

Multicultural Connection

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BSU Week

This year, the USI Black Student Union celebrates Black History Month with a week of activities the group has clustered together and named "BSU Week." From Monday, February 7 through Thursday, February 10, the BSU invites the entire University to join them for their BSU Week activities. The week will begin with a free concert from the *IU Soul Revue* showcasing cover songs ranging from Funk and R&B, to Neo Soul and Pop in a way that has earned them a reputation for excellence around the country. The BSU will keep the momentum with an Open Mic Night event on Tuesday for poets, singers, and or whatever your talent may be. Wednesday, you can join BSU and HSU at Franklin Lanes for a bowling outing, and then finish BSU Week Thursday evening watching the *Blindside*—a collaboration with APB. BSU Vice President, DeWayne Watson had this to say, "BSU Week is one way for the USI student body to come together at the table of brotherhood just as Dr. King and so many others fought for." For more details about BSU Week Events, see the flyer to the right.

The Black Student Union Presents:
BSU Week
Monday, Feb.7 @ 7:00 P.M.
 IU Soul Revue - in Carter Hall
Tuesday, Feb.8 @ 7:30 P.M.
 Open Mic Night - in the Eagle's Nest
Wednesday Feb.9 @ 9:00 P.M.
 Franklin Lanes Bowling (1801 W. Franklin Street) with BSU and the Hispanic Student Union (Bring non-perishable food for Can Drive)
Thursday, Feb.10 @ 9:00 P.M.
 The Movie "Blindside" - in Forum 1 (In partnership with APB)
February is Black History Month

Special points of interest:

- BSU Week full of events from Feb 7—Feb 10
- Salsa dancing lessons with professional instructors, a DJ, and more
- Nominate a Phenomenal Woman for her contributions to diversity

Salsa Lessons with Latinos Unidos

If you love to Salsa, would like to learn how, or just want to see others Salsa, this is your opportunity. Come and join Latinos Unidos, USI's Hispanic Student Union, on February 17, for an evening of Salsa dancing lessons with certified Latin dance instructors and a live DJ playing music that is guaranteed to make you want to dance. If you come you are in for a treat. Between lessons, you can enjoy tortilla chips and salsa as you mingle with the crowd. Come and see first hand what Salsa Dancing is all about. This event will take place in the McDonald Multipurpose Room and will have a \$2 admission fee. If you need additional information, contact the club president Melissa Chavez at: mschavez@mail.usi.edu.



February 17, 2011
 6pm
 McDonald MPR
 \$2 admission

Phenomenal Women Nominations

Do you know a phenomenal woman? This year ten women will be honored as Phenomenal Women for their contributions to diversity at USI and the Evansville communities. We are now accepting nominations for the 2011 honorees. The deadline to submit nominations is February 10, 2011. Please visit the following link today and tell us in 200 words or less the phenomenal woman you know. <http://www.usi.edu/phenomenalwomen/>



Quote of the Month

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." -- Booker T. Washington

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FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CMFK—3:30pm	2	3 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm Asian Lunar New Year	4	5
6	7 IU Soul Revue Carter Hall 7pm Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	8 CMFK—3:30pm Open Mic Night Eagle's Nest 7:30pm	9 Latinos Unidos 3pm—UC 205 Black Student Union 3pm—UC 206 Bowling Franklin Lanes 9pm	10 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm Movie Showing of "Blind Side" FAI 9pm Ubong Ntewo Mitchell Auditorium 7pm	11	12
BSU Week Feb 7--Feb 10						
	14 Valentine's Day Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	15 CMFK—3:30pm MCC Moving to UC East!	16 Black Student Union 3pm—UC 206 Lined IN Workshop UC 206	17 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm Salsa Lessons McDonald MPR		19 Home Basketball Games (W) 1:00pm (M) 3:15pm
20	21 President's Day	22 CMFK—3:30pm	23 Latinos Unidos 3pm—UC 205 Black Student Union 3pm—UC 206 Evansville BAR Assoc LA 1002 3pm	24 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm	25	26 Lined IN Workshop UC 206 3pm
27	28 Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	29 CMFK—3:30pm				

Multicultural Center has School Spirit

The staff and students of the Multicultural Center were able to bring the trophy "home" for being the office with the most school spirit on January 24. The Multicultural Center entered the Homecoming Office Decorating Contest with the intent to pride school spirit. The whole office got involved and took the Home-

coming Theme "Best Night Ever" to the next level. The MCC staff had a vision of providing a "red carpet" feel for the "Best Night Ever" theme, and they pulled out all the stops. The MCC was transformed, complete with Hollywood Stars on the MCC Walk of Fame with real names and handprints, superlative awards

for those who frequent the MCC, magazine covers with USI sports clubs posted on the wall, and much more. The MCC staff dressed in formal wear to add to the ambiance while MCC students posed as paparazzi taking pictures of everyone who came in the Center. Director, Pamela Hopson, had this to say, "Go Eagles!"



Multicultural Center

MCC Staff
'Go Eagles!!'

