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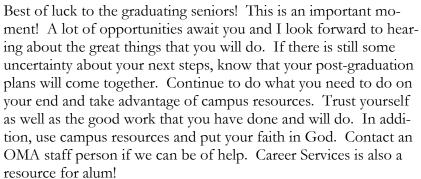
# OHANA



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## **Letter from the Director**

Congratulations on completing another semester – for some, their first year at UD, and for others, their last semester as undergraduate students!





Continuing students, take advantage of the summer to reflect on this past year. Reflect on what you want to continue doing, stop doing, or start doing. Take some time this summer to think about any goals that you want to accomplish during the next academic year. Do you want to study abroad? Work on campus? Find scholarship opportunities? Get involved in a student organization? This summer would be a good time to think about and begin working on goals that you have for 2015-2016!

Thank you to our faculty and staff partners for the support that you continue to provide students - inside and outside of the classroom. This edition of OHANA acknowledges two special individuals who received OMA Proclamations at the OMA recognition dinner: Dr. Kim Trick and Kathleen Henderson. Thank you for being great people and campus partners! Faculty and staff, please contact us over the summer if we can be of assistance and/or if you want to collaborate on an initiative in 2015-2016.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and productive summer. If you are on or near campus this summer, please stop by.

Take care,

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

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# **OMA Student Engagement Assistants**



Hello everyone! I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the OMA events throughout the year especially the SEA planned events! Because of all of you the events were a total success. I want to say I had a great time being an SEA these past 3 years and I loved every minute of it. I am going to miss all of the OMA staff and the students who are always hanging out in the Lounge. Without you all my time at UD wouldn't have been the same. I love you all and I hope to see you all soon! Con mucho amor, Yvette Cabrera



Hi friends! This has been an incredible year! It has been a very humbling experience working as an SEA for the past two years. 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

nothing but the best as you go forth to do great things in the future! To all of my graduating seniors, WE DID IT; I'm so proud of us all and pray we stay connected and go on to do great things in the world. So finish the year strong-in other words, make those finals, don't let them make you! Yours truly, Miracle Reason



My name is Tiara Jackson, and I am one of the Student Engagement Assistants in The Office of Multicultural Affairs. I lead Sister to Sister (STS) which is a monthly program that caters to female students. In March, STS collaborated with Women of Remarkable Distinction (WORD), a service club on campus whose mission is to reach, touch, and change every woman, to host an event for Women's History Month. Students gathered to discuss achieving their career goals. The purpose of this event was for students to listen to staff and faculty experiences as well as rethink and define

their definition of success. STS held another event in April to reflect on the school year.



I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the 20th Annual Colors of Leadership Conference. It was a great success and I hope that everyone learned something new. The workshop presenters were amazing, providing very practical tools for leadership-Thank You all. I would also like to thank the COLC committee members! They worked hard for two semesters and sacrificed their Thursday nights for a great cause. Yours in service, Devin Mallett

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# Editor's Note/Carta del Editor

Kwynn Townsend Riley, junior



"Nothing builds self-esteem and self-confidence than accomplishment"- Loretta Lynch. Soror Loretta Lynch is the first African American woman to be the U.S. Attorney General, and she is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Change always is a great thing to reflect on, change has been the year of 2015. As I reflect on March and April, I think about the graduating class of 2015 and the first year class of 2018. The Class of 2015 has a special place in my heart; many of them were my first friends on campus, mentors, Sorors, brothers and sisters. This campus is not going to be the same without these dynamic individuals. Fortunately, I always attend the End of the Year ceremony for the graduating class by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Not only is it the best time to take a personal photo, but to be surrounded by the

family one more time. It was beautiful to see this class touch so many hearts of the 2018 class in such a short amount of time. It just goes to show how quickly the community can be spread at the University of Dayton and their campus. March and April had wonderful events, the end of the year PEERS program, Women's History Month collaborations and plenty of FREE food! Do not forget to get your finals care package! I hope you enjoy this issue. Thanks!

