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Letter from the Director

On behalf of the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), I would like to extend a very special welcome to any new students, faculty, and staff! Welcome back to returning students, faculty, and staff! I hope that your semester is going well!

UD welcomed the largest first-year class in the University's history in Fall 2014. The first-year class is also one of the most academically prepared and diverse. We have enjoyed meeting many of the new students and their family members! I always like to share with students that they will have the opportunity to become a part of many communities at UD. We hope that you choose to become a part of the OMA community and family! We look forward to connecting you with a variety of resources and opportunities, and accompanying you on your journey towards graduation.

We hope to see you at an upcoming event! Please visit http://oma.udayton.edu or the events calendar in OrgSync (www.orgsync.com) to learn about upcoming events! We hope you will participate in many of the following co-curricular programs

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(which are often offered in partnership with departments and student organizations): Hispanic Heritage Month,
Change Agents, OMA Retreat, Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister, Real Topics, Native American Heritage Month,
Native Peoples of the Americas Colloquium, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Programming, Black History Month,
Colors of Leadership Conference, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and many others! Stop by OMA,
located on the first floor of Alumni Hall, to say hi and connect with some of the staff, students, and faculty who are
a part of the OMA community!

Here are a few opportunities and resources for students, faculty, and staff:

All Students - Pick up an OMA student planner from Alumni Hall 112 to help you stay organized, attend weekly study tables on Wednesday evenings - faculty and tutoring support are often available from 6-7pm, first-year students should sign up for the P.E.E.R.S. mentoring program to receive a continuing student mentor -- continuing students can sign-up to be a mentor, and participate in the faculty/staff and student mentor program. Borrow a textbook from the OMA book exchange library, which was created from Alumni gifts. Consider submitting an OMA academic engagement grant if you have a program idea that promotes faculty and staff engagement with students outside of the classroom.

Faculty & Staff – offer your expertise to facilitate a future event, become a faculty or staff mentor, collaborate on a co-curricular program idea, conduct office hours in OMA, request a Partners in the Classroom workshop, or contact an OMA staff member if we can be of assistance in supporting you or one of your students.

Everyone – OMA is transitioning its student listserv to OrgSync, a software program that was recently adopted by the Center for Student Involvement. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to "join" the OMA listserv to stay updated regarding OMA events. Visit www.orgsync.com and select the University of Dayton when you sign up.

The OMA staff members look forward to serving as a resource to students and being a valuable campus partner. Please stop by OMA or contact us if we can be of assistance:

Patty Alvarez, Assistant Dean of Students/Director Vacant, Associate Director Carlos Stewart, Assistant Director Aaron Witherspoon, Academic Success Specialist - College of Arts and Sciences Ieesha Ramsey, Academic Success Specialist - School of Business Administration Sherry Williams, Administrative Assistant

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You may notice that the OMA Associate Director position is vacant. After serving almost six years as the OMA Associate Director, Daria Graham accepted the Director of Leadership Programs position within the Division of Student Development. We appreciate all of Daria's contributions to the OMA community and wish her the very best in this new position! See page 11 for a special thank you page to Daria!

We hope to see you in OMA or at an upcoming event!



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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 two 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.

Five students were recognized in Spring 2014 as the inaugural Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship recipients. The following two students will each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,038 for the 2014-2015 academic year:

		Year	Major	Hometown
Chanelle	Brown	Senior	Nutrition/Fitness/Psychology	Cleveland, OH
Taylor	Ruffin	Junior	International Business/Marketing	Indianapolis, IN

OMA was also able to award five additional students with scholarships of varying amounts due to the continued generosity of alumni and donors. Book assistance was also offered to an additional 20 students during the Fall 2014 semester as a result of the OMA Book Exchange Library.

		Year	Major	Hometown
		Tear	Major	Hometown
Cristian	Mantilla	Sophomore	Biology	Bayamon, PR
Rafeal	Margardia	Sophomore	Mechanical Engineering	Guaynabo, PR
Sadari	Phillips	Junior	Pre-Medicine	Dayton, OH
			Medicinal Pharmaceutical	
Caitlyn	Rice	Junior	Chemistry	Macedonia, OH
Shaquille	Tensley	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	Visalia, CA

The generosity of Mr. Destry Fallen and all of the individuals who contributed to these scholarships is very much appreciated. Words may never accurately express the difference that you are making in the lives of students. You are helping students achieve their goal of graduating from UD! A call for applications for the 2015-2016 academic year will be sent to students in the Spring semester.

Congratulations to the students! THANK YOU to all of the donors for your support of students!

