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### Letter from the Director

In this first edition of the newsletter for 2014, I want to wish all of the students the very best as they work towards their goals for this new semester. Each new year and semester brings opportunities to reflect on the past and future!

Now is the time to think about the habits and actions you want to continue and those that you want to change. As you think about any changes that you want to make, reflect on the individuals who can be of help. Often times, other people (e.g., faculty, staff, peers, family members) can help us think about the adjustments that we can make and connect us with different resources. UD has a community of people who are here to assist - whether you are starting your job search, thinking about how to approach a class that may be difficult, determining a major, or exploring other opportunities (e.g., study abroad, getting involved on campus). Feel free to start with an OMA staff member! We will make sure that you get connected with a variety of resources.

Each one of us at UD is indeed a part of A Diverse Community of Scholars Achieving Excellence! The OMA vision statement has multiple meanings. We are reminded that the UD community consists of diverse individuals who are achieving excellence! Each of us may not equate our accomplishments with excellence, but I think we should celebrate small and large victories. Our definitions of excellence will likely vary, but all of these steps are getting us a step closer to

achieving important personal goals. What does it mean to you to be a part of a diverse community of scholars that is achieving excellence?

In this edition of the newsletter, we are proud to announce the inaugural recipients of the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Dayton. We are also sharing information regarding a few other students who have received scholarship dollars from OMA as a result of gifts from alumni donors. Our gratitude for Mr. Destry Fallen '86, who started the endowed scholarship in honor of his wife, and all donors cannot be fully communicated. Your gifts have helped students to achieve their goals, and for that, we are forever grateful. Congratulations to the students!

Best wishes in the new year! Please contact an OMA staff member if we can be of help!

Take care,

Patty Alvarez, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Multicultural Affairs

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## Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Dr. Patty Alvarez, Ph.D., assistant dean/director

Congratulations to the five inaugural recipients of the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Dayton!

In August 2013, Mr. Destry Fallen '86 established an endowed scholarship in recognition of his wife, Mona Guerrier Fallen '91, who passed away in March 2013 at the age of 47. Mrs. Guerrier Fallen made many contributions to the campus as an undergraduate student and had a distinguished professional career as an Assistant United States Attorney for over 13 years. She was a role model for many, including her daughter, Sydney.



Mona Guerrier Fallen's legacy will be felt through the following inaugural scholarship recipients (All scholars pictured in order to the right):

		Year	Major	Hometown
Nicolas	Esparza	Sophomore	Chemical Engineering	Chicago, IL
Alexander	Gaskins	Senior	Civil Engineering	Springfield, OH
Trenton	Graham	Sophomore	Sport Management	Los Angeles, CA
Tiara	Jackson	Sophomore	Operations & Supply Management	Rochester, NY
Kiera	Wheeler	Junior	Biology	Dayton, OH



Each of the students received a \$1000 scholarship. The generosity of Destry Fallen and all of the individuals who contributed to the scholarship is deeply appreciated. Due to requirements associated with the endowed scholarship, only one student will be selected for 2014-2015. A call for applications will be sent to students in the next couple of weeks.



Due to the generosity of other alumni and donors, OMA was able to award three additional students a \$1,000 scholarship and offer book assistance to 20 students during the 2013-2014 academic year. The following students also received a \$1000 scholarship:

		Year	Major	Hometown
Gabriel	Lopez	First Year	Discovery Business	Bayamon, PR
Ashley	Okokhere	Junior	Pre- Physical Therapy	Sugarland, TX
Shaquille	Tensley	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	Visalia, CA



Congratulations to all of the students! And a big THANK YOU to all of the donors!



Sincerely,

Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs Selection Committee



Patty Alvarez, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Multicultural Affairs Racqueal Gamble, Assistant Director, Flyers First-Office of Enrollment Services Rev. LaKendra Hardware, Ph.D., Campus Minister for Interdenominational Ministry Tom Morgan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, English Department Brittany Philbert, Area Coordinator, Marycrest Complex

## **OMA Student Engagement Assistants**



Hello everyone! I hope that everyone's semester is off to a good start. The Student Spotlight Board is up and running! If you feel like someone should be featured in this biweekly event let me know by email at <a href="mailto:cabreray1@udayton.edu">cabreray1@udayton.edu</a> or just find me at the office. We are also doing the Student Recognition board in the OMA Lounge. This has been a total success and I really appreciate the lovely messages that have been written for students, faculty, and staff. As always, keep supporting the SEA events and have a wonderful semester!