## <u>Upcoming Opportunities To Get involved with OMA in Fall 2015:</u>

The **OHANA** newsletter is looking for talented young writers to join the team for the 2015-16 academic year. If you enjoy writing about multicultural related topics 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 2015-16 school year, please contact Merida Allen at mallen2@udayton.edu

## Thursday, August 20, 2015

**AYIL Leadership Academy** {9:00 a.m.–Noon} \*The mission of the AYIL Leadership Academy is to empower and equip students from multicultural backgrounds to be effective leaders in the University of Dayton community and beyond through the implementation of our Marianist values.

## PEERS Mentor Training {1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.}

\*\*Registration required. All Kindred Presidents and PEERS members were emailed a link to register. All other interested student leaders, please contact Merida or Carlos for registration information.

Thurs. & Fri., August 20-21, 2015

**Transitions** \*for First Year Students

## **Additional Fall Leadership Opportunities**

#### **Diversity Peer Educators**

OMA is seeking students who are interested in completing a semester of diversity training in preparation of facilitating programs for student groups. Diversity Peer Educators (DPE) will actively encourage constructive dialogue and promotion of diversity, inclusion and social justice on campus. This program is aligned with UD's mission and commitment to community, inclusion and diversity. If you would like more information or to sign up for the training, contact Merida Allen at mallen2@udayton.edu.

#### **Multicultural Programming Council**

Are you interested in multicultural programming? If so, we encourage you to become a member of the Multicultural Programming Council (MPC). The MPC will assist the Assistant Director for OMA in furthering the OMA mission of providing engaging, cultural, educational, and social programming opportunities for all members of the University of Dayton community. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, please contact Carlos Stewart at cstewart1@udayton.edu.

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# **Academic Success Corner**

leesha Ramsey, academic success specialist,
Office of Multicultural Affairs and School of Business Administration



## A Strong Finish to your Semester

You've worked hard all semester, so of course, you are a little weary and looking forward to the beginning of Summer. However, it is important to stay focused and keep grinding so that you can have a strong finish to your semester. A few things to keep in mind:

- ✓ Be sure that you know where you stand in each of your classes, and what you need to earn on your final exams to achieve your desired grade. Hopefully, you have been keeping track of all of your grades in each of your classes throughout the semester.
- ✓ DON'T CRAM! Design a finals study schedule that will allow plenty of time for review and plenty of time to rejuvenate so that you are well rested for each of your exams.
- ✓ Reward yourself for your hard work with some free time spent with friends. However, remember that doing your best work on your exams is your priority.
- ✓ Keep in mind that OMA Study Tables are Monday, April 27th to Thursday April 30th in the OMA Lounge. Take advantage of the dedicated study space and food each evening.

I wish you a strong finish to your semester, all the best on your final exams, and a safe and productive Summer.



# Congratulations Dr. Vera (Denise) James!!!

Dr. James received tenure in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Dayton. Dr. James' primary research interest is in American social and political philosophy. She joined the faculty at the University of Dayton in 2008. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, after completing her B.A. from Spelman College. She is the facilitator of UD's Diversity Across the Curriculum program. She teaches courses in

contemporary social and political philosophy and is concerned with using the resources of pragmatism to help frame and attempt to resolve urban issues. She is currently working on a monograph about urban divestment and the possibility of justice in U.S. cities in a post-industrial age from a pragmatist perspective. She has published on the intersections of classical American pragmatism and black feminist philosophy. In particular, she is interested in how we might pursue the study and enlargement of the many strands of American philosophies. One of her latest projects is on the radical habits of Angela Davis and John Dewey.

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# Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs 2014-2015 Scholarship Reception

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.

Mr. Destry Fallen and Sydney joined us for a reception in April 2015 to recognize the 2014-2015 recipients of the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Dayton:

Chanelle Brown, Senior, Nutrition/Fitness/Psychology, Cleveland, OH

Taylor Ruffin, Junior, International Business/Marketing, Indianapolis, IN

Four of the five inaugural recipients who received the scholarship in Spring 2014 also attended the reception:

Nicolas Esparza, Junior, Chemical Engineering, Chicago, IL

Alexander Gaskins, Senior, Civil Engineering, Springfield, OH

Trenton Graham, Junior, Sport Management, Los Angeles, CA

Tiara Jackson, Junior, Business Marketing, Minor in Social Justice, Rochester, NY

Kiera Wheeler, Senior, Biology, Dayton, OH

The generosity of Mr. Destry Fallen and all of the individuals who have contributed to the Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs is appreciated. Words may never truly express the difference that you are making in the lives of students. Thank you for helping students to achieve their goal of graduating from UD!

