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Letter from the Director

Congratulations to all UD students for completing another semester! First-year students deserve special recognition for completing their first year at UD – what an accomplishment! We are of course so very proud of all of the graduating seniors!

Congratulations to the graduates for achieving this important milestone. It has been great hearing about the plans of many of our graduates, which includes working and attending graduate school abroad, going to medical school, and beginning a variety of other employment and graduate school opportunities across the United States. Keep us updated on your plans and stay in touch! If you have not solidified your post-graduation plans yet - you will! You may find the advice that I shared at the OMA end of the year recognition dinner helpful: trust yourself and the hard work that you have done as well as God. The University offers a variety of resources that you can use now and as alumni, including Career Services.

Thank you to our faculty and staff partners for making UD a better place because of your efforts - inside and outside of the classroom. This edition of OHANA includes just a few faculty and staff acknowledgements. Thanks to all of you who have given of your time and talents to support the success of students!

The OMA staff and I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and productive summer. It is important to take time to reflect on this past year as well as the upcoming academic year. Reflecting on the past provides valuable learning opportunities. Each day gives us a new opportunity so try not to get overwhelmed by the past. Celebrate your small and large achievements! In addition, reflect on any challenges and what you hope to do differently. The OMA staff and other campus resources can assist you in identifying and achieving your goals.

If you are on or near campus this summer, please stop by. You can also stay connected to OMA via email, Facebook, and Twitter!

Take care,

Patty Alvarez, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Multicultural Affairs



Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs

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

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. In August 2013, Mr. Destry Fallen '86 established an endowed scholarship in recognition of his wife, Mona Guerrier Fallen, who passed away in 2013 at the age of 47.

Mona Guerrier Fallen's legacy will be felt through this scholarship and all of the scholarship recipients. We deeply appreciate the generosity of Destry Fallen and all of the individuals who have contributed to the scholarship. The application deadline is May 7, 2014 at 11:59pm.

Mona Guerrier Fallen received a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from the University of Dayton. As a way to supplement her educational costs, Mrs. Guerrier Fallen worked for the Department of English, served as a Resident Assistant and was a grant writer for University Advancement. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati in 1996. Mrs. Guerrier Fallen served as an Assistant United States Attorney for over 13 years. Her husband, Destry Fallen, established the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs to honor Mona Guerrier Fallen's commitments to the University of Dayton and educational opportunities, as well as to remember his wife's positive and enthusiastic approach to life.

One (1) student will be selected to receive an endowed scholarship for approximately one thousand and two hundred dollars (\$1200) for the 2014-2015 academic year.

GUIDELINES

Award consideration, as outlined by the donor, will be given to an undergraduate student who meets the following criteria:

1. Recipient must have financial need.
2. Additional consideration should be given to first-generation college students. However, undergraduate students with financial need will remain the first priority.
3. Awards will be made by the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) at the University, in consultation with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, to a recipient who identifies with one of the primary populations served by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. These populations include Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino/a, Asian American, Native American or Multiracial students.
4. The fund is to be used only for student financial aid, e.g., tuition, room and board, books, and study abroad opportunities.

Undergraduate student applicants must:

- Possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- Be in good non-academic standing with the University.
- Submit all application materials by Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 11:59p.m.
- Have a record of leadership and service on campus.
- Reflect the Marianist value of commitment to community through involvement in diverse campus communities.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact:

Office of Multicultural Affairs
 Phone: 937.229.3634
 Email: oma@udayton.edu

For additional information regarding the scholarship requirements and to complete the application, please visit http://www.udayton.edu/studev/oma/academics/mona_guerrier_fallen_scholarship.php

Please submit the application materials online by Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 11:59p.m.



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OMA Student Engagement Assistants



Yvette Cabrera
Student Engagement
Assistant

Hello! I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the OMA events throughout the year! Because of all of you the events were a total success. I have been working with OMA's Student Spotlight bulletin board this year and it was great seeing such diverse nominations for the board. For next year, continue to keep people in mind to be spotlighted and let me know who you feel should be featured!

Again, thank you everyone for this amazing year. I hope you all have a great summer break and I'll be seeing you all next semester with new and exciting events!