Greeting my fellow students,

Midterm's week is here and I hope you all are preparing well for those midterms. Just know that midterms are a sign that we are almost done with the semester! With that being said, I would like to present you with an exciting leadership opportunity for you and your peers. Saturday, March 1, 2014, from 9:00am - 2:30pm is the 18th Annual Colors of Leadership Conference (COLC) held directly on campus in Kennedy Union Ballroom. The purpose of COLC is to inform and motivate diverse collegians - those new faces of leadership - to achieve their full leadership potential. Participants will be challenged to develop and explore leadership skills and fulfill the tenants of responsible leadership. This year we have a wonderful president from Lincoln University in Missouri that will be speaking to students about his personal leadership abilities and how driven he was to be the president of a university. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register for the conference, go to oma.udayton.edu and look for Colors of Leadership underneath the Leadership tab. The cost for University of Dayton students, faculty and staff is \$10 but there are scholarships available for students. The scholarship form is also on the registration website. I encourage everybody to attend the conference because you gain skills and qualities to better form your leadership type. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via email at madryc1@udayton.edu or phone at 937-229-3634. Looking forward to see you all at the conference!



I hope you finished the fall semester strong and are off to an even better start this semester! February has been an action-packed month! The first REAL Topics of the semester focused on reverse-racism; students, faculty and staff examined racism in both the historical context and in modern day form, ultimately discussing the existence/nonexistence of reverse-racism. The next REAL Topics will be hosted in March and will relate to women in honor of Women's History Month-stay tuned for details! Thank you for your continued support and know that you can always voice your suggestions for future programming, we are here for you!



Hello Flyers,

Happy Black History Month to you all and I hope that the semester and the weather are treating you well. This month Brother 2 Brother and Sister to Sister came together in "The Friend Zone" to discuss relationships and misconceptions between men and women. If you missed it, you missed out! Be on the look out for the next Brother 2 Brother event, and good luck on mid-terms in March.

#### Letter from the Editor

Kwynn Townsend Riley, sophomore, editor

February, 28 days filled with love, history and many, many UD events! Congratulations to all my first years who have successfully transitioned to their second semester! You are half way done through your first year at the University of Dayton, keep going! I know you can do it.

February is my favorite month. Not only because of the huge amount of chocolate I receive from my Valentine, but because of the events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and I Love UD month. These events are specifically tailored for 28 days full of entertainment. This month has been jam packed for amazing things to participate in! Some of the events include the Friends of Africa Reception, Ask Dr. Dan, and a trip to the Freedom Center! You do not want to miss out.



Make sure to stay updated! In this issue, some of these events are highlighted including more information about what is coming up!

Stay Fly, Flyers!

#### FREE

#### OMA Porches

Subscribe on Porches to receive information regarding

events, scholarships, research, and student employment opportunities

## Now Available

## News in Spanish

Spanish papers will now be delivered to Alumni Hall/OMA, Kennedy Union, and the Center for International Programs each week on Thursday or Friday.

## **OHANA Staff Writers**

The OHANA newsletter is looking for talented young writers to join the team for the 2013-14 school year. If you enjoy writing about multicultural issues and are willing to share that eagerness with the UD community, this may be the position for you. The OHANA staff writer position is a volunteer opportunity that you can utilize to develop your portfolio and learn valuable skills to use in the future. If you are interested in writing for OHANA for the 2013-14 school year, please contact Daria Graham at dgraham1@udayton.edu.

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## Speak Up Flyers

Kwynn Townsend Riley, sophomore, editor

Tuesday, Feburary 11 at 7pm in Sears Recital Hall was the time for University of Dayton students to speak up.

Students had the opportunity to ask the president of UD any question wandering in our collegiate minds. We deserve to know what St. Patrick's Day will be like after the incident last year. We deserve to know why classes aren't cancelled when campus looks like the town in the Disney movie "Frozen." We need to know why things are happening on our campus without the voice of the students being equally represented. It was time to step up and speak to Dr. Dan, my fellow flyers. It was time to get the answers we deserve.



There are too many situations that have happened on campus, that I as a student, feel as if we were left out of when decisions were made. Although the wound is still healing, the Coke to Pepsi switch was made without consideration for the student population. There were no surveys, emails, tweets, or articles that let the students know why there was going to be a change, at least to my knowledge. Personally, I felt disregarded. Everyone says college is what you make it, so I am choosing to make mine, and asked for some degree of change to happen, however that might play out. There would be no University of Dayton without us. This school exists for us and is made in large part by us. It's time to ask the awkward and uncomfortable questions that probe the situation at hand.