Congratulations to the students, and THANK YOU to all of the donors for supporting students!

Patty Alvarez, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean and Director of Multicultural Affairs

Gifts can be made to The Mona Guerrier Fallen Endowed Scholarship for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at <a href="http://bit.ly/fallen-scholarship">http://bit.ly/fallen-scholarship</a>



2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients Chanelle Brown (L) and Taylor Ruffin ( R) with Mr. Destry Fallen

2014 –2015 Scholarship Recipient Nicolas Esparza 2014-15 Recipients Alexander Gaskins (L), Kiera Wheeler (3<sup>rd</sup> L), Chanelle Brown (4<sup>st</sup> L), Taylor Ruffin (3<sup>rd</sup> R) Trenton Graham (2<sup>rd</sup> R) Tiara Jackson (R) with Dr. Patty Alvarez (2<sup>rd</sup> L) and Mr. Destry Fallen (4<sup>th</sup> R) (L-R) Mr. Destry Fallen, Assoc. VP/Dean of Students, Chris Schramm & VP of Student Development Bill Fischer OHANA

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

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Application Deadline: July 17, 2015

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Mona Guerrier Fallen (pictured right) 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 July 17, 2015 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 2015-2016 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 Friday, July 17, 2015 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.

The scholarship selection committee will select the recipient in August 2015. If you have questions about the application process, please contact: Office of Multicultural Affairs Phone: 937.229.3634 Email: <a href="mailto:oma@udayton.edu">oma@udayton.edu</a>

For additional information regarding the scholarship requirements and to complete the application, please visit <a href="http://www.udayton.edu/studev/oma/academics/mona\_guerrier\_fallen\_scholarship.php">http://www.udayton.edu/studev/oma/academics/mona\_guerrier\_fallen\_scholarship.php</a>

Please submit the application materials online by Friday, July 17, 2015 at 11:59p.m.

## **OMA's Graduate Assistant Corner**

Christian Lozano, graduate assistant, Office of Multicultural Affairs

As I take the time to write my final GA Corner update, I would like to reflect on the message I wanted to share with you all and leave behind. Over the past two years, I was able to call OMA my home away from home and the



Christian Lozano

awesome people who worked and visited the space my extended family! I have been able to learn journeys have intersected with my own and that is so much from all of the people whose something that will never fade away. Students, you all fueled my passion for the work that I have been able to contribute to while at UD, thank you! Please continue to work towards accomplishing all of your dreams; you have to work hard every day to accomplish each and every single one. If you don't, who will? Invest your time wisely and surround yourself with positive people. I leave UD knowing that I have been able to contribute to something that is beyond me and with an everlasting impact. Know that wherever I end up I will continue to serve as a resource to you, please keep in touch! It's never a goodbye; it's a see you later!



## **Congratulations 2015 Student Leadership Award Winners!**

- Community Building-(EOL) El Orgullo Latino
- Marianist Voluntary Service Award Individual-Katherine Penny
- Excellence Contribution of Service and Community-Optimist Club
- Outstanding Event- Chinese Culture Club
- Visionary Leadership Org Award- Alpha Phi Omega
- Inclusivity Award-Chinese Culture Club
- Faith and Conviction- Abigail Rieker
- Emerging Org- (RHA) Residence Housing Association
- Distinguished Contribution-Miracle Reason
- Non Traditional Commuter Student-Gabriela Quiroz
- Spirit of Community-Patrick Doyle and Medeline Felipez
- Emerging Leader-Mateo (Marco)Chavez and Gabrielle Castaldo
- Visionary- Caitlin Krause, Beverly Johnson and Kwyn Townsend-Riley
- Dorothy Day Award- Pax Christi
- Nancy Brimledge- Mary Margaret (Maggie) Cook
- Mary Shay-Abigail Spohn
- Dedication and Commitment- Anthony Dalpiaz
- Advisory Award-Laura Bistrek and Kristen Keen



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### **Recognizing the Support of Campus Partners**

Congratulations to Ms. Kathleen Henderson and Dr. Kim Trick 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.



