

**James Farmer Multicultural Center**

**Cultural Programming and Collaborations Report**

Cross-Cultural BBQ – August 29

- The student organization, Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity (SEED) took the leadership in planning and coordinating this even for the campus community. There were 16 student organizations that participated by hosting a table and providing information about their purpose and activities, as well as a food dish that was representative of their culture or group. Hundreds of people attended this event. Individuals were able to learn more about the groups we have on campus, what activities they are engaged in, and sample a flavor of their respective cuisine.

Latino Identities Month Celebration – September 15 – October 15

- Latino Identities Month (LIM) Celebration had a successful kick-off event on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Ball Circle. Members of the Latino Student Association (LSA) did a great job in planning and implementing this event for the campus community. There were many individuals who attended (including faculty, staff, and administrators) and several who participated in various aspects of the program. There were music, food, and cultural information provided for everyone. Several members of LSA provided dance entertainment showcasing various Latino dance styles for the audience.
- Other LIM programs have been equally implemented with enthusiasm and thoroughness. The celebration will conclude with the Feria: Dinner Theater in Faculty/Staff Dining Room on October 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. The main performance will feature a local salsa orchestra band company, in addition to a fashion show. All of these events were free and open to the campus and surrounding communities.

Academic Collaborations

- Program support with the Ridderhof Martin Galley for the LIM exhibition, “Converging Cultures: Works by Latino Artists,” displayed from September 5 – October 5, 2013.
- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas for the “Latin America in Films and Literature” series on Wednesdays throughout the celebration month.
- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas entitled, “Spanish Culture in the United States: A Heritage to Celebrate,” on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Lee Hall, Rom 412.

- Co-sponsored LIM program with Dr. Jess M. Rigelhaupt, "Listening In (Loudly): Latinos, Labor, and Spanish-Language Radio," on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Lee Hall, Room 412.
- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas featuring Dr. Rei Berroa, a poet and essayist from the Dominican Republic, who is currently at the George Mason University on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm in Combs Hall, Room 139.
- Co-sponsored LIM program with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas featuring Dr. Ted Henken, associate professor and chair of the Black and Hispanic Studies Department at Baruch College, City University of New York, on the program, "New Technologies as Expression of New Discourse in Cuba," on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm in Combs Hall, Room 139.
- Program support with the Ridderhof Martin Gallery for the LIM presentation, "On Identity in the Arts: What It Means to Be Latino," by Mr. F. Lennox Campello, an artist and art critic, on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 2 pm.
- Joint venture with Dr. Doug Gately on, "UMW Jazz Ensemble's Latin Jazz Night," a LIM music performance on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Underground.
- Co-sponsored LIM program with Dr. Betsy Lewis featuring Mr. Emilio Williams, an award-winning Spanish playwright and former journalist, on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Lee Hall, Room 411 and Thursday, October 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 139.
- Co-sponsored LIM program with Dr. Meghan Conley on the "Dreamers' Panel," which will take place on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 5:30 pm in Lee Hall, Room 412.