

Multicultural Connection

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The "New MCC"

On March 3, the MCC along with the entire expanded UC East, will host a Grand Opening to raise awareness of relocated offices. Visit us between 2:30pm and 4:30pm and see our new space. As the picture to the right suggests, we have an inviting student lounge where both intellectual and humorous dialogue takes place. In addition to seeing our new space, you can learn about some of our programs. Representatives from MCC clubs and organizations will be available to share information for those interested in getting involved; including members from the Black Student Union, Latinos Unidos (Hispanic Student Union), South Asian Student Union, Designed by Grace Gospel Choir, Executive Diversity Scholars, and College Mentors for Kids. The USI Black Alumni Society will also be available with information. Come and see what the "New MCC" is all about.



*The MCC has moved to
UC East, Room 1244*

Special points of interest:

- The "New MCC"
- USI is recognizing 10 women for their contributions to diversity and 10 organizations for their service to women for Women's Heritage Month.
- Dr. Daniel Mosquera: an Afro-Hispanic Lecture-ship

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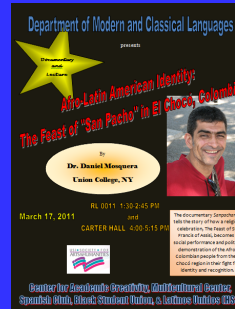
2011 Phenomenal Women Honorees

In recognition of Women's Heritage Month, USI will honor 10 deserving women in March for their contributions to diversity both at USI and the Evansville Community at the Tenth Annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Ceremony. Some of the women honored are USI undergraduate and graduate students, support staff, administrators, alumnus, and Evansville community members. Along with these phenomenal women, USI will also recognize 10 organizations whose focus is service to the women of the Evansville community.



Dr. Daniel Mosquera--Afro Latin Lecture

In his documentary "Sanpachando," Dr. Daniel Mosquera captures the original way in which the African descent population from the El Chocó region in Colombia transformed a religious festival organized by the community into a social performance and political demonstration of ethnic identity through music, creativity, and African flavor. Expand your knowledge on March 17, by attending his presentation in RL 11 at 1:30pm, or in Carter Hall at 4pm. This event is a partnership between BSU, LU(HSU), Spanish Club, THREADS, the Foreign Language Department, and the Center for Academic Creativity.



Quote of the Month

"If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place." —Margaret Mead

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CMFK—3:30pm	2 Black Student Union Boys & Girls Club 3pm	3 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm UC East Grand Opening 2:30pm—4:30pm	4	5
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Spring Break Mar. 7 - Mar. 11						
13	14 Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	15 CMFK—3:30pm	16 Black Student Union Boys & Girls Club 3pm	17 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm Dr. Daniel Mosquera Carter Hall 4pm BSU Open Mic Eagles Nest 6pm	18	19
20	21 Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	22	23 Latinos Unidos 3pm—UC 205 Black Student Union 3pm—UC 206	24 EXCEL Mentoring UC 214 1:30pm BSU Skating Party Skate World 7pm—10pm	25	26 Relay for Life Race Walk 6pm—6am
27	28 Designed by Grace Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm—FAI	29 CMFK—3:30pm				

Multicultural Center Moving Party

The Multicultural Center has moved to its new location on the main level of UC East, Room 1244.

The staff had a “Slide to the Other Side” moving party on Monday, February 14. Kurtis Kelley, and Stephanie “F” Henderson were co DJs for the afternoon, and they kept everyone engaged.

“Old School” hits from artists such as: R Kelley, Quad City DJs, H Town, Shai, Something for the People, Jon B, Vanilla Ice, and Jodeci, to mention a few, kept the crowd dancing between classes and helped spread the word about the new location of the MCC. DeWayne Watson broke into song when he heard something that brought back a few

memories for him by Tyrese Gibson. DeWayne closed his eyes and began with, “sweet lady, would you be my/ sweet love for a lifetime...” DeWayne wasn’t alone. Monique Darden and Antoinette Small joined in with, “I’ll be there, when you need me/ just call and receive me...” The moving party took place from 11am until 2pm in the old location.