Sincerely,
Yvette



Candace Madry
Student Engagement
Assistant

Hello my fellow peers,

I pray that everyone's semester has been awesome. For the first year students, congratulations for making it through your first year. To the sophomores and juniors, keep pushing on because you are almost at the finish line. It will come faster than you think. And last but not least, to the seniors, we have come to the end of the road. Study tables are being held in the student lounge of OMA Sunday, April 27 until Thursday, May 1, 2014. Kindred President organizations will host the study tables so you all can meet and greet with them. There will be food provided each night sponsored by the OMA. There will also be Finals Week Care Packages that can be picked up Monday, April 28 in Alumni Hall 108. I hope everyone's semester is going well and stay confident as we tackle this final week!

Sincerely,
Candace



Miracle Reason
Student Engage-
ment Assistant

Hi peers!

Thank you for making this an incredible year! It has been a humbling experience this first year as a SEA. I have been challenged to plan and implement REAL Topics and various other events sponsored by OMA; this has significantly contributed to my growth as an individual. I hope you have enjoyed the events, discussions, food, support and conversations experienced in OMA this year. Remember this office is here for YOU, so your ideas, feedback and support matter! If there are any events, topics for discussion, or other areas of support you would like to receive from the office let us know. I wish you bountiful blessings as you finish the year and can't wait to see you in the fall (unless you're graduating- in which I hope you move somewhere nice, so I can visit!) So finish strong-in other words, make those finals, don't let them make you!

Yours truly,
Miracle



Jerami Johnson
Student Engagement
Assistant

Greetings,

I hope all is well with you all. It has been a great year to be a flyer at The University of Dayton. Thank you to everyone for supporting the programs this year, especially those who attended the OMA Retreat and Brother 2 Brother. To all first year students, congratulations on completing your first year! Also to all graduating Seniors, you all will be greatly missed, thanks for a fantastic four or so years, and good luck on all of your post-graduation endeavors!!!

Sincerely,
Jerami

GO TO [HTTP://OMA.UDAYTON.EDU](http://oma.udayton.edu) FOR MORE INFORMATION

Letter from the Editor

Kwynn Townsend Riley, sophomore, editor

Erma Bombeck once said “Time is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it. You never lose time, because you always gain memories.” One year down, many more to go! The year 2014 has been filled with many memories for first years and for our graduating flyers. One prominent memory is our basketball team going to the ELITE 8 for the NCAA basketball competition! Being able to celebrate such a triumph is something that I will never forget. There have been several events that the Office of Multicultural Affairs has hosted that I will always remember. Events such as the MLK and Black History Month events, PEERS, and Everyone Matters Day. Moreover, there are first year students that I am so happy I was able to spend time with. (Especially my mentee and now friend Sydney Thomas!) As this year comes to a close, our memories continue to live on. Being the editor has helped me humble my perspective and truly hear the voice of our Office of Multicultural community. It is a very beautiful, diverse, multifaceted voice. Congratulations to all of you beginning your lives at the University of Dayton, and in society. I wish you the best of luck!



CONGRATULATIONS
to
Dr. Garry Crossson
and
Dr. Kenya Crossson
who were recently approved for tenure

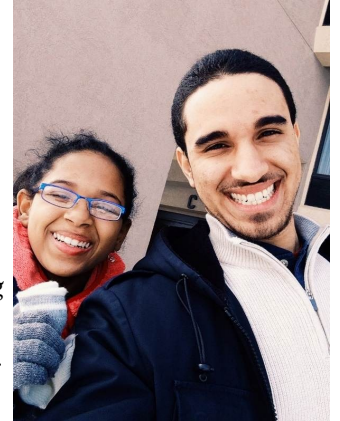
OHANA Staff Writers

The OHANA newsletter is looking for talented young writers to join the team for the 2014-15 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 2014-15 school year, please contact Daria Graham at dgraham1@udayton.edu.

