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Congratulations Class of 2016!

Congratulations to all of the 2016 graduates! Your hard work, dedication and excellence in education and led you to achieve a major milestone. Special thank you to OMA Staff graduates, Tiara Jackson '16 and Adrian Diaz Munio '16, Student Engagement Assistants and Yolanda Gavillan '16 and Katerina Cayere Diaz '16 –all spring 2016 UD graduates. We appreciate all you have done to positively impact OMA.

I am officially a University of Dayton graduate! I enjoyed hosting Sister to Sister and managing Marketing for the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA). I encourage everyone to get involved and connected with OMA if you haven't done so. Have a great summer! -Tiara Jackson '16



OMazing Days in the Office of Multicultural Affairs!

The Office of Multicultural Affairs had a very busy and exciting spring semester! It kicked off with the MLK Celebration Week; Black History Month and Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; 21st Annual Colors of Leadership Conference; the Multicultural Overnight for prospective students, and hosting several high school students visiting campus and the OMA Recognition Dinner where we celebrated the contributions and achievements of students, faculty and staff. A special highlight was honoring graduates. In the meantime, our offices relocated to the Music and Theatre Building for the summer, while Alumni Hall is under construction. View pictures from these events on page six.

SUMMER 2016

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OPEN this summer 8:30-4:30 p.m. in MT!

Save the Date (s):

OMA Student Summer BBQ!

June 24, 2016 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Returning Students

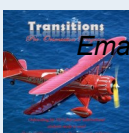
Currently seeking: PEERS Mentors for 2016-17 academic year!

Sign up here for:

AYIL Leadership Academy & PEERS Mentor Training

Move-in date: Aug. 16 Weds., Aug. 17-19

Email mallen2@udayton.edu or cstewart1@udayton.edu for details



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Any incoming student is welcome to stop by OMA in Music & Theatre Building Rm 122, if visiting campus this summer to meet the staff and ask any questions.

Mona Guerrier Endowed Scholarship

Applications are now available for students to apply [HERE](#):

One (1) student will be selected to receive an endowed scholarship for approximately one thousand and two hundred dollars (\$1200) for the 2016-2017 academic year.



OMA Campus Partners

Congratulations, [leesha Ramsey!](#)

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff Partners,

I want to share information with you regarding the recent appointment of leesha Ramsey to the Director of Upward Bound position within the School of Education and Health Sciences at the University of Dayton. Since 2012, leesha has made many positive contributions in the lives of students and at the University as an Academic Success Specialist with the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) and the School of Business Administration. We are very happy for leesha and wish her well as she transitions into this new role. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with leesha in the future as she supports the college access of high students through the Upward Bound program. leesha's last day as an Academic Success Specialist is May 31. Please join us in the Music Theater building on Tuesday, May 31 from 3-4:30pm as we thank leesha for her contributions as an Academic Success Specialist. The Music Theater building is located between Kettering Labs and the Humanities building. Feel free to invite others who may be interested in attending. RSVP appreciated, but not required. Please contact me or leesha if you have any questions. leesha, congratulations and thank you!

Thank you,

Patty Alvarez, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs & Asst. Dean, Division of Student Development

Congratulations Campus Partners!



OMA Proclamations presented at Spring Recognition Dinner
[Ione Damasco](#), Associate Professor; Cataloger Librarian

&



[Kathy Harmon](#), Assistant Vice President, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid

(click on names to view proclamations)



Dr. Denise James, associate professor of Philosophy, will serve as the next Women and Gender Studies' Program Director. Her appointment will begin August 16, 2016.

Welcome New Staff/Faculty Members!

Flyer First Counselors-Responsible for financial aid packing for continuing undergrad and grad students. Counseling students on repayment options and financial literacy. Their offices are located in St. Mary's Hall and they are available to speak with students all summer regarding financial aid.

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Fun fact : I can walk backwards and talk with my hands! I was once a tour guide for the Dayton/Montgomery Convention and Visitors Bureau - Yes! Even Dayton cares about tourism- I can share an amazing amount of Dayton history and factoids. Other than the airplane, Dayton has made a huge impact on the world we live in today.

