

Multicultural Connection

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2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon has Sold Out

Just as expected, the MLK Memorial Luncheon sold out rather quickly this year. In fact, the majority of the tickets were sold before the University shut down for Winter Recess. However, if you were not able to purchase a ticket, you don't have to miss out on the entire event. Due to the overwhelming interest, we have arranged for a live feed of the event to be shown in Forum Room 1 of the Wright Administration Building (FA1) beginning at 11:00am on January 17. There is **NO CHARGE** to view the event in FA1. Our keynote speaker, Hill Harper, will be in FA1 following his speech for an "Up Close and Personal" Q&A session. Please note that there will not be a meal served in FA1, so all attendees should make arrangements to eat before or after the live feed. If you have any questions about the events taking place on MLK Day, please contact the Multicultural Center at cdbeebe@usi.edu.

The University of Southern Indiana Multicultural Center
Memorial Luncheon
 IN HONOR OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
 With Guest Speaker



Hill Harper
 Monday, January 17, 2011

Check out these FREE EVENTS!

- Live Feed 11:00 a.m. in Forum 1
- Book Signing* 12:30 p.m. in Carter Hall Concourse
- Up Close & Personal 1:15 p.m. in Forum 1

* Books currently available in the USI Bookstore

Sponsors: USI Foundation, Department of Communications, Scripps Howard Center for Media Studies and the Multicultural Center

For additional information, contact the Multicultural Center 812/465-7188 or cdbeebe@usi.edu

Special points of interest:

- MLK Memorial Luncheon tickets have sold out, but you don't have to miss out
- Kappa Alpha Psi is looking for new members
- Nominate a Phenomenal Woman for her contributions to diversity

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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 proud 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.



Multicultural Center
 Hours of Operation
 Monday—Thursday
 8am—6pm

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

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends
2	3	4	5  Kappa Alpha Psi 100 Year Anniversary	6 Home Basketball Games (W) 5:15pm (M) 7:30pm	7 Open Registration, Spring 2011	8 Home Basketball Games (W) 1:00pm (M) 3:15pm
9	10 2nd Semester Classes Begins Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal	11 CMFK—3:30pm	12 Latinos Unidos 3pm—UC 205 Black Student Union 3pm—UC 206	13 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm Home Basketball Games (W) 5:15pm	14	15
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EXCEL Mentoring Bowling Trip

The EXCEL Mentoring Program ended the semester with a fun team building trip to Franklin Lanes on December 9. The goals were to encourage each other during finals and to take a moment to celebrate completing their first semester

at USI. The theme for the afternoon was to finish the semester strong—*muscles*. EXCEL Mentoring program participants flexed their biceps and triceps in celebration of strikes, spares, or any pins successfully knocked over. Transfer

student Deadria Brown began the proud display of muscles with a sweet smile, pose and a growl, “grrr...”



Hannah Hunter

EXCEL Bowling
Franklin Lanes

CMFK Holiday Party

College Mentors for Kids ended the semester with a Holiday Party on November 31. The Big Buddies came up with a fun game of unwrapping boxes while wearing oven mitts. Combining this fun game with the holiday cookies, punch, and movie playing in the background set the tone for a fun-filled activity. Because this was the last time CMFK

would meet before the holidays, each Big Buddy gave their Little Buddy a special gift to enjoy over the exciting break from school. Each little buddy was told to wait until they were at home with their families before opening their gift. Some found toys and books, others found dolls and board games, and other things that make children smile.

If you are interested in being a mentor to an elementary aged student, then we are looking for you. Sarah Huebner, CMFK President, shared, "CMFK is looking for a few more mentors. Email the CMFK Site Coordinator at kkmcclella@usi.edu to find out how you can join the team."



**CMFK Meets on
Tuesdays from
3:30pm—4:45pm**

<http://www.usi.edu/lmcc/mentors.asp>



**Inspire.
Educate.
Connect.**

BSU Volunteers for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc



USI's Black Student Union and Santa Claus

**Breakfast with Santa
Zion Missionary Baptist Church**

The Black Student Union helped the Zeta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. bring holiday joy to some local children. On December 4, the Zion Missionary Baptist Church Life Center was filled with holiday spirit. The children who came were provided a complete breakfast and

the opportunity to tell Santa Claus their Christmas wishes, but that's not all. The room had several locations that were set up as stations for the children to color, enter prize drawings, and do other activities. Some youth were even tumbling on the gymnasium mat set up in the back of the room. The BSU contributed by filling in where

help was needed. This included set up, passing out food, being a friendly face for the little ones, and cleaning up at the conclusion of the event. "Breakfast with Santa" was a magical event. The local youth had fun; Zeta Zeta Omega enjoyed bringing the joy to the community; and USI's BSU had a role in making sure everything took place.

