

Multicultural Connection

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA



**Pam Hopson,
Multicultural
Center Director**

As the academic year begins, it is with great excitement that I welcome you to our campus.

I am delighted you have chosen our fine institution

to continue your educational career and look forward to working with you and your families as you strive to achieve your goals.

The Multicultural Center is a welcoming place, where our enthusiastic staff awaits you with open arms. It's a place where people gather to explore self identity and to experience the culture and tradition of others.

We extend a special invitation to you, to visit the Center and explore the many opportunities available to you that promote a positive experience on our campus.

Remember, our ultimate goal is to provide a warm, welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for you to have a positive experience. We are here for you!

For additional information, you may contact our office at 812/465-7188, or you may view the MCC activities on our website at www.usi.edu/mcc. We welcome you to our family!

Sincerely,

Pamela F. Hopson, director
Multicultural Center



**MCC WELCOMES
KACHEYTA
MCCLELLAN**

The USI Multicultural Center is please to welcome Kacheyta McClellan as the Senior Administrative Assistant. Kacheyta has experience in banking, finance and office administration.

Best Overall 2006 & 2007 International Food Expo

SOUTH ASIAN UNION

Academic Achievement Award 2006

Academic Achievement Award 2007



The South Asian Union is an organization for students of all heritages who have an interest in South Asian culture. This organization strives to spread knowledge and understanding of the South Asian Culture through various cultural activities and presentations. For more information visit <http://www.usi.edu/mcc/sasu.asp>

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Officer Profile August/September



Ashley Flynn is the 2007-08 President of the USI Chapter of College Mentors for Kids

Ashley is a Junior at the University of Southern Indiana majoring in Elementary Education and French.

She is a native of Nashville, Indiana where she attended Brown County High School.

Ashley states that College Mentors "is an organization that is willing to make a difference in children's lives"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Networking Connections 5:30pm-7pm	22 New student orientation session	23 Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception 4pm-5pm	24 Open Registration	25
26	27	28	29	30 MCC Open House 11am-2pm	31 MCC Fun Friday 2pm- 4pm	

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WELCOME RECEPTION

The Multicultural Center will host the annual Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception on **Thursday, August 23, 2007 from 4pm-5pm in UC201**. This event is opened to New students and their families. It provides an opportunity for students and their families to mingle with one another; faculty, staff, returning students, and alumni of color. Vice Presidents, Deans and Directors; and clergy from local churches during an informal gathering.



SEPTEMBER 2007

Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Holiday. No Classes scheduled	4 New Student Assembly Carter Hall 4pm-6pm	5 Student Involvement Fair under the UC Bridge 11am-2pm	6 ICE ICE BABY!! 11am-1pm MCC Lounge	7 MCC Picnic 3pm-5pm Eicher Barn	8 College Mentors Retreat
Cultural Connections Week!		Cultural Connections Week!		Cultural Connections Week!		
9 College Mentors Retreat	10 Designed by Grace Rehearsal Forum Room 1 6pm-8pm	11	12	13 Excel Mentoring 1:30pm-3pm	14	15 College Mentors State Training 10am-4pm
16	17 Designed by Grace Forum Room 1; 6pm-8pm	18	19	20	21 USI Live at the Apollo applications due	22
23 30	24 Designed by Grace Forum Room 1; 6pm-8pm	25	26	27	28	29

September 4: Learn more about College Mentors for Kids, Carter Hall A&B 3pm

September 4: New student Assembly, Carter Hall, D 4pm-6pm

September 5: BSU Kick off meeting, UC206, 3pm

September 6: Ice Ice Baby, MCC, 11am-1pm

September 7: Cultural Connections Picnic; Eicher Barn, 3pm-5pm

September 7: Deadline for College Mentors applications

September 8 & 9: College Mentors Retreat

September 10: Designed by Grace Kick off Rehearsal

September 15: College Mentors State Training 10am-4pm.

September 21: Deadline to turn in USI Live at the Apollo applications.



Ashley Everett, from Gary, Indiana is a member of the Designed by Grace Gospel Choir.

INSPIRATION INSPIRATION

Designed by Grace, the USI Gospel Choir, is open to students who have a desire to express themselves with creative melodies in a wide range of gospel sounds. The Choir is directed by Cheryl Crowell, and the accompanist is Thomas Brank. The choir performs a variety of music. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.usi.edu/mcc/grace.asp>.



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Make your cultural 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.



College Mentors for Kids

The USI Chapter of College Mentors for Kids received a grant in the amount of \$1500.00 from the Scripps Howard Foundation. Each week during the activity, a book is read to the little buddies. Some topics read covers saving money, getting along with others, and learning about plants and animals. For more information on College Mentors for Kids, visit <http://www.usi.edu/mentors.asp>



Excel Mentoring

The Excel Mentoring program will kick off its opening meeting, on Thursday, September 13, 2007 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Some topics discussed throughout the academic year may be to discuss "Accessing My USI", Getting the most from your advisor, Financial Aid (getting it and keeping it), and Interracial relationships. For more information, please inquire at the Multicultural Center or visit the website at <http://www.usi.edu/mentors>



Black Student Union

The Black Student Union will have its kick off meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 3pm in UC206. Some activities involve, Martin Luther King, Jr. observance, and Black Student Union week (which is held during Black History month.) BSU also provides food baskets during Thanksgiving and Easter. For more information visit the website at <http://www.usi.edu/bsu.asp>