parental support, and maternal mental health, for instance, is more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children.

A body of research has identified factors known to prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect. These factors include parental resilience, nurturing and attachment, social connections, knowledge about parenting and child development, social and emotional competence of children, and concrete supports for parents.

For more information, visit: http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-child-abuse-prevention-month

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Every child is born into a world filled with limitless possibilities, and as a Nation, we must ensure all our young people have the support they need to realize their enormous potential. Regardless of who they are or the circumstances of their birth, each child deserves to be cared for, cherished, and kept safe from harm.

- President Barack Obama
March 2015, Presidential Proclamation
The Blue Ribbon Campaign was established in 1989 as one woman's tribute to her grandson who was killed by his mother's abusive partner. The campaign has grown to raise awareness to the epidemic of child abuse in our communities. Blue ribbons are worn and displayed to demonstrate solidarity and support of those who have been effected by child abuse and neglect.

Please join the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Multicultural Center in learning about what you can do to prevent child abuse and neglect.

SIUE is becoming a Blue Ribbon Community to honor the life of Dr. Brad Hewitt’s father and his contributions to the Campaign.

Come learn what you can do. We will provide you with a blue ribbon to wear in support of children across the world who have suffered and/or are suffering abuse.

April 14, 2016
11:30—1:00pm in the Goshen Lounge
On March 21st SIUE celebrated the second annual Phenomenal Women’s Luncheon. More than 25 inspiring women from SIUE and the surrounding community were nominated for this award. Twelve women were chosen to attend the luncheon based on their merit and work to promote diversity and inclusion on the SIUE campus and beyond.

Award winners and their nominators enjoyed lunch and fellowship following a warm welcome from Chancellor, Dr. Steve Hansen, and a beautiful talk about Victoria Woodhull, a powerful advocate for women’s rights, by Dr. Jessica Harris. The ceremony closed with Marcy Bitner and her nominator, Sierra Ewing, reading Maya Angelou’s poem, Phenomenal Woman.

Congratulations to all of SIUE’s Phenomenal Women!
SIUE Chancellor, Dr. Steve Hansen, and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion cordially invite you to:

BLACK LIVES MATTER Reloaded

A Community Dialogue on Microaggressions

April 25th, 2016 8:30—11:30 am
University Conference Center

Microaggressions are common verbal, behavioral, and environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile or negative slights to marginalized groups. Perpetrators of microaggressions are often unaware that they engage in such interactions when they interact with minorities.

(Sue, et al, Columbia University, Teachers College, 2007)

To register for the conference, please go to: https://siue.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3aZXXG606JNCshn
Lovejoy Library’s Director of Development, Kyle Moore, recently shared his expansive knowledge of historic boxer, Joe Louis. As Mr. Moore spoke, his passion was as apparent as was his bewilderment regarding how little attention is paid to an athlete whose success has helped shape America.

The height of Joe Louis’s boxing career marked a turning point in American history. Several years following the success and subsequent riots and prosecution of the first African American Heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, Louis carefully rose to the public eye. First winning the Golden Gloves in 1933, Louis went on to win all but three of 72 professional fights.

One of Louis’s three losses went to Max Schmeling, World Heavyweight champion from Germany. The pair was scheduled to fight their second match on June 22, 1938, two years following their first fight. This match held greater significance as it represented a greater feud, between the US and Nazi Germany at the onset of World War II. The Louis/Schmeling fight was so significant that US President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, met with Louis prior to the match and is quoted as saying, “Joe, we need muscles like yours to beat Germany.” Schmeling received a phone call from Adolf Hitler prior to the match, encouraging Schmeling to fight for Nazi Germany. Louis defeated Schmeling in a record 2 minutes and 4 seconds and was instantly considered an American hero.

As the war progressed, Louis joined the Navy Relief Society and generated $47,000 for the fund. He also fought many charitable fights, raising money for the US government. After the war, the IRS found Louis and accused him of neglecting to pay taxes on the thousands of dollars that he raised and then donated. With interest, Louis had accumulated up to a million dollars in owed taxes. Louis died in 1981 at the age of 66. He passed alone in a hospital, still in debt to the government he worked to support.

Joe Louis’s career and influence in American history goes largely unacknowledged. Without Louis to set the stage, many iconic African American athletes may have gone unnoticed. In fact, Jackie Robinson identified Joe Louis as one of his heroes.

Joe Louis was an American hero, and in true bizarre American fashion, he now has a hockey rink named after him.

To read more about Joe Louis, please visit:
- http://espn.go.com/boxing/story/_/id/9404398/more-just-fight
SIUE’s Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion sent six SIUE student leaders to the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) conference February 18th–21st in Chicago, Illinois.

The conference annually provides extraordinary opportunities for students and young professionals to meet recruiters, national policy-makers, and future employers. The conference also brings participants together to develop and/or strengthen their leadership skills and to grow as servant leaders. SIUE students had the opportunity to learn from nationally prominent speakers and workshop presenters who are experts in their field.

To learn more about the conference go to: http://www.ushli.org/conference.html
“The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine (SIU SDM) has expanded to meet the demands in the international dentist community through its International Advanced Placement Program (IAPP). The inaugural class of six students began the 27-month program on the Alton campus in February.

The IAPP enables qualified dentists who have graduated from an acknowledged international dental school to pursue a doctor of dental medicine (DMD) degree at the SDM. Program graduates will be able to obtain licensure to practice dentistry in the U.S.

‘This program was designed to align with the SDM’s philosophy and mission of exceptional patient care and the education of excellent general dentists for the area,’’ said Daniel Ketteman, DDS, director of the IAPP. ‘‘It will expand the patient care at the SDM by having experienced practitioners of the dental healing arts caring for more complex cases than our traditional students.’

Students in the IAPP will first complete a three-month Clinical Certification Course. They will then merge with the SDM’s junior class to complete the final two years of the DMD curriculum. According to Ketteman, two-thirds of the inaugural class were previously dental specialists in their home countries.”

What’s Up? Conversations

Join the Multicultural Center for honest conversation about important current events. Keep posted on dates by visiting our Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/SIUE-Multicultural-Center-739760289472171/?fref=ts

Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives

Howard J. Ross

“If you are human, you are biased.”

Ross helps readers recognize and overcome unconscious bias in their lives. He advocates for bias awareness with the belief that productivity, personal happiness, and social growth are possible if we come to understand the biases we didn’t even know we had.

Sign up to participate at http://www.siue.edu/institutionaldiversityandinclusion/bookclubspring.shtml

Next meeting: Friday, April 15th

Strategies for Serving and Supporting Transgender Students

April 13, 2016
12:00 pm
Mississippi Room

To register go to: http://www.siue.edu/institutionaldiversityandinclusion/filmseries.shtml

Keep in touch with the Multicultural Center!
Remember to check out news/events on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.
Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Workforce

SIUE has published guidelines for recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce. This document is available for download at:

www.siue.edu/institutionaldiversityandinclusion/*/Guidelines%20for%20Recruiting%20and%20Retaining%20Diverse...  

Take a look and find out what you can do to support recruitment and retention efforts here at SIUE.