

James Farmer Multicultural Center

Cultural Programming and Collaborations Report

Cross-Cultural BBQ – August 28

- The student organization, Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity (SEED) took the leadership in planning and coordinating this event for the campus community. There were 14 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. In addition, four student groups and one community group performed throughout the program. Hundreds of people attended this event. Individuals were able to learn more about the cultural groups on campus, activities they engage 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 15th 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 students showcased 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 8th beginning at 5:00 p.m. The main performance will feature a reggae band from the Northern Virginia area, in addition to a fashion show. Most of these events were free and open to the campus and surrounding communities.

Academic Collaborations

- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas for the “Spain and Latin America in Films and Literature” series on Wednesdays throughout the celebration month.
- Program support with Dr. Araceli Palomino entitled, “Spanish Bullfighting – A Study of Changing Cultural Values and Identity,” on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm in Lee Hall, Room 412.
- Co-sponsored LIM program with Drs. Ana Chichester and Connie Smith for Thursday Poems featuring the works of Cuban-born Rita Martin, an associate professor at Radford University, on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm. in Combs Hall, Room 139.

- Program support with Dr. Jose A. Sainz entitled, “Kings, Republics, and Nationalism in Spain: The Spanish Civil War’s Legacy in 21st-Century Political Debates,” on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 6:00 pm in Lee Hall, Room 411.
- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas entitled, “The Trans-Atlantic Route of Afro-Caribbean Culture,” on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm in Lee Hall, Room 411.
- Co-sponsored program with Dr. Mark Snyder for an open class lecture on Subsaharan African drumming featuring Ken Crampton on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Pollard Hall, Room 213.