

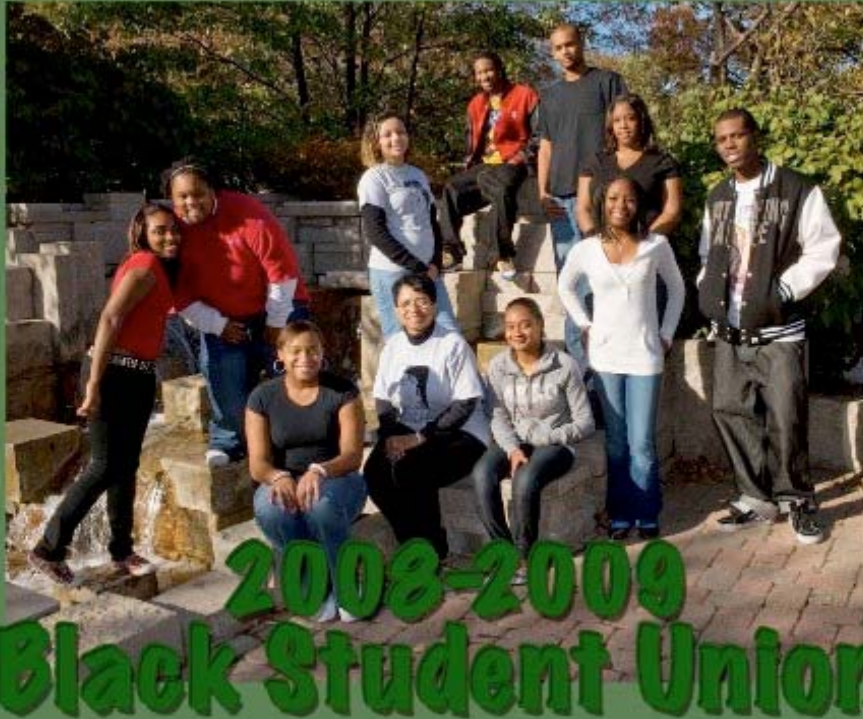
Multicultural Connection

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BLACK STUDENT UNION WEEK

February 16-20



Black Student Union members from left to right front row are Brianna Akers, Pam Hopson, Advisor, Jodian Stevens, standing left to right, Tomorrow Stewart, Ashlee Jones, Keshia Knight, Eric Jones, Tyler Allison, Cherietta Lyons, Patrice Davis, and Terrance Crowell.

The Black Student Union, under the leadership of Keshia Knight, President, conducted several community service projects that benefited both the Evansville and the USI community. During the fall semester the group worked the Grace and Peace Lutheran Church booth at the Fall Festival to assist in raising money for the Mission of Grace. They also collected can goods on campus, and distributed 11 Thanksgiving baskets.

This semester, the Black Student Union will focus on providing two \$200.00 scholarships to deserving USI students. The scholarships are to be used to purchase books. To qualify for the scholarships, students must be an active member in the Black Student Union in good standing.

BSU week will showcase USI alumni Ms. Anteia Greer who will speak in Forum Room I on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6pm. Contact the MCC for at 465-7188 for more information on BSU Week.



Members of the South Asian Union prepared and served food originating from the country of India.



International Food Expo

International Culture and Cuisine



The International Programs and Services will once again host the International Food Expo. This event has become a traditional favorite among the USI community and will take place on **February 20, 2009 in Carter Hall**, which is located in the University Center. In addition to international cuisine, there will be entertainment that will showcase the talents of many international students including dancing and singing.

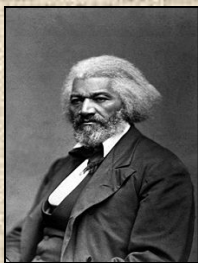
Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. They may be purchased in the International Programs office (UC 017), which is located at the lower level of the University Center. Doors open at 10:30am and the event ends at 2pm.

