

James Farmer Multicultural Center

Cultural Programming and Collaborations Report

Cross-Cultural BBQ – August 30, 2018

- 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 12 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, one student group – Alter Egos Step team - 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 17th in Chandler Ballroom C. 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 DJ played music and taught various Latino dance styles for the audience.
- Other LIM programs were equally implemented with enthusiasm and thoroughness. The celebration concluded with the Sabor Latino event in Chandler Ballroom, University Center, on Wednesday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m. Performances featured Spanglish, a Latin American band and a Bolivian dance group. Most of these events were free and open to the campus and surrounding communities.

Gender and Sexual Minorities and Allies (GSMA) Cultural Celebration 2018 – October 22 – 26

- The student organization, People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM) took the leadership in planning and coordinating the events for the campus community. The theme for this celebration was “PRIDE Against PREJUDICE.” The kick-off celebration took place on October 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. on Ball Circle. During this event, information was provided regarding GSMA programs and the PRISM club. Other activities included an educational presentation featuring a faculty panel, a film screening, and a Prom dance as the concluding event. The keynote program featured Namoli Brennet, a folk-rock songwriter and singer who has been described as a cross between Patty Griffin, Lori McKenna and Amy Ray.

Asian Cultural Celebration – October 28 – November 3

- The theme was “Our Asian American Identity: The Next Generation.” Unfortunately, the keynote performance on Oct. 28th featuring Prem Raja Mahat was canceled due to the illness of the performer. There were scheduled presentations including two by UMW faculty members, as well as karaoke and movie night events. The celebration ended with the popular annual celebration, Taste of Asia, which highlighted different aspects of Asian culture presented through a fashion show, dance performances, and an array of ethnic foods.

Academic Collaborations

- Co-sponsored program with Drs. Antonio Barrenechea, Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas, and Krystyn Moon for a faculty panel discussion on “Approaches to Latino Literature Series: Canek Sanchez Guevara’s *33 Revolutions*” on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 329.
- Program support with Dr. Marcelo Fajardo-Cardenas for the “Spain and Latin America in Films and Literature” series on Thursdays, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 237.
- Co-sponsored keynote program with Dr. Maria Laura Bocaz and the departments of Modern Languages and Literatures and Music featuring, “Lorena Guillen Tango Ensemble,” on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Pollard Hall, Room 304.
- Program support with Dr. Doug Gately, senior lecturer in the department of Music, on a performance entitled “The Latin Touch,” on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall.
- Sponsored program with Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, professor in the department of Political Science and International Affairs, for a community panel discussion on “The Importance of Civic Action in the 21st Century,” on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6 p.m. in Chandler Ballroom C, University Center.
- Program support with Drs. Antonio Barrenechea, Richard Finkelstein, Kate Haffey, Ben LaBreche, Gary Richards, and Mara Scanlon from the department of English, Linguistics, and Communication for a presentation on “Representation Beyond the Page: LGBT+ Authors Throughout History” on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center.
- Program presentation by Dr. Krystyn Moon, associate professor in the department of History and American studies, on “The Japanese American Redress and the Asian American Movement,” on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Colonnade Room, University Center.
- Program support with Dr. Mara Scanlon, professor in the department of English, Linguistics, and Communications, for a presentation on “Asian Americans: The When,

Why, and Who,” on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Colonnade Room, University Center.

- Program support with Dr. Jennifer Hansen-Glucklich, assistant professor in the department of Modern Languages and Literatures, for a presentation on “Holocaust Memorials,” on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Colonnade Room, University Center.