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 Gifts can be made to The Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at http://www.udayton.edu/alu mni/give/









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OMA Student Engagement Assistants



My name is Yvette Cabrera and I am one of the Student Engagement Assistants for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Enrollment Management. I am 21 years old from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. I am also a senior with a double major in marketing and international business. This past summer I had the opportunity to do an internship back home with Coty, Inc.; a company that distributes beauty and personal care products. This experience was great and I learned so much about working in the real world. This year I will be in charge of the Student Recognition events and the annual OMA Retreat. In the OMA Lounge, we have an erase board where students can thank anyone on campus that has impacted/been kind to them. This initiative has been a great success! There is also a Student Spotlight board in the office hallway. If any of you want to nominate someone to be featured on this board, email me at cabreray1@udayton.edu or write their names on the sign-up sheet posted in the hallway. The OMA Retreat will be Friday, November 21 through Saturday, November 22 at Athletes in Action located in Xenia, OH. If anyone has any questions about registration for the retreat or general questions, feel free to ask me or Tiara Jackson. Remember that Hispanic Heritage Month has begun so make sure to participate in the events!

Hello!

My name is Miracle Reason and I am a senior accounting major. This year is my second year as a Student Engagement Assistant (SEA). As a SEA, my major responsibility is to plan a forum called REAL Topics. REAL topics serves as a safe space for UD students, faculty and staff to come together and discuss controversial topics. In September I held my first REAL Topics: "Is College Overrated?" to discuss success and whether college was necessary to achieve our goals. In October I will be hosting my second REAL Topics: "Deportation-Socially Unjust or Lawful Action?" in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. I thank all of you who continue to support REAL Topics and hope to see you at the future events!





I'm a third year business major with a minor in human rights studies. I'm happy to be working closely with students this year as a first time Student Engagement Assistant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA). This year, I am co-chair of the OMA Retreat which I hope you all will register for. The retreat is a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and learn new things about themselves. Registration for the retreat opens October 27 and the retreat is held on November 21-22. In addition, I also plan monthly Sister-to-Sister events, where female students can come and discuss different topics such as self-image, relationships, women in the career field, and women's issues. I'm also responsible for posting events on OMA's social media. If you would like to know more about our events I would encourage you to get connected with us. You can find us on Instagram @UDS_OMA, follow us on Twitter @UDsOMA, join our group on Facebook at OMA (Office of Multicultural Affairs), and sign up for text alerts by texting @mrsmult to (740) 929-6999. The Office of Multicultural Affairs is a great way for domestic multicultural students to feel a part of the University of Dayton community. I look forward to meeting you all at an event!

Hello!

My name is Devin Mallett and I am a second year mechanical engineering major. This is my first year as a Student Engagement Assistant (SEA). One of my roles as an SEA is being the co-chair of the Colors of Leadership Conference. The purpose of the conference is to motivate college students to achieve their leadership potential. The conference will be in late April, so keep an eye out for it! Another one of my responsibilities as an SEA is Brother 2 Brother (B2B). B2B is a session where men on campus come together to talk about different topics happening in the world and on campus. The next one will be in late October, so be prepared to come for great discussion!



Devin Mallet
Student Engagement

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Editor's Note/Carta del Editor

Kwynn Townsend Riley, junior, editor

The great Maya Angelou once said, "I believe the most important single thing, beyond discipline and creativity, is daring to dare." So, here is your chance. As a first year, or as a returning student, dare yourself to be daring. College is the chance you have been waiting for! You can become a member of new organizations, try new foods and even get to know new friends. The majority of these opportunities you can find on our campus as well as in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA). OMA has plenty to offer: PEERS First Fridays, REAL Topics, Sister-to-Sister and Brother-to-Brother. OMA hosts many student organizations such as SHPE, NSBE, W.O.R.D, BATU and a poetry organization called UKURI. With the Culture Fest, Hispanic Heritage Month and OMA Days, you can always expect some sort of food waiting for you on the first floor of Alumni Hall. There is always something new and exciting for



you to be a part of here at the University of Dayton. All that is required of you is to do it. In this issue, we will highlight some past successful events as well as spotlight upcoming events for you to be apart of. I encourage you to try! There is a time and place for everything....it is called college.

Cristina Santiago, junior, editior

El año pasado en mis laboratorios de química siempre era la última en salir. No era por ninguna razón específica simplemente siempre me encontraba siendo la última aunque fuese por un segundo. El profesor de laboratorio, ya un hombre mayor, se sabía mi nombre ya que al tardarme más le montaba conversación.

Un día me senté con él y me pregunta ¿No te molesta ser la última? Y le respondí que no.

Nunca he sido una persona muy competitiva en ningún aspecto de mi vida. Le dije que soy como la tortuga en la competencia contra el conejo. Llegaré última y no tendré a lo mejor los privilegios que tendrá el conejo (cual en este caso sería llegar a mi cuarto más temprano) pero me disfruto el camino. Mirando las montañas, durmiendo un rato, o conociendo más personas hace que la competencia sea única.