Compared to previous generations, we are growing up in a culture that takes action by way of Facebook and Twitter instead of approaching the issue face-to-face with those responsible. We would rather rant in tweets, Instagram posts, and to each other instead of taking a step to the person who can actually help impact things. If you care about our campus at all you would've attended the event Tuesday night. Otherwise, how would you expect anyone of true importance to hear your opinion, concern and problems with issues on campus? How do you expect the president to care about your views if you didn't even express them on the night he was willing to listen? Tuesday was the night to prove you wanted change. I had my own list of questions lined up to ask your president. The two things that were definitely on my mind were the annual event "I Love UD" that deviates attention from Black History Month and the dropping rate of African American students being enrolled at this school.

Things don't change if questions aren't raised that challenge the status quo. Speak up, Flyers.

## UNIVERSITY of DAYTON

# 2014 COLORS OF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

DIVERSE LEADERS NAVIGATING THE WAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

ATTENDEES HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A KINDLE FIRE HD 7"



## **KEVIN D. ROME, Sr., Ph.D.**PRESIDENT, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Dr. Kevin Rome is president of Lincoln University of Missouri and is a renowned speaker on higher education and student leadership.

\$10 FOR UD STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS. CONTACT OMA AT 937-229-3634.

\$15 FOR NON-UD STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

REGISTER AT:

OMA.UDAYTON.EDU
CONTACT OMA@UDAYTON.EDU
OR 937-229-3634 WITH QUESTIONS



## **Academic Support Updates**

Aaron Witherspoon, Academic Success Specialist for the College of Arts and Sciences/Office of Multicultural Affairs

OMA Study Tables
Wednesdays 6pm - 10pm
Alumni Hall 101
\*\*\*NEW SERVICES\*\*\*

In order to provide a better experience, make sure to sign up for faculty assistance via the link below. A faculty member from Math attends most weeks. Faculty members from Chemistry and Physics are also occasionally available. Faculty Assistance is available from 6pm – 7pm.

Need assistance in another course? Let us know! We are always looking for ways to improve! https://docs.google.com/a/udayton.edu/forms/d/1k4q\_oq18S9YnVnEkZdChAvsHZ3\_9\_HVmtCk-tB0DCz8/viewform

NEW TUTORS AVAILABLE!!! Starting Wed. 2/26, OLR Peer Math and Science tutors will be available!

Tutors will be available from 7pm – 10pm.

#### **MLK Celebration Review**

Christian Lozano, graduate assistant

The University of Dayton with the strong partnership and leadership of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and a strong committee of campus representatives and graduate students helped plan and execute UD's 2014 MLK Celebration. UD's MLK Celebration started on Monday, January 20 as students from both the University of Dayton and Wright State University came out on their "day off" and took part in the MLK City of Dayton March. Students marched from the Third Street Peace Bridge to the Dayton Convention Center, where the city of Dayton held a program with a multitude of performances, guest speakers, and community partners.

The MLK Celebration continued the following day on Tuesday, January 21 as students, faculty, and staff came together as a community during the MLK Campus-Wide Luncheon where attendees enjoyed a great lunch and encouraging words from keynote speaker, Sr. Laura Leming. On Wednesday, January 22 we held the MLK Birthday Cake and Celebration. We gave out 240 slices of cake to those who passed by Kennedy Union Torch. We continued the MLK celebration by hosting a Brown Bag Panel discussion where Dr. Verb Washington and Dr. Jack Ling facilitated a conversation about MLK and the Civil Rights Movement.

The celebration continued on Thursday, January 23 as students enjoyed the Movie Screening: "At the River I Stand." The film, "Rhythm, Voice, and Vision: In the Spirit of the King", was shown on Friday, January 24. UD students showcased their talents while reflecting on the work and vision of MLK during our evening program. The program contained various acts which varied from dance performances, meaningful poetry, and talented singers. Our MLK 2014 Celebration came to an end on Saturday, January 25 as students enjoyed watching the movie, "The Butler," at Boll Theatre.

On behalf of OMA and the MLK Planning Committee we would like to thank all our campus partners and the UD community for making our MLK 2014 a big success!

See pictures from the month on page 12.

