

# Multicultural Connection

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## A Word From the Director



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Director

Welcome Students!

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

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

We are excited to announce two new partnerships with initiatives that will be housed in the Multicultural Center to assist you with academics and college life in general. Mark your calendars now for tutoring in the Center every Monday, beginning on August 29, at 1pm and get on the 'A' train. That's right we're bringing Academic Skills to you! Also, on Wednesday, September 14, join us for lunch during "Power Hour" where we will discuss topics that you are interested in – student's choice. See you there!

Sincerely,  
Pamela F. Hopson, Multicultural Center Director



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## Special points of interest:

- Mentoring Program for both Freshmen and Transfer students
- CMFK is looking for a few more mentors
- Black and Brown Summit of Excellence Registration Deadline
- USI Live at the Apollo is September 24

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## Cultural Connections Week

### Ice-Ice Baby (Ice Cream Social)

The Multicultural Center invites you to come by and enjoy some friendly company and conversation with delicious **FREE** ice cream on August 29. This will be a "cool" time to meet and connect with new people here at USI. See the calendar on page 3 for time and location.

### New Student Assembly

New multicultural students, both freshmen and transfer, will have an opportunity to build community, form relationships, and share concerns about their first year of college at the New Student Assembly on August 30. See the calendar on page 3 for time and location.

### MCC Cookout

The MCC Cookout is another part of Cultural Connections week which is an attempt to get new students connected. This year's MCC Cookout will have food, music, dancing, and door prizes. If you know the latest dance, come show us at the MCC Cookout on September 1. See the calendar on page 3 for time and location.

## Tutoring in the MCC

The Multicultural Center will have tutoring in the office on Mondays beginning September 29. Study in the MCC and have a real tutor to answer any questions you have about Math, English, Study Skills, and more. Tutoring session will be from 1pm-3pm.

# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18 Cultural Diversity Reception 4-5p.m. Carter Hall 	19 Multicultural Center Open House 2-4p.m. MCC 	20
<b>Welcome Week August 18-24</b>						
21	22 Classes Begin Designed by Grace Call Out 6p.m. Fireside Lounge	23 CMFK Game Day 3pm RFWC-Quiet Room	24	25	26	27
<b>Cultural Connections Week August 29-September 1</b>						
28	29 Ice-Ice Baby, Ice Cream Social 11-1pm Multicultural Center  Tutoring in the MCC 1pm-3pm	30 New Student Assembly 4-6pm Carter Hall D  Ramadan Ends	31 Involvement Fair 11-2pm University Quad	1 MCC Cookout 3-5pm Eicher Barn	2	3
4	5 <b>Labor Day</b> Campus Closed	6 CMFK Callout Rally 3-4pm Carter Hall A,B,C	7 BSU 1st Meeting 3pm Location: TBA  HSU 1st meeting UC 2205 4pm	8 Apollo Application Deadline Mentoring Program for First Year Students (UC 2206, 1:30pm)	9 <b>Black and Brown Summit of Excellence</b> 	10 
<b>See page 4 for details...</b>						
11	12 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)	13 <b>Assessment Day</b> No Classes	14 Powerhouse Lunch Sponsored by the Counseling Center 12pm-1pm	15 <b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b> September 15-October 15 Mentoring Program for First Year Students (1:30pm, UC 2206)	16 Mexico Independence Day	17
18	19 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)	20	21 HSU 1st meeting UC 2205 4pm	22 Mentoring Program for First Year Students (UC 2206, 1:30pm)	23	24 USI Live at the Apollo 6pm Carter Hall 
<b>HSU Week September 26 - 29</b>						
25	26 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)	27	28	29 HSU/APB—Movie Night "A Better Life" Time: TBA FAI Mentoring Program for First Year Students (UC 2206, 1:30pm)	30	

## Mentoring Program for New Students



The Mentoring Program for New Students pairs first year students with a mentor who share their own experiences at USI, while encouraging program participants to develop skills needed to succeed academically and socially. Meetings are *Thursdays from 1:30pm-2:30pm in UC 2206*. First meeting will take place on September 8.