Comparto esto porque últimamente me he encontrado con apuro. Si acaso es el stress, los 'deadlines', o simplemente buscando a ver como voy hacer todo lo que quiero hacer en mi vida (por lo cual mis padres ya perdieron la cuenta de lo que quiero hacer aparte de sanar personas). El apuro no me ha dejado ver las cosas a mi alrededor.

También, me he dado cuenta que muchas veces quiero ir por cierto camino pero por alguna razón termino en otra. Obviamente, como muchos, quiero tener control. El problema es que las tortugas como yo nos metemos en nuestro caparazón y el viento, la marea, o otros animales nos empujan para otro camino. Perdido en este camino nuevo, empiezas a dudar porque deberías estar allí pero como buena tortuga sigues caminando.

Pienso que deberíamos ser todos como una tortuga. La tortuga entiende donde tiene que ir y esta abierto a cambios en el camino. La tortuga sabe que no es quien quiere llegar primero a la meta o quien gana más premios, es quienes se disfrutan la competencia.

Mi blog es como una excusa de ser como la tortuga. Marcando triunfos y batallas perdidas. ¿Y tú? ¿Cómo llegas a ser una tortuga?

Interesantemente, después de un año, me encontré el profesor y me preguntó ¿Cristina, cómo te va la competencia?

Y le respondí

- A paso lento pero seguro.

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OMA's Graduate Assistant Corner

Greetings!

My name is Christian Lozano and I serve as the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA). This is my second year working with OMA and I look forward to this upcoming academic year!

Upon my arrival from summer break I became heavily involved in the planning and preparation of AYIL, a leadership academy that strives to strengthen the leadership of our multicultural student body at the University of Dayton. During AYIL, students participated in a series of activities that helped define leadership and their leadership devel-



opment. AYIL student leaders also helped serve as direct resources to incoming first year multicultural students during Transitions. In addition to AYIL, I also get to serve as the adviser and convener of Kindred Presidents (KP). KP is a group of multicultural student leaders who meet monthly to discuss leadership initiatives and current issues within their organizations.

Lastly, I look forward to working with the MLK Celebration Planning Committee to plan our events for UD's MLK Celebration. This year we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary since MLK spoke on our campus in November and continue the celebration in January.

This year marks my last year as the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and I want to ensure that I make this my best year yet! If I can ever be a resource to anyone on campus please find me in OMA Office room number 105.

Academic Success Corner

Welcome Back! To our first-year students, welcome!

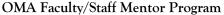
Hopefully you have had a great start to the new semester, and have already made progress towards your goals! For our returning students, the new semester brings with it a chance to build on achievements you have already had as well as setting new goals for the year. For our first year students – this is a time of excitement and anxiety. Remember that building a strong academic foundation and a strong support network of peers and faculty/staff will be key in your success as a student! Below are some initiatives for the school year. Feel free to contact the point person for each program!

NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: OMA Faculty Fellows Program

As part of OMA's vision of fostering a diverse community of scholars achieving excellence, the OMA Faculty Fellows Program seeks faculty members to engage with students in either a guided research project or the facilitation of an already scheduled OMA event or one of your own creations. Our vision is that students across disciplines will be able to engage with faculty outside the classroom in meaningful conversations, scholarship, research or other

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activities. Interested students or faculty can contact Aaron Witherspoon at awitherspoon1@udayton.edu.



Are you interested in gaining a new member of your support network? Consider joining the OMA Faculty/Staff – Student Mentor Program. You will be paired with a faculty or staff member who will be there to provide support throughout your experience at UD. Interested students should contact Ieesha Ramsey at iramsey1@udayton.edu

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Designed from the Intergroup Dialogue model at the University of Michigan, the Change Agents series will be an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to participate in critical dialogue around difference and social justice. The facilitators of this Brown Bag series will conduct an ice breaker, team builder, and a dialogic experience per session, and conclude with training participants on how to conduct the sessions in other settings.

Additional opportunities and resources will be available to those who participate in all CHANGE AGENTS sessions.

Questions?:Contact theOffice of Multicultural Affairs at 937-229-3634 or oma@udayton.edu

Sponsors: Office of Multicultural Affairs, Student Leadership Programs, Housing & Residence Life, Fitz Center

PEERS Mentoring Program

Carlos Stewart, assistant director

The P.E.E.R.S. (Program to Engage and Exchange Resources for Students) mentor program is dedicated to engaging and empowering first-year students to successfully navigate the college experience. The program is designed to give multicultural students a way to create and maintain meaningful relationships with peers and build a connection to the greater UD community. The PEERS program helps to foster an inclusive environment that is rewarding for mentors and mentees.

While students learn and grow together, they become active partners in shared learning experiences through programs and relationships. Mentors and mentees will receive personal, social, cultural and academic support that will aid in the retention and persistence towards graduation from UD. 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.