# P R O C L A M A T I O N Spring 2015

WHEREAS, Kathleen Henderson acts as a valued advocate for University of Dayton students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Henderson has contributed to the personal, social, leadership, and spiritual development of multicultural students; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Henderson has demonstrated a student-centered approach and goes above and beyond to connect students with resources within the University of Dayton, Dayton, and other communities;

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Henderson has opened up her home and life to provide support to students and their family; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Henderson provides guidance to students that challenges and supports them in becoming authentic leaders and individuals who give back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Henderson 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 Kathleen Henderson. We celebrate your work and extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions, both seen and unseen.

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

Christine Schramm Associate Vice President/ Dean of Students Student Development



## PROCLAMATION

Spring 2015

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kim Trick acts as a valued advocate for current University of Dayton students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kim Trick has contributed to the personal, academic, and professional development of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kim Trick has shown a consistent dedication to challenging students so that they are prepared for new opportunities and experiences on campus and off campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kim Trick has demonstrated a student-centered approach and a commitment to student learning, inside and outside of the classroom, particularly through providing evening tutoring to students in the Office of Multicultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kim Trick has maintained a positive presence within the multicultural community at the University of Dayton and has been a valuable resource through her roles as a faculty member with the Chemistry Department and an Assistant Dean with the College of Arts and Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kim Trick 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. Kim Trick. We celebrate your work and extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions, both seen and unseen.

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Christine Schramm
Associate Vice President/ Dean of Students
Student Development

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Merida Allen, associate director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

# Spring Forward!

Spring the time of blossoms and renewal. So much has happened here in OMA in the last couple of months and there is much more on the horizon. We had a very successful Multicultural Overnight Program where 26 prospective/admitted students and parents/guests engaged in a weekend of immersion into the UD campus and resources. The 20th Annual Colors of Leadership Conference was a great opportunity for students,

faculty and staff to gain insight on effectively using their leadership tool kit. Sending a huge Thank You to Enrollment Management, Student Leadership Programs and most importantly our Student Engagement Assistants and Volunteers, without you all we would not have produced such enriching programs.

We are busily planning for your return in the Fall, with a variety of ways to continue to get involved, and grow personally, professionally, socially and culturally. Some opportunities to develop your knowledge and skills to utilize in our increasingly diverse and complex society, consider learning more about our Diversity Peer Educator Program, which will launch in Fall 2015. Our 2015-16 Kindred Presidents and PEERS Leaders will assist us in welcoming the class of 2019 to UD in August, if you would like to volunteer for Transitions, please contact us.

For more information contact Merida Allen at 937.229.3635 or mallen2@udayton.edu.

Carlos Stewart, assistant director, Office of Multicultural Affairs

# **PEERS Mentoring Program**

It was a wonderful Spring semester for the PEERS Mentoring Program. The program continued to offer resource sessions through the First Friday programs, there were great 1 to 1 connections between our mentors and mentees, and student took advantage of academic support offered through OMA and MEP study tables. Congratulations to all of the First Year students for completing their first year of college and to the upperclass students 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 to 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.

## **Cultural Heritage Months**

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 REAL Topics – Asians DON'T all look the same, the screening of Fresh off the Boat 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 made 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.

# 20th Annual Colors of Leadership Conference "Mission l'MPossible"

Thank You to everyone who made the 20th Annual Colors of Leadership Conference a success!



Planning Committee; Kenya Jackson (Keynote Speaker); Office of Student Leadership Programs; Division of Student Development; Center for Student Involvement; Dining Services; Laura Bistrek; & Eddy Rojas, Ph.D; (School of Engineering) Leslie Picca, Ph.D. (Dept. of Sociology); Jamie Longazel, Ph.D. (Dept. of Sociology); Bishop Robert Lyons, Jr. (MarketPlace Movement); Arnika Edwards (UD Basketball Operations); Rev. LaKendra Hardware, Ph.D. (Campus Ministry); C. Lashea Smith (City of Dayton); Kenneth Goodrum (UD Upward Bound); Asst. VP Cari Wallace (Student Development); Brandy Clifford (CSI); Tommy (UD Copy Center)