Executive Diversity Scholars at Vectren Corp

On January 28, the Executive Diversity Scholars visited Vectren Corporation and learned about Predictive Indexes. Specifically, the group learned that different people are motivated by different things. For instance, for some a simple complement such as "you're doing a good job," will go a long way. For

others, this is a vague complement which may have the opposite effect than the intended complement. The Diversity Scholars learned about contributing factors that motivate people and how to interact with individuals based on what motivates them. This knowledge will help the Scholars as they en-

counter supervisors, colleagues, and subordinates in their future careers. Those who attended were eager to express their appreciation to the presenters for sharing the knowledge and an interest in continuing the partnership.



Vectren Corporation
Executive Diversity Scholars
Vectren Corp. Team Members

"My favorite part about Diversity Scholars is meeting community leaders" -

James Coleman, Freshman



"I enjoy learning the secrets of being a professional from working professionals" -

William Cannon, Junior

2011 MLK Memorial Luncheon a Success



MLK Memorial Luncheon

Carter Hall
MCC Student Workers
 Left—Genevieve Baltzell
 Right—Marquita Fears

The University gave tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17. USI knocked another MLK Memorial Luncheon out of the park for 2011. The event took place in Carter Hall and included performances from USI's own breathtaking Theater Dept, the talented

Amadeus Percussions Drumline (formally known as the Culver/Glenwood Drumline), and the spiritual sounds of the USI Designed by Grace Gospel Choir setting the mood for a powerful afternoon. Complete with a dynamic speaker, Hill Harper, and a menu that would make Dr. King himself smile, the 2011 MLK Memorial

Luncheon was without question a success. Kortney Bond, Junior, had this to say, "[Harper's] speech was a motivational wakeup call for me. He talked about manifesting your destiny. I found his message empowering." The luncheon was followed by a book signing in the UC concourse and a question and answer session in Forum Room 1.

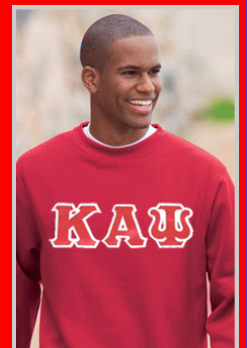
Kappa Alpha Psi Interest Meeting

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. continue their efforts to bring a historically black fraternity back to USI. Inclement weather forced the organization to reschedule its interest meeting from January 20, to January 27. The rescheduled date yielded a promising number of young

men interested in becoming Kappa Men. Information was shared about the fraternity and contact information was collected from the attendees to help move the process along.

If you are interested in joining Kappa Alpha Psi, a historically black fraternity, but were not

able to make it to the interest meeting, you may contact the Multicultural Center to find out how you can contact a Kappa Man who can help you begin that process.



USI Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reception



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2011 Homecoming Reception
PAC 209
Sponsored by the USI Alumni and Multicultural Center

On January 29, the USI Black Alumni Society partnered with Alumni Services and the Multicultural Center to host a homecoming reception. As event attendees entered PAC 209 at 1 pm, soft "steppers" music played in the background setting an informal tone. After signing an attendance log and getting a plate of finger food, the magic began. USI alums were able to meet other Society members, many for the first time. As with all of the Society's events, current USI students were invited to attend, so there was more taking place than alumni networking. Current USI students were also able to extend their networks to include members of the USI Black Alumni Society. As the afternoon continued, the Society's interim officers were introduced and information about the Society was shared with the room. Some of that information included the history of the Society's past, present and future. One key point the Society's officers stressed was that the purpose of the Society is not only to network with each other but also to aid current USI students in the form of awarding scholarships. The officers also shared that the society is in the process of creating a semi-annual newsletter to keep members informed on current news with the Society.

2011 Homecoming Court Making History



2011 Homecoming Court

Congratulations to the 2011 Homecoming Court. USI's homecoming Court consisted of a very diverse group of students. However, they all had something in common—they are extremely active in campus activities. Their activities include holding an office in the SGA, being part of a fraternity or sorority, and even being involved in APB. In addition to being active on campus, the 2011 Homecoming Court had something else in common, they were all a part of history. On January 29, USI student Stephen Harris crowned Gabriel Grady the first African American Homecoming King in the history of the University. He and Amber Key were honored during halftime as the 2011 homecoming king and queen, and it was an emotional moment for many. The Multicultural Center salutes Gabriel in making history as well as homecoming court members and the USI student body for being a part of this monumental moment in USI's history.



USI Basketball Homecoming 2011

Homecoming Queen
Amber Key
Homecoming King
Gabriel Grady

Extended Multicultural Center Hours

Due to the number of students who have expressed a need for the MCC to be open later, the entire Multicultural Center Staff, is excited to announce that the MCC has extended its hours of operation. Our new hours are Monday—Thursday, 8am until 6pm. The majority of the office's business will continue to take place before 4:30pm; however, the Center will be open later to be that hub for intellectual discussion, socializing, and checking Facebook between classes until 6pm that has earned us the reputation for being a "home away from home." If you haven't been to the MCC yet, then you are missing out. *Friend* us on Facebook, take a look at our website, and come by and see us during our new extended hours.



USI Black Alumni Society
2011 Homecoming Reception

Chris Evans, Senior
Ronessa Clark, Alumni