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Letter from the Director

I want to extend a warm welcome to the students and family members who will be visiting the University of Dayton on an upcoming overnight program! Over 25 students and family members are registered to attend the Multicultural Overnight. In March, UD will also welcome 24 students from Puerto Rico. OMA looks forward to assisting Enrollment Management in hosting the students and their families!

Lead Mentors contacted 380 multicultural students from March 5-8 to extend congratulations on being admitted to UD! The Lead Mentors were also able to answer general questions about the upcoming Multicultural Overnight or UD. Thank you to the Lead Mentors for making these important connections with students and their family: Carolina Alvarado, Rachel Bernardo, Dan Forero, Ariel Giles, Jorge Lopez, Candace Madry, Dominique Pettit-Mickens, Lauren Porter, Stefon Towler! Thank you to Carlos Stewart (Lead

Mentor advisor) and Racqueal Gamble for making the phone-a-thons possible! We hope to continue this new initiative! The Lead Mentors assist with the PEERS mentoring program and student recruitment events. The Lead Mentor positions were created in collaboration with Enrollment Management.

I want to provide a quick update regarding work that is occurring in the Division of Student Development. I have met with the directors, several departments, and the Diversity Action Team within Student Development to assist in the development of diversity strategic planning items that will inform larger strategic planning efforts in the Division. By the end of May, I will have met with each department. During these meetings, I am sharing a campus climate framework that will serve as a guide as each department develops diversity strategic items for their area and the Division. We look forward to inviting students, faculty, and staff to join us in this important work!

OMA is looking forward to moving to the first floor of Alumni Hall this summer! For many years, we have welcomed faculty and staff members who have hosted office hours in OMA. The move to Alumni Hall will allow OMA to continue this tradition. Please contact me if you are interested in holding office hours in OMA during the 2012-2013 academic year! Student organizations will also be offered an opportunity to hold office hours in OMA.

Sending good wishes to students as they focus on completing the semester, securing summer opportunities, or post-graduation plans. Please let us know if we can be of assistance!

Take care,

Patty Alvarez, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean of Students/
Director of Multicultural
Affairs



New Services in OMA

Carolina Alvarado, Senior

New Website

UD has gone through changes over the recent years. For the most part, these changes have been physical- whether we have gained more property, like the old NCR building or transformed the VWK cafeteria. This time, UD has transformed its website- displaying a coherent center of information, making it easier to navigate. Like many other departments and services offered on campus, OMA has been affected by this technological modification.

The new website, www.oma.udayton.edu, allows you to have access to information pertaining to events and resources sponsored by our community at the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

There is an OMA events tab where you can view all the events

happening during the month.

Also, there is a tab designated for students to apply for using the OMA office space, lineup events for the OMA calendar that you would like people to know, and register for workshops or conferences that are offered. Additionally, there is access to the OHANA newsletters, from the current edition to archived editions. Most importantly, the website also offers contact information from the OMA staff.

OMA Resource Binder

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has created a resource binder that is available to ALL students during

office hours. This resource binder contains information regarding opportunities on campus as well as outside UD, whether it be in the Dayton city area or outside of Ohio.

These opportunities include employment, internships, scholarships, programs and leadership possibilities. Included in these sections are deadlines and brief descriptions of the available resources. Furthermore, the binder is updated weekly and the most recent information is available in the respective section at the front. If interested, come by the office and this binder is accessible at the student worker desk.

OMA Students Meet the President

OMA
End of the Year Recognition Dinner
 Thursday, April 26
 6pm VWK Main
FREE but must register with OMA

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Academic Success Corner

Grace Pregent, Academic Success Specialist, School of Business Administration

We have crossed the half way point! As we head into the second part of the semester, be proud of your strong academic start and remember that these last few weeks could make all the difference. Plan ahead. Don't forget to schedule a meeting with your adviser and take care of any holds that you might have on your account. Here some key dates to keep in mind for April:



Wed, Apr 17	Bro. Joseph W. Stander Symposium-Alternate Day of Learning
Fri, Apr 26	Last day of classes
Sat, Apr 27	Study Day
Sun, Apr 28	Study Day
Mon-Fri, Apr 29-May 3	Exams-Spring Term ends after final examinations

Registration details by last name: http://www.udayton.edu/flyersfirst/_resources/files/registrar/registration/fall_2012_ug_reg_dates.pdf

No matter how your semester is unfolding, the OMA academic support staff is here to help you achieve your goals! Also, your peers offer their support and advice. Here is another look at a fellow student striving for excellence.

OMA Student Spotlight

Miracle Reason

Hometown: Dayton, OH

UD Class of 2015

Major: Accounting



What do you plan on doing with your degree?

After completing my MBA, I hope to become a Certified Public Accountant. My ultimate goals consist of giving back to my community to pave the way for future generations to become successful; in addition I aspire to one day open my own family restaurant.

What is your favorite aspect about UD?

My favorite aspect of UD would have to be the environment and the true sense of community provided for students. Though the price of UD is high, the opportunities are priceless. UD not only provides me with the knowledge I need to become a successful business woman, but also the networking opportunities-introducing to students, faculty, and staff, that will help me in applying that knowledge.

What is your advice to students to do well academically?

My advice for students would be to put as much effort into your academics as you expect to accomplish in your results; you ultimately reap what YOU sow, so the harder you work the more successful you will become. They say nothing comes to a sleeper but a dream, but no one ever said you can't turn that dream into a reality.