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Designed By Grace, 6pm, Forum Rm I	3 College Mentors 3pm Carter Hall	4 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	5 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	6	7 Greater St. Marks Mass Choir 6pm Forum Rm I
8 City of Henderson Black History Month Event Designed by Grace 4pm	9 Designed By Grace, 6pm, Forum Rm I <i>BSU African American Trivia</i>	10 College Mentors 3pm Carter Hall	11 Webinar, Reaching African American and Hispanic Males, HP1027 12noon <i>BSU African American Trivia</i>	12 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214 <i>BSU African American Trivia</i>	13	14
15	16 BSU week kick off Antea Greer, Keynote Speaker, Forum Room I, 6pm Poetry Café, Eagles Nest 7pm <i>BSU African American Trivia</i>	17 Minority Career Reception, UC201-201 5pm-7pm	18 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	17 BSU WEEK <i>BSU African American Trivia</i>	20 International Food Fair, Carter Hall 11am	21
22	23 Designed By Grace, 6pm, Forum Rm I	24 College Mentors 3pm, Carter Hall	25 BSU Meeting 3pm, UC 206	26 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm-2:30pm, UC214	27	28

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

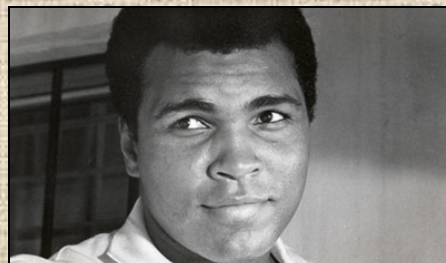
Dreams really do come true



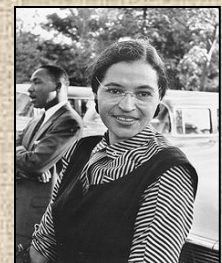
Frederick Douglass



Louis Armstrong



Muhammad Ali



Rosa Parks

SERVICE LEARNING



Did You Know?

College Mentors for Kids participate in a day of Service Learning to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The USI College Mentors for Kids chapter participated in a service learning project sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana Extended Services division.

This project involved the USI mentors reading a book on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the elementary school-aged children. In some cases, the children actually read to their mentors.

The students were given the book to take home and share with their families. This project was a collaborative effort between the Multicultural Center, College Mentors for Kids, the USI Service Learning initiative, and the Carver After School Daycare program.

College Mentors for Kids, USI Chapter also participated in learning about community health issues regarding the African American race. This was also a collaboration assisted by the Service Learning programs at USI, which is to connect Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day with Black History Month, which is held in February.

Some facts on smoking are:

Despite the lower exposure, African American men are 37% more likely than white men to develop lung cancer.

Of the three leading causes of death in African Americans—heart disease, cancer, and stroke—smoking and other tobacco use are major contributors to these illnesses.

In 2006, smoking rates were over 2.5 times higher among African American males over age 25 years old that had less than a high school education (35.9%) compared to those with a college education (13.7%).

Some facts on Obesity are:

Obesity has become an epidemic in the United States with more than 1/3 of the population being classified as obese.

African Americans have a slightly higher rate, at nearly 40%, as reported in between 1999-2007. (National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey.)

Diseases associated with Obesity can be, but not limited to, Type 2 Diabetes, Cancer, Coronary Artery Disease, and Hypertension (high blood pressure.)

Tips on health and weight management are to limit high calorie beverages, lose weight slowly by reducing the amount of calories consumed, write down what you eat, and get regular physical activity.

Sources include: CDC, American Obesity Association, National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey, America's Health Rankings, no-smoking.org, American Lung Association, United Health foundation, report from the United Health Foundation and 2006 Community Indicators report Welborn Baptist Foundation. (USI Service Learning)

Service
 Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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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.

HOME COMING 2009

The University of Southern Indiana will have a Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2009. In addition to the basketball game, there will be a variety of events including a Pre-game Tailgate, a Homecoming Party, and a Homecoming Dance.

This year the USI Eagles will host the Drury Panthers. The men's basketball team (Drury) is 10th in the first Midwest Region DII ranking and the women's basketball team is 4th in the first Midwest Region DII. These rankings were released by the NCAA on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

The USI eagles men's basketball team is ranked 3rd in the DII Midwest Region. The Lady Eagles basketball team has a record of 10-8. The Lady Eagles tip-off time is scheduled for 1pm, and the Men's basketball game is scheduled to begin at 3:15pm.

For more information see www.usi.edu/homecoming.

USI THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Master Harold and the Boys
by Athol Fugard

February 19—March 1, 2009
Malette Studio Theatre

This moving humanist drama is set in South Africa during apartheid. A young Afrikaaner boy must come to terms with his own racial intolerance toward a black man whom he loves as a father.

Directed by Elliot Wasserman

Athol Fugard is a South African playwright known for his political plays opposing the South African system of apartheid. He was a Wells Scholar Professor of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and a recipient of many awards.