October 13, 2016

James Farmer Multicultural Center

Cultural Programming and Collaborations Report

Cross-Cultural BBQ – September 1, 2016

- 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 Thursday, 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. A guest performer 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 Chandler Ballroom, University Center, on Thursday, October 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m. The main performance will feature Semilla Cultural, a non-profit group dedicated to cultivating Puerto Rican culture and traditions in Virginia. 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, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 139.
- Program support with Dr. Ana Chichester for “Thursday Poems” on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 5 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 139.
- Program support with Dr. Maria Laura Bocaz entitled, “A Legacy of Hope,” on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 139.
• Program support with Dr. Doug Gateley on a performance entitled “UMW Jazz Ensemble’s Latin Jazz Night,” on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6 p.m. in Lee Hall, The Underground.

• Program support with Dr. Debra Schleef for a lecture on “Measuring and Mapping the Contributions of New Americans” on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 412.