Student Administrator Corner

Lauren E. Porter, Junior

Greetings!

My name is Lauren E. Porter and I am the Student Programming Assistant within the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Recently, my experiences have exposed me to a rather common theme that the University has made us all quite aware of yet, in my humble opinion, goes rather frequently unnoticed and unfulfilled as we students lose ourselves in our everyday academic and social affairs. That theme is that of the Marianist Charism. Personally, I cannot readily recall learning exactly what the Marianist Charism was earlier in my academic experience here at the University of Dayton. However, following the Leadership Networking Dinner hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs this month, I've been re-introduced to the wonderful importance of Marianist Charism and I've recently grown to see how its existence serves as a vital component to the foundation of any servant leader seeking to provoke any form of substantial change. There are five pillars of the Marianist Charism which include: faith, Mary, community, mission, and inclusivity. There is a variety of literature available for the further study of what each of these entails. I will leave that search up to each individual to engage upon to seek such enriching knowledge on their own. However, I would like to encourage and challenge each individual to actively seek to apply the Marianist mission into their everyday activity rather than simply including it in their everyday vocabulary on account of being a UD student. Actively and intentionally explore the different components of the Marianist mission and value system and allow it's teachings to enhance your experiences through academic growth, social interaction, and service work.



A Word from the Editors

We are approaching the end of the year! As the countdown begins to summer vacation (and for some --GRADUATION), we must do our best to keep focus and finish this semester strong. We know that it is a challenge, especially with the nice, warm weather we have been enjoying in the past weeks, but remember that our goal is to achieve our best potential. With that in mind, we, the OMA community, is here to support and encourage each other. Study tables are still happening in the office and our staff members are always available to help in any way possible-whether it be in helping you find a tutor, borrow books or just to hear your concerns or achievements throughout the semester.

Furthermore, we recognize that academics are the main priority as college students, but keep in mind that extra-curricular activities also enrich your experience in college. As you already know, UD has numerous organizations that are available. Yet, I will encourage you all to look into the smaller organizations that are currently looking for undergraduate students to carry on for next year. For example, Students in A New Direction (SAND) is looking for members that are committed to serving the Dayton area by mentoring the youth. Most of the

current members are graduating seniors, so there is a great emphasis in bringing in younger students to carry on the work done thus far. Also, there is a group of young Latina females that are currently under the process of bringing a Latina sorority to our campus. If interested, you can contact alvaradoc1@udayton.edu for more information on how you can get involved. Additionally, we are currently looking for individuals who are willing to help out with OHANA. Both Soleil and I will be graduating this May and are excited that the OHANA will continue the path it has taken during our time as co-editors. Two new co-editors have been identified for the 2012-2013 academic year. See the next edition for the big announcement! Anyone interested becoming a part of the OHANA staff, whether it be in writing, photography or giving ideas, contact Mrs. Graham at dgraham1@udayton.edu for more information.

Enjoy this edition!

Sincerely,
Soleil Verse and
Carolina Alvarado
(Co-editors)



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 STRONGER**

LEARN ABOUT THE MARIANIST MISSION

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

TINA AND TRINA FLETCHER

SOCIAL ACTIVISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS

APRIL 14, 2012
KENNEDY UNION 2ND FLOOR
8:30AM-2:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Frederick Cox, Conference Chair
 at coxf01@udayton.edu or OMA 937-229-3634

REGISTER NOW! <http://www.udayton.edu/studev/oma/about/request.php>

\$10 UD STUDENTS
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$15 NON UD STUDENTS

Finding Your Qi

Chase Jones, Graduate Assistant

In traditional Chinese culture, qi (also chi or ch'i) is an active principle forming part of any living thing. Qi is frequently translated as life energy, life-force, or energy flow. Qi is the central underlying principle in traditional Chinese medicine and martial arts. The literal translation of "qi" is breath, air, or gas.

Concepts similar to qi can be found in many cultures, for example, Prana in Vedantic philosophy, mana in Hawaiian culture, Lüng in Tibetan Buddhism, and Vital energy in Western philosophy. Some elements of qi can be understood in the term energy when used by writers and practitioners of various esoteric forms of spirituality and alternative medicine. Elements of the qi concept can also be found in popular culture,

for example "The Force" in Star Wars. (Wikipedia, 2012).

To find your qi, is to find balance in life. As individuals in college, we all are balancing many roles, projects, assignments, and life. To be happy and productive members of this culture, we must be able to balance all of this with our personal and spiritual health. For me, finding my qi means meditation, performing relaxing activities, and writing. I also try to get outside as much as I can as we all derive positive feelings from the sunlight (except those who suffer from photosensitivity). Sometimes finding your balance can be the most difficult thing in living a healthy life because what's on the scales, the size of the scale, and what supports you is constantly changing. Just remember

to breath, as a professional, as a partner, as a friend, or as a student, and know that the scales will always find a way to level out.

A person's ashes can be turned into a diamond.

There is no word you can write with the bottom row of the keyboard.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia is the fear of Friday the 13th.



Intergroup Dialogue: Race and Ethnicity

UDI 389 M1

Wednesdays, September 5 – October 24, 2012

Marianist Learning Center 205

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Students will examine and discuss issues and personal experiences that are relevant to race, the University setting and society.



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El Orgullo Latino (EOL) Ski Trip