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College Mentors for Kids

During the month of February, CMFK did a number of exciting things. On February 1, the group learned about career opportunities in journalism, News Reporting, and Photography from USI's Photography Services. The following week, Pro-

fessor Pei Chen shared information about the Chinese New Year, Zodiac Signs, and culture. On February 15, CMFK went to Walther's Golf N Fun for pizza, games, and golf. The group learned about the military the following week

from the USI ROTC and how having a college degree will afford them endless opportunities—even in the military.

Laura Everest reported on a few of these activities in the February Edition of *College Mentors*.



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"College Mentors" February Edition to the right

BSU Week was a Success



BSU Week—IU Soul Revue

Brianna Williams, Senior
William Cannon, Junior

The Black Student Union celebrated "BSU Week" from Monday, February 7, through Thursday, February 10. The week began with a free concert from the IU Soul Revue on Monday. Performing music originally produced by groups such as Earth Wind and Fire, the Spinners, Michael

Jackson, and Sade, the Soul Revue lived up to its' reputation of providing a show full of variety, quality, and energy that has made them a favorite among students at USI. William Cannon and Brianna Williams both stood up and "stepped it out" during the performance of *Sweetest Taboo*. Oth-

er events of BSU week included an Open Mic Night event on Tuesday, a partnership bowling outing with the HSU at Franklin Lanes on Wednesday, and a collaborative movie showing with APB (the *Blindside*) on Thursday.

Latinos Unidos Carnations Sales—Relay for Life and Salsa Dancing Lessons

On February 14, Valentine's Day, Latinos Unidos sold Carnation Flowers for \$1. All of the funds collected were donated to *Relay for Life* in the name of Latinos Unidos. The Organization will participate in the Race Walk

on March 26, in the RFWC from 6pm to 6am. The group had dedicated the walk to Evanguar McClellan, a cancer survivor, and everyone in the world who has been touched by cancer in some form. The group also hosted a

successful Salsa Dancing Lessons fundraiser on February 17 at the McDonald MPR with a \$2 admission.



Claudia Pena, Sophomore
Giving Salsa Lessons

Evansville Bar Association

Five members of the Evansville Bar Association came to USI and shared information to a group of students on February 23. Special attention was given to the lack of proper representation of diversity in the Evansville Bar Association. Magistrate Hussmann was extremely sincere in communicating that Indiana, specifically Evansville, needs more minority lawyers. If you are a minority and you are interested in pursuing law school, there are programs, such as CLEO, in place to help you.

Magistrate Hussmann, along with the other EBA representatives, explained that a bachelor degree in any field (business, health, language, the *Arts*, etc...) will qualify a person for admittance into law school.



Evansville Bar Association

LA 1002
Cindy Alfaro, Sophomore
John Hegeman, Attorney

South Asian Student Union--Best Food Award at Food Expo 🏆

The South Asian Student Union shared some of their culture with USI at the International Food Expo on February 25. The SAU won an award for "Best Food" for preparing Pav Bhaji, an authentic Indian cuisine made of potatoes, tomatoes, green onions, for the food expo. Club president Kireeti Ghanta had this to say, "We're thrilled for the opportunity to show people a favorite dish from back home." Sonali Ghandi, former club president, added the following to Kireeti's comment, "I always look forward to the International Food Expo because it feels good to educate people on our culture and learn about other ones." Kireeti, Sonali, and club member Fauzia Mahmood dressed in traditional Indian attire and participated in the booth decorating contest.



International Food Expo

India table

Cooking and Culture Southwest Asia



Come and join us for Cooking & Culture on Tuesday March 1st, 3:00-5:00 pm in HP 0063. Our topic for this cooking lesson is Southwestern India (Goa) and our guest speaker is Dr. Kevin Valadares. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to experience, cook, taste the irresistible Indian food fragrances, and learn why food has become a marker of religious and social identity in India.

This is a **free** event. Please make your reservation with Lesa Cagle at Lfcagle@usi.edu and be willing to cook and eat, yum!

March BSU Open Mic Night



Back by popular demand, the Black Student Union presents the "March BSU Open Mic Night." If you are a poet, comedian, or if you have a love for the *Arts*, come and be a part of the BSU open mic on March 17, in the Eagle's Nest across from Burger King in the UC at 6pm.