"Mentoring relationships are mutual ones in which both partners in the relationship have a commitment to shared learning through the relationship" (Liddell, Cooper, Healy, & Lazarus Stewart, 2010).

The mentor/mentee relationship is a valuable and reciprocal relationship in which both parties gain skills and grow.

Benefits of becoming a mentor include:

Increased self-esteem and confidence when expressing self and providing leadership

- Satisfaction of helping a student reach their academic and professional goals
- Recognition from OMA for participation in a leadership-related activity
- An expanded network of colleagues within the mentor cohort
- Recognition for service to the community
- Increased self-esteem and self- confidence and affirmation of leadership competence
- Learning new methods for effective communication
- Specialized training

Benefits of becoming a mentee include:

- A broader view of their UD experience
- Camaraderie and better opportunity to feel a sense of belonging
- Access to a support system during critical stages of their academic and leadership development
- Clearer understanding and enhancement of academic and co-curricular plans
- Exposure to diverse perspectives and experiences
- Direct access to powerful resources within their major and areas of interest
- Increased self-esteem and confidence when encountering new people and situations that come with the college experience





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PEERS Mentoring Program (continued from page 8)

Mentors...

A mentor is a trusted student who helps facilitate a student's transition into college and the UD community. The mentor supports the mentee through providing advice, resources, caring, and sharing of their own personal experience. A positive mentor is one who challenges, is objective, follows through, celebrates mentee successes, inspires loyalty and institutional attachment, reassures, is optimistic, courageous, supportive, perceptive, and empowers.

Mentees...

OMA is seeking first-year students who are enthusiastic and are dedicated to ensuring they are successful as they navigate the college experience. We are asking that students take the first step in investing in their college career.

If you are interested in being either a mentee or a mentor, 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.

Puerto Rican Student Meet and Greet





Friday, November 21 – Saturday, November 22, 2014

Athletes In Action Retreat Center

Xenia, OH

GO TO HTTP://OMA.UDAYTON.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION

Thank You Daria Graham!

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) would like to thank Daria Graham for serving as an Associate Director in OMA for almost six years. On September 2, Daria began a new role at the University of Dayton as the Director of Student Leadership Programs within the Division of Student Development. Daria will assist the campus in advancing important student leadership goals.

Daria has worked at UD for almost 16 years. During this time, she has made many contributions to the OMA and

UD community. Daria has supported many students, partnered with faculty and staff, and helped to foster alumni engagement. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her the very best in this new role. Best wishes, and



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- 2. Select UD
- 3. Select OMA



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OMA (Office of Multicultural Affairs)

Late Night Programming on Campus

#UDLATENIGHT AUGUST

24 CAB: Headphone Dance Party 9:30pm KU Field

SEPTEMBER

4 Beer Goggle Obstacle Course
4:00pm KU Field

KU Soth Birthday 60's Bance Party 9:00pm KU Field

13 New Release: Divergent 11:00pm Boll Theatre

20₂₁ Family Weekend

20 New Release: Maleficent 11:00pm Boll Theatre

OCTOBER

ArtStreet Film: Dead Man Walking 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio 8

17 ArtStreet Film: Dead Man Walking 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio 8

18 New Release: Edge of Tomorrow 11:00pm KU 331

NOVEMBER

CAB: 'Be the DJ' Masterclass 8:00pm RecPlex

CAB: 'Light it Up' Glow Dance Party 10:00pm RecPlex

New Release: Lucy 11:00pm KU Ballroom

7 ArtStreet Film: The Business of Fancydancing 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio B

7 CAB: The Hunger Games: Archery 10:00pm RecPlex

DECEMBER

3 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio B

26 ArtStreet Film: Reel Injun 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio B

26 CA8: Mega Game Night 10:00pm the Hangar

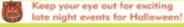
27 New Release: Amazing Spiderman 2 11:00pm Boll Theatre

28 Intercultural Talent Show 7:00pm Boll Theatre

24 ArtStreet Film: Smoke Signals 8:00pm ArtStreet Studio B

25 New Release: Deliver Us From Evil 11:00pm KU 331

31 CAB: Hounted ArtStreet 10:00pm ArtStreet



8 New Release: Guardians of the Galaxy 11:00pm Boll Theatre

14 Campus Rec: Battleship/Aqualympics 9:00pm RecPlex

15 New Release: Tammy 11:00pm KU Ballroom

22 New Release: Guardians of the Galaxy 11:00pm KU Ballroom

Frequent Flyer

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Weekly Events

Thursday Night Live
8pm at ArtStreet Cafe
Free Bowling & Billiards
Every Friday and Saturday
10-close in the Hangar

New Release Movies Every Saturday 11pm in Kennedy Union

ArtStreet Café is Open Late... 'til 2am every Saturday!

Submit Your Idea

Do you have an idea for a great late night event? Contact the Center for Student Involvement today! 937-229-3333

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