Latinos Unidos Volunteer at the Evansville Rescue Mission

Members of the Latinos Unidos group volunteered their time and energy at the Evansville Rescue Mission on December 4. The LU spent the evening in the kitchen helping serve food. Because the members came with positive attitudes, they sincerely enjoyed themselves and made the experience fun. Be-

tween the assembly line of placing food on trays, the LU members were singing, joking, and laughing in a way that was contagious. It didn't take long until the other kitchen workers were joking and laughing with the LU. Stephanie King said, "During the down time, we made it fun. My favorite part was singing the

Mississippi Slide—your right foot stomp, your right foot stomp/you cha-cha to the left..." Melissa Chavez, LU President, asked the kitchen chef how many meals-per-day the Rescue Mission provides because she would love to come back to volunteer in the future.



"It takes all of us working together to help those in our community who need us the most..."
—taken from the Evansville Rescue Mission's Mission

Homecoming 2011

Basketball Games

USI plays University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the Physical Activities Center

Women at 1 p.m.

Men at 3:15 p.m.

USI Black Alumni Society Reception 2-3 p.m.

If you are interested in the Society, come to PAC 209 and see what we're all about

Alumni Party & Greek Alumni Reunion 5:30-7 p.m.

After the games, relax and refresh at the Homecoming Party

Complimentary Food sponsored by Sodexo
Live Entertainment

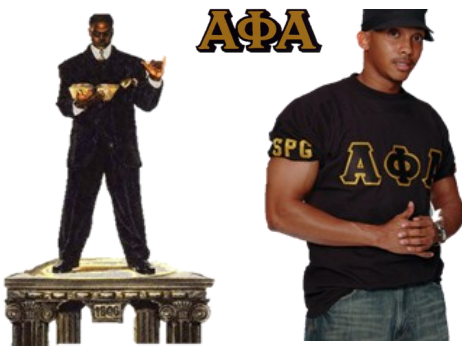
AMIGO Reunion 6:30-8:30 p.m.

It's the 35th Anniversary for the AMIGO program...former AMIGO's will gather in the new Student Development Offices in the expanded University Center.

Alpha Phi Alpha Awareness Seminar

The members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, the first historically black fraternity, will host an awareness seminar on January 20 at the Kissel Community Center at 6pm. Those interested in the fraternity's history and application process are encouraged to attend. These items and more will be discussed for both undergraduate and graduate aspirants. This seminar is open to students from USI and the University of Evansville as well as members of the Evansville community. If you are planning to attend, you can expect to expand your knowledge and understanding of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For more information, email the Grad Chapter Secretary at:

kkmcclella@usi.edu



Kappa Alpha Psi Membership Informational

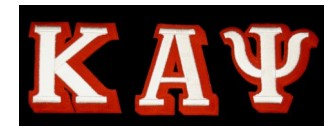


Kappa Alpha Psi
Membership
Informational

University of Southern Indiana
Building UC Room 215
at 7:11pm Thursday
January 20, 2011



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, a historically Black Fraternity, will host a membership informational for those interested in learning more about "Kappa Men" on January 20, 2011 at 7:11pm in UC 215. Kappa Alpha Psi shared the following, "This is a call to membership. If you are interested in being a Kappa Man, we encourage you to come and see what we are about."



Student Leadership Conference

The O'Daniel Leadership Academy proudly presents a NEW Student Leadership Conference. This year the Student Leadership Conference has a new look, a new format, and a new mission: **to EXCEL your leadership to the next level!**

Participants will self-select which leadership level they want to explore from LEAD 100 for new student leaders ready to make their mark to LEAD 400 for experienced leaders preparing for graduation. The Leadership Levels are:

- **LEAD 100-** For first year student leaders or anyone who wants to explore the foundations of leadership
- **LEAD 200-** For emerging leaders who want to enhance their leadership skills and take on more responsibility as a student leader
- **LEAD 300-** For student leaders who are serving on an executive board or in a leadership position for their student organizations
- **LEAD 400-** For experienced student leaders who want to sharpen their leadership skills and prepare to transition for graduation

Students will have the opportunity to gain useful leadership skills, network with faculty and staff, and establish relationships with peer leaders on campus. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The EXCEL Leadership Conference will be held on **Saturday, January 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** on the second floor of the University Center. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided to participants of the leadership conference