Tips for students: If you didn't do as well as you should have academically this year and your aid is in danger of being removed- talk to someone and DO AN APPEAL if needed, as soon as possible. Have a well thought-out corrective action plan on how you are going to improve your GPA. FastWeb and Scholly are great sources to find outside scholarship sources. A little bit of work can yield nice payouts.

James Cosby, Flyer First Counselor

Fun fact: I have a collection of Transformers that is over 400 figures strong, and I qualified twice for div.3 All-Ohio in triple jump, I play bass, and I can yo-yo surprisingly well....also I have never rode in a plane....

Tips for students: Fill out your FAFSA and look at your financial info yourself. If your parent/guardian is still looking at these documents for you, you are denying yourself an important learning opportunity. Remember, it's your bill, not your parents.



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Editor's Note/Carta del Editor

Kwyn Townsend-Riley, '16



"I am so grateful to have been Co-Editor for the past 3 years at the University of Dayton because it impacts my beautiful diverse OMA family. I would not be able to succeed academically, spiritually without my OMA family."

Congratulations on graduation, Kwyn! Thank you for the many contributions you made to the University of Dayton and Office of Multicultural Affairs. Your role as Co-Editor for OHANA the past 3 years has been groundbreaking and beneficial for all. Your legacy for social justice, powered by research, activism, writing and spoken work, as well as leadership and service to all will forever be cherished by your Flyer family.

We Need You!

The OHANA newsletter is looking for talented young writers/co-editor to join the team for the 2016-17 school year. If you enjoy writing about multicultural topics and are willing to share that eagerness with the UD community, this may be the position for you. The OHANA staff writer position is a volunteer opportunity that you can utilize to develop your portfolio and learn valuable skills to use in the future.

If you are interested in writing for OHANA for the 2016-17 school year, please contact Merida Allen at mallen2@udayton.edu

Multicultural Student Leadership and Involvement

Emerging Business Leaders Institute (EBLI)

Fall Semester 2015 marked the start of the Emerging Business Leaders Institute (EBLI). The EBLI was facilitated by Janet Leonard, Assistant Dean of the University of Dayton School of Business Administration (SBA), Ieesha Ramsey, Academic Success Specialist for OMA and the SBA, and Devin Walker, SBA Graduate Assistant. Fifteen high school students from the Dayton Early College Academy (DECA) in grades 10-12 participated in the program, attending events on-campus once a month. The EBLI program received financial support through the kindness and generosity of Hans and Sherry Tschudin.

EBLI allowed the DECA students to gain knowledge about Business and experience the University of Dayton campus and the SBA, all while earning credit for completing an internship which is a high school graduation requirement. The Emerging Business Leaders had the opportunity to learn about Flyer Enterprise and shadow the employees in their various businesses; visit the Davis Center for Portfolio Management and take part in a mock-trading exercise; visit the Talarico Sales Center where they learned about presentation techniques and careers in sales; visit the Office of Multicultural Affairs where they heard from current UD multicultural students about their experiences on campus; visit the UD Bookstore to learn about the inner-workings of a campus bookstore; attend a UB Basketball game and took a tour of the Donoher Center during halftime to learn more about the business aspect of UD Athletics; and hear from the Business Career Advisor about making themselves marketable, and workplace dress and etiquette. Students learned about writing a business plan throughout the academic year and then worked in groups of three to write their own business plan proposals to start a school store in their high school. Students presented them in a business plan competition at the culminating event.

Throughout the entire academic year, student attendance was great. The students put forth an exceptional effort at each monthly event and were always eager to learn new things, share new experiences, and engage in the program activities. UD students from Flyer Enterprises and multicultural students in the SBA served as both mentors and presenters throughout the program. Lyric Fields who served as a mentor this academic year will return next year as a Peer Advisor whose role will be to assist in planning and facilitating the EBLI program.

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