

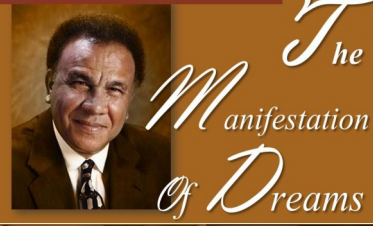
# Multicultural Connection

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## Samuel Betances

SAMUEL BETANCES



*Date*  
Monday, Oct. 24, 2011

*Time*  
7:00 p.m.

*Location*  
Carter Hall D

*Admission*  
**FREE!**

*Additional Info*  
Contact the Multicultural Center  
at 812/465-7188

Dr. Samuel Betances is a biracial, bicultural, and bilingual citizen of the world who is known for inspiring willing learners to aim high, reject rejection, and embrace themselves and each other as a powerful team members working towards a more prosperous future. Dr. Betances received his Doctorate from Harvard University. He is an honored Professor Emeritus, consultant to Presidents, managers, community groups, clergy members, and a role model for youth. However, he fought quite a battle to accomplish so much. Out of the bowels of inner city poverty, stigma of minority group status, violence, welfare, and illiteracy in two languages, he arose. With strong spiritual convections and a passion for reading, Dr. Betances has taken the hard lessons from the mean streets of life and reshaped them into his personal vision. Come and listen to Dr. Betances speak on the "Manifestation of Dreams" on October 24, at 7pm in Carter Hall. Admission is FREE!

### Special points of interest:

- Samuel Betances, October 24
- Power Hour of "Real Talk" in the MCC October 26
- Tutoring in the MCC Mondays from 1—3pm

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## Power Hour in the MCC

The MCC is known for being a hub for intellectual dialogue, or "real talk" as many students put it, at various times throughout the day, students congregate in the MCC's Student Commons to discuss their perspectives on a number of topics

including politics, religion, social sciences, current events, relationships, music, and countless other subjects. On September 14, the Multicultural Center and the Counseling Center partnered up to further encourage this dialogue. The most important ground rules were to be

honest of your views, and respectful of others when contributing to the conversation. If you are interested in attending, the next Power Hour will be on October 26, from 12pm – 1pm in the MCC.

**The Power Hour**  
@ the Multicultural Center (UB East)  
Join the Counseling Center for lunch and discussion over diversity issues. Come socialize with us and share your experience. FREE PIZZA!  
12 – 1 p.m.  
September 14  
October 26  
November 30

**Next Power Hour**  
October 26,  
MCC  
12pm—1pm

## Tutoring in the MCC

The Multicultural Center now offers tutoring in the office on Mondays. We encourage all interested students to study in the MCC and have a tutor from Academic Skills answer any questions you have related to Math, English, Study Skills, and more. Tutoring sessions are from 1pm—3pm.

# OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)  Tutoring in the MCC 1pm—3pm	4 CMFK 3:30-5pm Carter Hall A,B,C	5 BSU, 3pm Location: 206  HSU (UC 2205) 4pm	6	7	8
9	<b>Fall Break No Classes Oct 10 - 11</b>		12 BSU, 3pm Location: 206	13	14 Midnight Maddness PAC	15 Southern Hospitality Day
16	17 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)  Tutoring in the MCC 1pm—3pm  Native American Club Interest Meeting 12—1pm (MCC)	18 CMFK 3:30-5pm Glenwood Leader- ship Academy	19 BSU, 3pm Location: TBA  HSU (UC 2205) 4pm	20	21 Executive Diversity Scholars 2—4pm Location: Off Campus	22
23	24 Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6pm (MCC)  Tutoring in the MCC 1pm—3pm  Samuel Betances 7pm (Carter Hall)	25 CMFK 3:30-5pm Carter Hall A,B,C	26 BSU, 3pm Location: 206  Power Hour Lunch 12pm-1pm MCC  Gospel Choir Performance 7pm Zion Missionary Baptist Church	27	28	29 Southern Hospitality Day  Gospel Choir Performance New Hope Mis- sionary Baptist Church Time: TBA
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### Black and Brown Summit of Excellence



Left to Right:

Courtney Hoskins, BSU President  
Monique Darden, BSU Parliamentarian  
Dr. Linda Bennett, University President

The Black and Brown Summit of Excellence is an inclusive program designed to address topics that are relevant to people of African American as well as those of Latino/Hispanic Heritage. On Sept 9, this program was launched at USI for the first time ever. The program kicked off with a dinner and keynote

address given by Mrs. Linda Williams. Following dinner, participants attended a series of workshop sessions facilitated by Evansville community members, USI Alums, and USI personnel. The evening was then capped off with a dance in Carter Hall. Day two, September 10, began with a keynote address from Minister Jermaine Razor, followed by a

series of workshop sessions. Brandon Hogg had this to say, "The Black and Brown Summit of Excellence exceeded expectations tremendously. I hope we have another one next year." Addressing his question, yes we are! If you would like to help plan the next Summit, please let us know.

### USI Live at the Apollo

On September 24, some of the most talented acts that USI has ever seen gave the campus a show to remember. From comedy and music to dance and much more, this year's contestants brought their "A-game." USI's own Theo Akai and his band "Toast and Jam" played live music throughout the evening while USI Alum and Kiss 106.1 FM radio personality Nino N'cognito kept the crowd laugh-

ing and engaged as the celebrity host for the event. Most importantly, over 17 students were awarded cash prizes this year for doing things they love. Congratulations to all of the 2011 Apollo participants.