## Executive Diversity Scholars

The Executive Diversity Scholars program is a professional development focused initiative designed for talented students from diverse backgrounds. The program is designed to connect them with CEO's and top executives of tri-state companies. This exposure helps to put them on the fast track with

their career aspirations and learn the keys to professional success from local experts. This program meets monthly. If you are interested in learning more about the Executive Diversity Scholars program, please visit our website at [www.usi.edu/mcc](http://www.usi.edu/mcc).



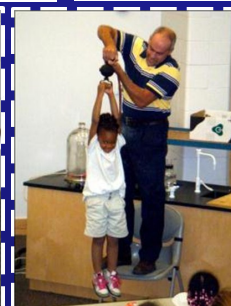
## College Mentors for Kids (CMFK) Call Out Rally

**“We give [elementary students] positive energy and encourage their educational development.”**  
**-Kegan Walker, USI Senior**

CMFK is a non-profit organization that pairs college students with elementary students for weekly activities that expose the youth to college experiences. In the Evansville community, USI partners with Glenwood Leadership Academy. This USI/Glenwood group meets every Tuesday from 3:30pm-5pm during the school year (excluding school breaks and holidays). Each USI stu-

dent is paired with one Glenwood student to form a big-buddy/little-buddy relationship during these weekly activities that are full of fun and learning. Kegan Walker, CMFK president, particularly loves “showing the kids that learning can be fun. Last year, the little buddies learned exciting things about Physics, the Army, and much more. We played a lot of fun games with the little bud-

dies, but more importantly, we gave them positive energy and encouraged their educational development.” The CMFK Call Out Rally is an opportunity for interested USI students to meet current mentors, learn more about the program, and find out how to get involved in the program. The rally will be on September 6. See the Calendar on page 3 for details.





**“Young Leo”, Prince Nzeata, and Vanessa Xiong 2010 Apollo Participants**

## USI LIVE AT THE APOLLO

Yes, you heard right. The 2011 USI Live at the Apollo Campus Wide Talent Revue will be on September 24. If you like talent shows, then you will love the “Apollo.” Celebrity guest host, Nino Incognito of KISS 106.1 FM will keep the crowd involved while USI’s own Theo Akai will “keep it moving” the way that Theo does with his

band “Toast and Jam.” USI has some of the most talented artists in the tristate area. Some of the acts in the recent past include: dance, rap, theatrical interpretations, R&B music, poetry, juggling, unicycling, miming, Country music, beatboxing, and MUCH, MUCH MORE! The “Apollo” is an outlet for USI students to share their talents in a positive and supportive environment.

If you would like to share your talent with USI, the application deadline is September 9.

For everyone else, the show will be at 6pm on September, 24.—Doors will open at 5:30pm. Don’t miss out!

### Black and Brown Summit of Excellence

The Black and Brown Summit of Excellence is an inclusive program that has been designed to address topics that are relevant to men and women of both African American and Latino heritage. Attendees can expect to receive insight from people that look like them on how to excel

academically and otherwise. This year, the males and females have separate themes. The ladies say they are, “Standing on the Shoulders of Our Sisters; Claiming Our History and Ourselves” while the gentlemen are saying it’s time to “Stand Up, Man Up and Become Success Stories.” The Summit is a two day event. The Ladies portion of the event will

take place on September 9 and the Gentlemen’s portion will be on September 10. If you are interested in attending, please register on line at [www.usi.edu/mcc.asp](http://www.usi.edu/mcc.asp).



### HSU Week

Latinos Unidos (USI’s Hispanic Student Union) is hosting its first ever HSU Week. September 26—29 will be filled with a wonderful array of activities the group has sponsored to celebrate Hispanic culture. HSU Week coincides with Hispanic Heritage Month which is recognized from

September 15—October 15. Club President, Francis Ortiz had this to say, “We welcome the entire USI Community to come out and help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage month during HSU week. We have worked hard to create a week filled with pieces of our Culture that we want to share with USI.” Keep an eye and ear out to

see what the club has in store.