Near Peer Update: Matthew Cotton

Matthew Cotton, 2013 graduate

For all of my college career, I have been volunteering outside of classes by focusing time and energy on learning how to work in a community in a process of education that seeks to raise capacity within its inhabitants to render meaningful service to society, through a program organized by the local members of the Baha'i community. The work basically entails getting to know the inhabitants of a community, likely the one you live in, through conversations around how to contribute to the betterment of the world. After acquiring a shared understanding with an initial group of friends wanting to commit to aiding the material and spiritual development of their surroundings, we then, as a group advancing on equal footing, explore the application of spiritual teachings to our individual and collective lives, through engaging in acts of service that assist us develop the qualities in ourselves that we are laboring to help society and its structures manifest. Progressively over time, more and more members of the community find their way to walk a path of service with others together, creating a vibrant and flourishing community that reflects that which we all hold dear to our hearts in hopes that it becomes more and more the reality, principles of oneness, justice, and equity.



This work is happening in communities in virtually every corner of the globe enabling people and communities of varied backgrounds to take charge of their own spiritual, social and intellectual development. Since graduating from the University of Dayton in December 2013, I have committed to offering a period of full-time service to helping accompany groups of individuals engaged in local efforts such as described above in communities across Indiana and Ohio, after which I plan to continue my graduate studies.

OMA Faculty Fellows Program

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

As part of OMA's vision of fostering a diverse community of scholars achieving excellence, we would like to introduce the OMA Faculty Fellows Program. We are seeking willing faculty members to engage with students in facilitation of an already scheduled OMA event, or one of your own creation. Our vision is that students from across all disciplines will be able to engage with a faculty member outside of the classroom. Below are just a few ideas:

- Select a current OMA program to facilitate during Fall 2014/ Spring 2015 semester involving OMA students/staff.
- Create/Coordinate a Service - Learning project working with OMA S.E.A.'s or Lead Mentors to be completed during the Spring 2015 Semester
- Create/Coordinate a research project
- Simply meet with students over a meal/s!

OMA will be able to provide resources for faculty who are interested. Interested faculty and students please contact Aaron Witherspoon at awitherspoon1@udayton.edu.



OMA WORKSHOPS: PARTNERS IN THE CLASSROOM

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OMA Workshops: Partners in the Classroom is a program designed to assist students in increasing their cultural knowledge of themselves and others, to enhance their leadership skills, and/or to create an atmosphere where students can feel comfortable engaging in critical dialogue. Please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs to learn more or to request an OMA Workshop: **937-229-3634** or visit our website: oma.udayton.edu.

WORKSHOP OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- CREATING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
- GAINING POWER THROUGH UNDERSTANDING CULTURE
- ME, MYSELF, AND OTHERS

Additional workshops available upon request.

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STATEMENT OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

The division of student development recognizes the educational benefits of diversity for students, faculty and staff. We are committed to engaging in reflection, dialogue and experiences that both challenge and affirm multiple perspectives. Our Marianist charism calls us to value the dignity of every person and to advocate for social justice.

PEERS and Heritage Month Reports

Carlos Stewart, assistant director

PEERS

It was a wonderful Spring semester for the PEERS Mentoring Program. The programs include offering resource sessions through the First Friday programs, great 1 to 1 connections between our mentors and mentees, and academic support through OMA and MEP study tables. Congratulations to all of the First Year students for completing their first year of college and to the upperclassmen for taking one step closer toward graduation.

Looking forward, the PEERS mentor program calls for energetic, enthusiastic and motivated students who have completed their first year of study at UD who will serve as mentors to first-year students. If you would like more information and/or would like to sign up, please contact Carlos Stewart at cstewart1@udayton.edu.



Participants of the PEERS mentoring program *will*:

- have access to a community of support and resources during key stages of their academic career.
- receive support that aids in their personal and leadership development.
- develop a greater sense of belonging to UD by engaging in the PEERS community.
- be exposed to diverse perspectives and experiences that affirms their cultural identity.

Cultural Heritage Month

The University of Dayton and the Office of Multicultural Affairs was pleased to provide educational programming opportunities during the month of April in celebration of Asian and Pacific American Heritage. Events like the Sushi Making Demonstration, the film screening for *Among Bboys* followed by a discussion and the OMA Day lunch in celebration of Asian and Pacific American Heritage, solidified this month as one to remember. OMA would like to thank all of the collaborators that mad the month a success.



OMA is in the process of coordinating events for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and are looking for enthusiastic UD community members to assist in the planning and implementation of the programming opportunities associated with the recognition period. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Carlos Stewart at cstewart1@udayton.edu.

