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OMA Retreat 2014

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Letter from the Director

I hope you are enjoying a well deserved break! A special congratulations to all of the first-year students who completed their first year at UD! The Office of Multicultural Affairs would also like to congratulate all of the students who completed their last semester as undergraduate students! Congratulations graduates! The January/February issue will contain pictures of some of the graduates as well as information from the December recognition dinner.



This issue contains information from November and December. Hopefully you will take away some helpful tips that you can use during the break and next semester. Make sure you get some rest over the winter break, but also take time to accomplish items on your to do list. Here are suggestions for a productive break:

Academic Success: Congrats to those of you who met your academic goals! If you fell short of achieving some of your goals, think about the strategies that you want to adopt for the Spring semester. Start creating a schedule and plan for the Spring. Continue the strategies that have proven helpful and adopt new ones to address any areas of concern. Do you need a new study schedule and environment? Did you go to tutoring or visit your professor's office hours? Are you using a student planner or another calendar to keep track of assignments and exams? OMA planners are available in OMA if you need one. Are you reading for class and studying course material in advance? These are just some of the questions to consider.

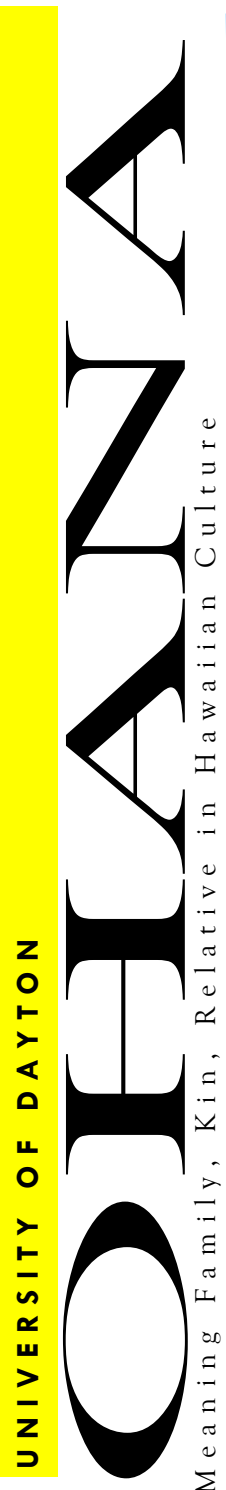
Campus Resources: Use campus resources in order to take full advantage of everything that UD has to offer! Consider using some or all of the following resources: Office of Learning Resources, Counseling Center, Career Services, Campus Ministry, Campus Recreation, Health Center, Center for Student Involvement, and Flyers First. An OMA staff member or your academic advisor can also share additional helpful resources.

Personal & Leadership Goals: Reflect on the personal and leadership goals that you want to achieve. The winter break is a great time for you to update your resume and cover letter, look for employment opportunities, explore summer or post-graduation opportunities, identify student organizations and leadership experiences that interest you, apply for scholarships, research study abroad options, and outline a plan for completing financial aid paperwork. The staff in OMA can speak with you about your interests as well as some opportunities that you might want to explore.

Wishing you a productive and relaxing break! Contact an OMA staff member if we can be of assistance with anything. Make sure you stop by OMA (First Floor of Alumni Hall – South Wing) when you return to campus.

Best wishes,

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



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OMA Student Engagement Assistants



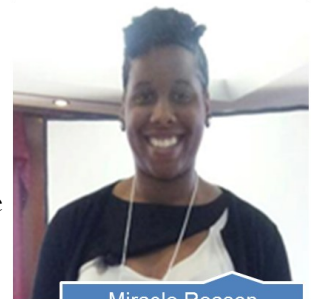
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Hello everyone!