## Recognition

The Office of Multicultural Affairs would like to congratulate all those recognized at this semester's recognition dinner. We would like to especially acknowledge student organizations, trusted partners of OMA and individual students for their work and achievements this semester. We would also like to bid a triumphant farewell and say THANK YOU to our graduating seniors. We have appreciated your service over the years and are proud to see you transition to Alumni status! Good luck in all of your future endeavors and don't forget to update us as you progress. A special congratulations to the Graduating Scholar of Excellence Award Winners. Students are recognized for their academic achievement, exemplary leadership skills, and continuous commitment to and embodiment of the mission of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and their



respective academic school. Graduates are selected by consultation from both The Office of Multicultural Affairs and The College of Arts & Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Education and Health Sciences and The School of Business Administration, respectively. Please join us in congratulating our five recipients this year.

College of Arts and Sciences— Kiera Wheeler
School of Business Administration—Miracle Reason
School of Engineering—Stephen McMillan & Michael Ising
School of Education and Health Sciences —Veronica Bordfeld

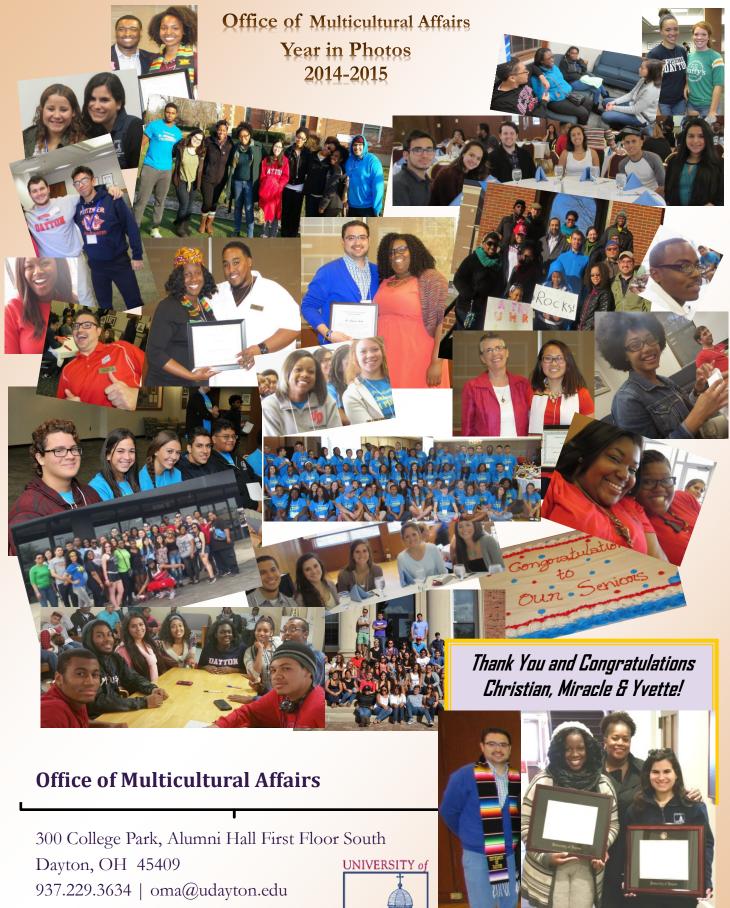
In addition, special recognition awards were given to the following:

Social Justice Award – Adanna Smith; Spirit of OMA Award (s)- Ameetra Harris and Mateo Chavez; PEERS Outstanding Mentor Award – Randall (Kyle) Hueston and PEERS Outstanding Mentee Award - Gabriela Quiroz Congratulations to all, take care and God Speed!

## PEERS/KP End of the Year Event

The PEERS Mentoring Program and the Kindred Presidents program would like to thank all those who attended the PEERS/KP end of the year event. This was a wonderful outing to Scene 75 . We were able connect with each other through laser tag, go-carting, and playing arcade games. We were also able to dine together in fellowship. This was excellent example of what community really means in OMA. PEERs and KP would like to send a special THANK YOU to Ms. Ki'Erra Knox as the event could not be possible without her hard work and diligence in the planning of the event. THANKS KEYY!





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