The Office Multicultural Affairs is committed to recognizing the histories, cultures, experiences, and contributions of diverse populations. Through events and cultural heritage month programming, OMA supports the University of Dayton's academic mission by providing educational opportunities that assist students in exploring new experiences while also enhancing their understanding of their cultural identity. In collaboration with faculty, staff, students, and the Dayton community, OMA seeks to provide thought-provoking co-curricular programming that supports the personal development of all students, while also influencing the campus climate.

**Date: 04/27/2014 —
5/01/2014**

Beginning Time: 8:00PM

Finals Week Study Tables

Sunday
El Orgullo Latino
and
Society of Hispanic
Engineers

Monday
Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, Inc.
and
Black Action
Through Unity

Tuesday
Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc. and
National Society of Black
Engineers

Wednesday
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Thursday
Alpha Kappa
Alpha
Sorority, Inc.

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SPECIAL THANKS

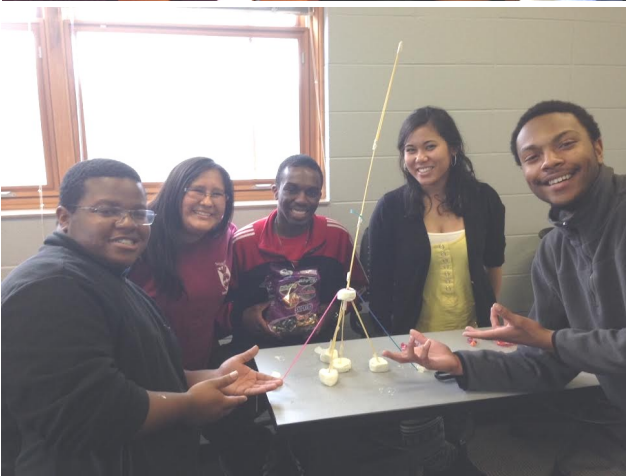
The Office of Multicultural Affairs would like to thank the workshop session leaders for the 2014 Colors of Leadership Conference held on Saturday, March 1. With their support and the support of other volunteers, the conference was a great success. See <http://oma.udayton.edu> for more information about the annual conference.

Eric Brown
Justen Cox
Rev. Dr. LaKendra Hardware
Brian LaDuca
Christian Lozano
Jimmy McLeod

Dr. Leslie Picca
Dr. Ruth Thompson-Miller
Kernysha Rowe
Carla Scott
Jasmine Whitlow

PEERS in Action

Below are highlights from the First Friday Meeting for PEERS in April. See page 8 or go to <http://oma.udayton.edu> for more information on P.E.E.R.S.



End of the Year Celebration

On Tuesday, April 22, 2014, the Office of Multicultural Affairs held its annual End of the Year Celebration. The dinner was a time for students, faculty, and staff to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of students for the year. Below are some of the images captured during the dinner. Congratulations to all of the students for completing their 2013-2014 year and all of the 2014 graduates.



OMA Proclamations

Congratulations to Dr. Verb Washington and Dr. Mary Anne Angel who were awarded an Office of Multicultural Affairs Proclamation. OMA Proclamations are presented to an individual or group who has shown significant support of students, programs, and the mission of OMA.



Dr. Mary Anne Angel and
Dr. Patty Alvarez

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has been a consistent advocate, inside and outside of the classroom, for Native American Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has contributed to the personal and professional development of students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has coordinated a variety of events, including service opportunities, lectures, and performances at the University of Dayton that have included a focus on Native American history, culture, religion and spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has collaborated with diverse campus and community partners to further understanding of Native American culture and issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has been the heart and soul of Native American programming on campus for over 12 years, particularly through the coordination of the Native Peoples of the Americas Colloquium; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Anne Angel has supported the programming and staff of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Dayton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, do hereby express our appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Mary Anne Angel. We celebrate you and your work and extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions, both seen and unseen.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington acts as a valued advocate for University of Dayton students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington has supported OMA and campus programming by providing expertise in many areas, including African-American history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington has served as a formal and informal faculty mentor to students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington has advocated for the underrepresented and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington has worked as a representative of the university in efforts to increase diversity on our campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verb Washington has supported the endeavors and staff of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Dayton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, do hereby express our appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Verb Washington. We celebrate your work and extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions, both seen and unseen.