

# Multicultural Connection

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**Designed by Grace will hold its final concert of the academic year on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 5pm in Forum Room I.**

This year, the choir has traveled to several locations such as Kentucky State University, First Baptist church in Henderson, Kentucky and Oak Grove Baptist Church in Madisonville, Kentucky. This year boasts a record number of students who participated.

## Coming Up

**April 4**  
**Designed by Grace Spring**  
**Concert 5pm Forum Room**  
**I**

**April 10**  
**No Classes**  
**University closed**

**April 17**  
**College Mentors for Kids**  
**Banquet 6pm C.K.**  
**Newsome Center**

**April 24**  
**Multicultural Center**  
**Recognition Banquet 5pm**  
**Carter Hall**

**May 2—May 8**  
**Finals Week**

**May 10**  
**USI commencement**



## Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity

The Indiana State Library and Indiana University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) were awarded a \$1 million federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity project (I-LLID.) The goal of I-LLID is to increase diversity in all types of libraries so that library staff reflect the communities they serve. Eligible participants are individuals whose backgrounds will allow them to contribute to diversity within the profession and library leadership in Indiana, individuals who are underrepresented in the library profession in Indiana, and individuals who are willing to work a minimum of two years in Indiana libraries upon completion of their Master of Library Science program.

Awards include full tuition for the 36 hour IU-SLIS program, living stipend up to \$15,000.00, additional money for orientation and travel, a professional mentor, conferences and workshops, and community service opportunities. To apply, applicants must submit an application by 4/24/09 with two letters of recommendation. Applications may be obtained from the website.

<http://in.webjunction.org/663> or call Marcia Smith-Woodard, I-LLID Project Director (317)232-3719\*  
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# APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 College Mentors 3pm, Carter Hall	1 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	2 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	3	4 Designed by Grace Spring Concert 5pm Forum I
5 College Mentors Leadership Conference	6	7 College Mentors 3pm Carter Hall	8 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	9	10 No Classes; University closed	11
12	13	14 College Mentors 3pm, Carter Hall	15 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	16 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	17 College Mentors Banquet 6pm C.K. Newsome	18
19	20	21 College Mentors Call Out Rally 3pm UC201	22 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 205	23 Hispanic Student Union gathering 7pm Ruston Hall	24 MCC End of Year Banquet 5pm Carter Hall	25
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## MCC Recognition Banquet

The Multicultural Center will host the annual recognition banquet on Friday, April 24, 2009. This banquet is an end of academic year celebration designed to recognize the accomplishments of organizations sponsored by the Multicultural Center.

Students from the groups such as Black Student Union, Designed by Grace, College Mentors for Kids, EXCEL Mentoring Program, Executive Diversity Scholars, Latino Unidos (Hispanic Student Union) and the South Asian will be recognized.

In addition, the academic success of students and members of the year will be acknowledged.

## USI CREED

As a member of the USI community...

I will practice personal and academic integrity; I will reject and confront all manifestations of discrimination while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions;

I will demonstrate concerns for others, their feelings; their property, and their need for conditions which support their work and development.

Allegiance to these ideals requires that I refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect every individual deserves.

### It's a Wrap

The *College Mentors for Kids* Big buddies and little buddies will complete the 2008-09 academic year on Friday, April 17, 2009. The last activity will be a banquet, which will be held at the C.K. Newsome Community Center.

There will be a Call Out Rally (information session for potential mentors for the 2009-2010 year) on Tuesday, April 21 in UC201-202.

**Top Right; Right to left**, Brianna Cooke, Madison McIntosh, Kenyon Brazzle, Samantha Shipp, Kashia Morris, and Sunny Huang enjoy the warm weather during an outdoor activity.

**Immediate Right:** The first grade buddie family plays a game.

*Ashley Flynn* has been the President of the USI Chapter for the last two years. Next year's President will be *Sarah Huebner*. The leadership conference for the incoming President and Vice Presidents will be April 5, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.



Be a Mentor  
Be a Mentor

## Latinos Unidos

The Latinos Unidos (Hispanic Student Union) held elections for officers. Melissa Chavez, President; Faviola Quijano, Vice President; Christina Bonales, Treasurer; and Paloma Quijano, Secretary.

On Thursday, April 23, at 7pm in the Ruston Hall multipurpose room, the Latinos Unidos will host Latin night. All USI students are welcome to come and experience food from various Latin countries and listen to Latin music.

This organization is accepting new members. For more information contact the MCC at 465-7188.

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## Excel Mentors

Excel Mentors will complete the 2008-09 program on Thursday, April 2, 2009. This program is designed to assist first year freshmen in handling situations usually encountered by a new student and how to exercise good, sound decision making.

This program is facilitated by Pam Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center and Herman Thomas, assistant director of the Multicultural Center.

Selections for the 2009-10 EXCEL Mentors will be made by April 9, 2009 and training will begin on April 16, 2009. Interest forms for mentees for the 2009-2010 academic year will be mail to first year freshmen this summer.



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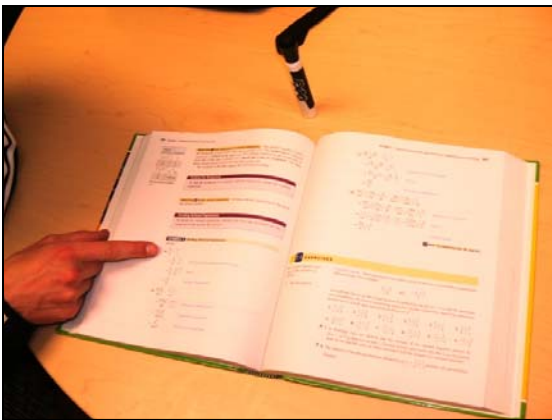
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connection!**

## MCC Mission Statement

The University of Southern Indiana's Multicultural Center enhances the personal and academic success of students by preparing them to be responsible citizens in a multicultural society.

The goals of the center are to:

- Foster and provide a warm, welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for diverse populations at USI.
- Encourage, promote, and assist the academic and social integration of under-represented students into the University through programs and services offered by the Center and through partnerships with other campus entities.
- Create opportunities for cultural interaction between students, the campus and the community at large to promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Provide outreach opportunities to under-represented groups and underserved communities to seek higher education.



**Math is a four letter word, but that is not necessarily a bad thing.....**

The University Division and the Multicultural Center have formed a collaborative effort to go the extra mile to assist students in learning Math 100 and Math 111. This new initiative began the academic year of 2008-09 and hopefully will continue years to come. Academic Skills provide two tutors in the fall and one tutor in the spring on Tuesday and Thursday in the Multicultural Center from 12noon- 1pm. Above right; Will Cannon, left, a second semester freshman is tutored by Matt Wilburn, right. Matt is a tutor who aspires to be a secondary education Math teacher someday.

“Tutoring helps me learn to solve one problem multiple ways” Will Cannon