## Academic Success Advice Corner

Ieesha Ramsey, academic success specialist for the School of Business Administration/Office of Multicultural Affairs

Did you just get that first exam back in your class? How did you do? Was your grade lower than you expected? I like to have a positive outlook just as much as the next person—Yes, you'll do better on the next one. But the truth is that if you don't do something differently this time around, there is a strong chance that you won't. You need to make some changes *now* to ensure a better outcome later.

#### • Meet with your instructor outside of class time

All instructors have office hours where they make themselves available to meet with students outside of class time. Check your syllabus to find out when those hours are. Go to your professor's office hours with a list of questions to ask about your class material. Ask to discuss the exam, your results, and the concepts you missed or don't understand. Attending an instructor's office hours gives you invaluable one-on-one time with that professor and lets the instructor know that you are engaged in their course and serious about your progress.

#### • Take advantage of Walk-In Tutoring

Walk-In Tutoring is available for many 1st and 2nd year courses. You can visit the Learning Teaching Center (LTC)'s Learning Support Guide website at http://www.udayton.edu/ltc/learningresources/about/learning\_support\_guide.php to view the Interactive Guide to Learning Support and check if tutoring is available for your course, when it is available, and where. If there is no Walk-In tutoring for your course, be sure to meet with your instructor outside of class time to get assistance. Make Walk-In Tutoring a regular part of your study habits, attending once or even twice each week. Don't just plan to attend right before a test. That would have the same effect as cramming, which is ineffective.

Speak with your instructor to see if Supplemental Instruction (SI) is offered for your course.

If the poor grade was on an essay paper, rather than an exam, be sure to utilize The Write Place on the  $2^{nd}$  floor of the Roesch Library. A conscientious student never hands in an essay without first letting someone with better writing skills proofread it.

Attend tutoring in OMA on Wednesdays from 6pm to 10pm in Alumni Hall room 101.

The University of Dayton offers many resources to help you be successful. However, the only way these resources can be helpful is if you use them. As a college student, you have to be an advocate for your education and facilitate your own learning. Also, Aaron Witherspoon and I are always available to meet with students one on one for assistance.

I wish you a wonderful, productive Spring Semester.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to both Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for receiving local and regional awards honoring the work of their organizations.

## PEERS and Heritage Month Reports

Carlos Stewart, assistant director

#### **PEERS Program**

The PEERS Mentoring Program is excited to begin the 2014 Spring semester right where the Fall semester left off with students taking advantage of resources, both social and academic, and getting involved in opportunities that contribute to their personal growth and development. January's First Friday event, complemented these areas as students heard from Heather Schieman, the Education Abroad Advisor for the Center for International Programs, about wonderful study abroad opportunities for students. Students were also able to connect with each other by playing a game of Pictionary, but with a twist. By participating in this activity, students were shown how there are commonalities that we may find in others that contribute to effective team building. The PEERS program looks forward to a successful semester for all students. The remaining First Friday dates are February 7, March 14, and April 4. Each event will be held in Kettering Laboratories, RM 221 and is from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. If you are interested in being a part of PEERS as either a Mentor or a Mentee, please contact Carlos Stewart via email at cstewart1@udayton.edu.

#### Cultural Heritage Month

Black History Month

The Black History Month Committee is excited to offer a host of educational programming experiences throughout the month of February that both recognize and celebrate the histories and cultures of African Americans. The Black History Month schedule of events can be found on page 11.

#### Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month is a time when the University of Dayton community commemorates the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans both in the U.S. and through global connections. While celebrated nationally in May, U.D. is excited to host a series of rich experiences throughout the month of April. If you are interested in serving on the Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month Committee, please contact Carlos Stewart via email at cstew-

#### **OMA Student Employee Positions**

#### OMA Summer Student Employee and Student Engagement Assistants

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) has three (3) student employment positions available: one (1) OMA Summer Student Employee Position and two (2) OMA Student Engagement Assistant Positions. Additional information regarding the OMA Student Employee Position has been included below. For more information on the OMA Student Engagement Assistant position go to UD's Jobs Website at https://www.jobs.udayton.edu

OMA Summer Student Employee Position: Position Type: Up to 35 hours per week

OMA Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Salary: \$7.95 per hour

Housing: Single Room in campus housing (if needed) Start/End Date: May 5, 2014 through August 28, 2014

Posting Date: February 25, 2014 Closing Date: March 7, 2014

Visit UD's Jobs Website at https://www.jobs.udayton.edu to apply and for additional details. If you have questions regarding the Summer Student Employee position, contact Ms. Sherry Williams at swilliams 1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3634. If you have questions regarding the OMA Student Engagement Assistant position, contact Daria Graham at dgraham 1@udayton.edu or 937-229-3634.