Theo Akai and his band "Toast and Jam"

### HSU Week was a Success

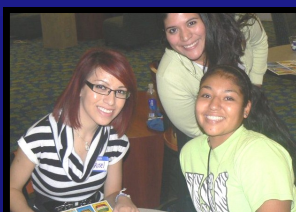
Latinos Unidos (USI's Hispanic Student Union) hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> ever "HSU Week" from October 26-29. The group began the week by sidewalk chalking the University "Quad" with Latino/Hispanic facts. The organization spent Monday and Tuesday sharing knowledge with the University through facts placed in front of the David L. Rice Library, UC East, UC West, Liberal Arts, and Business and Engineering buildings. Wednesday, the group

hosted "LOTERIA" in the Fireside Lounge. LOTERIA has the same principles of BINGO with one exception. Rather than calling numbers, the facilitator calls Spanish words and the players match the words they hear to pictures on their cards. The club gave away Mexican candy as prizes to the winners. LOTERIA took place from 4pm - 6pm. The club concluded HSU Week with a collaborative movie show-

ing of "A Better Life" with APB. This movie told the story of a Mexican father's struggle to provide for his son. HSU Treasurer, Angelica Dillon had this to say, "There were several times that I caught myself tearing up because it was such an emotionally moving movie." This event took place from 9pm - 11pm in FA 1



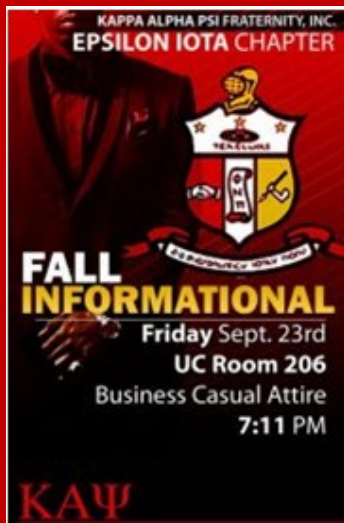
Latino Facts—Sidewalk Chalk



Loteria (Mexican Bingo)



Movie Collaboration with APB



## Kappa Alpha Psi's Fall Informational

The Men of Kappa Alpha Psi are working diligently to bring a chapter of Kappa Men to USI. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is a historically African American Fraternity. It was founded at Indiana University by ten men who had a common vision. An interesting fact about Kappa Alpha Psi is that one of the founders,

George Wesley Edmonds, was born and raised right here in Evansville, Indiana.

The Organization held an informational meeting on September 23, for those interested in learning more about the fraternity. If you are interested in being a Kappa Man, but was not able to attend, it's not too

late. Contact the Multicultural Center at [cdbeebe@usi.edu](mailto:cdbeebe@usi.edu) for more information



## Executive Diversity Scholars

On September 16, the Executive Diversity Scholars kicked off the program with the group's first meeting of the year. Guest speaker, Phillip Parker, Director of the USI Career Services Office, shared a wealth of knowledge about the office. Some of the office's points of pride include: resume building, internship placement, mock interviewing, and Eagle Career

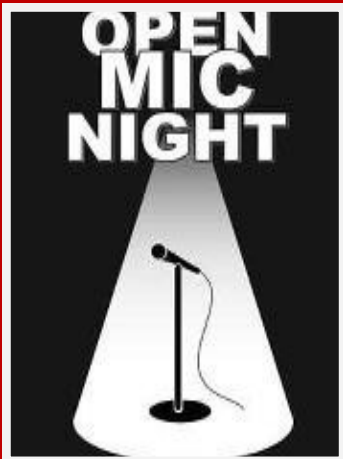
Launch. Eagle Career Launch is a website that only USI students and graduates have access to that contains numerous job opportunities. Parker was quick to note that the jobs listed are not restricted to Evansville. If a current student is looking for a job when they return home for the holidays or the summer, Eagle Career Launch is a great resource available to them. If you are a USI student who has not taken advantage of the program,

you can contact the office for your login instructions. Remember, just like Eagle Career Launch, USI Career Services is available for all USI students. To learn more about the office, visit their website at: [www.usi.edu/careersv/index.asp](http://www.usi.edu/careersv/index.asp), or stop by the office in the lower level of the Orr Center Monday through Friday between 8am – 4:30pm.



**Phillip Parker, Career Counseling Center Director, sharing information about the Center's services with the Executive Diversity Scholars**

**September 16  
Presidents Suite**



## BSU's Open Mic

"The students spoke and we listened" as BSU President Courtney Hoskins put it. Because of the overwhelming popularity and success of the BSU's Open Mics last year, the organization felt the demand of the student body to bring it back this Fall. On Sep-

tember 29, the BSU hosted its first Open Mic of the school year. All talent was welcomed and embraced in a supportive and encouraging environment. Courtney also, had this to say, "We had a really nice turn out. If you would like to relive it or see what you missed, we plan to upload pictures and video

on the MCC Facebook Page." The event took place from 7pm – 9pm in the lower-level commons area in UC East close to the Shield Office.