#### Black History Month 2014 ~ Looking Back to Move Forward

Thursday, February 6: Black History Month Celebration Dinner

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the KU Dining Room Sponsored by Dining Services

\*Cost is \$5.00 which includes: I entree, 2 side

Tuesday, February 11: Friends of Africa 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounce

Sponsored by the Center for International Programs, Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Student Government Association and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Wednesday, February 12: Workshop: "Buses, Water Fountains And Lunch Counters: What Do You Know About Jim Crow (And Who Cares In 2014?) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at ArtStreet Studio E Sponsored by the University Libraries and ArtStreet

Friday, February 14: Film: Slavery by Another Name 2 Showings: 11:30 a.m. at the Library FlexSpace & 8:00 p.m. at ArtStreet Studio B

Sponsored by the University Libraries and ArtStreet \*Tuesday, February 18 - 7:00 p.m. ArtStreet Studio B: Facilitated discussion of the film Slavery by Another Name, led by Dr. Verb Washington.

Saturday, February 15: Film: Fruitvale Station 11:00 p.m. at Boll Theater Sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement Monday, February 17: OMA Day Lunch— Celebration of Black History Month 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (Alumni 101)

Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs

Wednesday, February 19: <u>REAL Topics: Does Reverse-</u> Racism Really Exist?

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (Alumni 101)

Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Women's Center

Thursday, February 20: <u>Black History Month Trivia</u> 7:00 p.m. in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (Alumni 101) Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Black Action Through Unity (BATU), and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Friday, February 21: Film: Freedom Riders
2 Showings: 11:30 a.m. at the Library FlexSpace &
8:00 p.m. at ArtStreet Studio B – Books are also
available, to reserve a copy email
cstewartl@udayton.edu

Sponsored by the University Libraries, ArtStreet and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

\*Tuesday, February 25 - 7:00 p.m. Marianist Hall Studio 218: Facilitated discussion of film and book Freedom Riders, led by Dr. Thomas Morgan.

For more information about Black History Month events contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs: at 229-3634 or visit http://oma.udayton.edu Saturday, February 22: Trip to the Freedom Center 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (will leave from the Chapel) Sponsored by Housing and Residence Life's Multicultural Planning Committee (MPC), the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Campus Ministry

\*Tickets on Sale for \$3 at the UD Box Office in KU Beginning Feb. 6

Saturday, February 22: Film: 42: The Jackie Robinson Story

11:00 p.m. at Boll Theater

Sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement

Thursday, February 27: Community Panel – Looking Back to Move Forward 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Sears Recital Hall Sponsored by the University Libraries and the Dayton Africana Elders Council

Friday, February 28: Film—The Loving Story: 2 Showings: 11:30 a.m. at the Library FlexSpace & 8:00 p.m. at ArtStreet Studio B

Sponsored by the University Libraries and ArtStreet \*Tuesday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m. Marianist Hall Studio 218: Facilitated discussion of the film The Loving Story, led by Dr. Patricia Reid.



















#### Additional Events

Thursday, February 27:

Community Panel - Looking Back to Move Forward | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Sears Recital Hall | Sponsored by the University Libraries

Join us as community leaders from the Dayton Africana Elders Council share with us stories and reflections of their work within the community to address social justice and civil rights issues over the years. The panelists will engage in a lively discussion with the audience to identify current social justice struggles in our community, and challenge us to think of ways to build community to achieve positive change. The panel moderator for this discussion will be Kathleen Henderson.

Saturday, March 15:

Trip to the Freedom Center | Leave at 10am from in front of UD Chapel, return by 4pm | Sponsored by Housing and Residence Life's Multicultural Planning Committee (MPC), the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Campus Ministry

Experience the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center with Housing and Residence Life's Multicultural Programming Committee, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Campus Ministry. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is located in Cincinnati, Ohio and has been visited by everyone from Oprah Winfrey to the Dalai Lama! \*FREE\* to sign up!! The price includes transportation, admission and lunch/snacks! Sign Up at the UD Box Office in KU Beginning Feb. 6

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## MLK Week-Review in Pictures