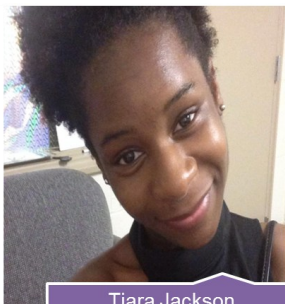
I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month events. Thanks to you the events were a total success and I hope that next year we have the same enthusiasm as we had this year. As seen in the office, the Student Spotlight board has been in total effect and if you feel like someone should be nominated please don't hesitate to email me at [cabreray1@udayton.edu](mailto:cabrera1@udayton.edu) or feel free to speak to me. Also, the annual OMA Retreat will be held from November 21 - 22! Make sure to register so you can learn more about self development, teamwork, and how to manage conflicts. It is also a great opportunity to get to know other students who are involved in the OMA community so make sure to sign up!

Hello beautiful people!

I hope your semester is going well. I would like to thank everyone who continues to support the SEA's and our programming events, particularly REAL Topics. The last REAL Topic hosted in October was a huge success; students, faculty and staff conversed about deportation in relation to the increasing wave of immigrants. The next REAL Topics will be hosted November 14th and the topic will be "Do attractive people have an advantage in life?" Join us to discuss who sets the standards of beauty and how that plays a role in the level of success one is able to achieve. I hope to see you for what is bound to be an interesting and honest dialogue!



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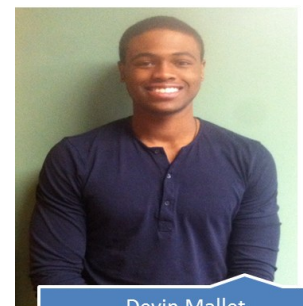
Tiara Jackson
Student Engagment
Assistant

Hello everyone!

This year I'm over Marketing which means I'm responsible for making the UD community aware of OMA sponsored events on social media. We have created a PowerPoint that will be displayed in the OMA Lounge. Therefore, we are looking for staff/faculty and student organizations to send us information about their upcoming events. Flyers and descriptions for an event can be sent to jacksont4@udayton.edu. I encourage everyone to support each other's events by bringing a friend. In addition I helped plan OMA's Retreat. I hope everyone who attended discovered new qualities in themselves that they are able to use throughout their college career.

Hello everyone!

I would like to thank everyone who has come out for the Brother 2 Brother sessions! Both sessions were a huge success. Unfortunately, this past one was the last session for the semester, but I would love it for guys to be on the look out next semester! One of my responsibilities as an SEA is to co-chair the annual Colors of Leadership Conference. The conference will be held in late April. The purpose of the conference is to present leadership skills to students so that they can be better prepared for future leadership positions. I would like everyone to mark April 18, 2015 on their calendars!



Devin Mallet
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GO TO [HTTP://OMA.UDAYTON.EDU](http://oma.udayton.edu) FOR MORE INFORMATION

Editor's Note/Carta del Editor

Kwynn Townsend Riley, junior, and Cristina Santiago, junior, editors



Justice Sonia Sotomayor “I do know one thing about me: I don't measure myself by others' expectations or let others define my worth.” As we embark on Week 8 of the fall semester, I challenge you to not let others define your worth. Do more of what makes you happy. Do more things by yourself. Most importantly, do things for yourself. The OMA Retreat “I'M Possible” focuses on the capabilities of yourself as a leader



when managing conflict and facing strenuous situations. All of these tools and experiences are free and available for all students! Recently, we had our Day in Dayton for Black Action Thru Unity, NSBE Day, as well as many events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. I hope you enjoy this month's issue! —Kwynn Townsend Riley



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OMA Listserv: 1. Join @ www.orgsync.com

2. Select UD

3. Select OMA



@UDsOMA



@UDS_OMA



OMA (Office of Multicultural Affairs)

OMA's Graduate Assistant Corner

I hope this message finds everyone doing well! We have been able to accomplish a lot these couple of months over in OMA. I am pleased to continue to work with Kindred Presidents (KP) and co-leading University of Dayton's MLK Celebration Planning Committee.

In regards to KP we have had very successful meetings; our first meeting focused on reviewing the plan for the year and setting goals for our student organizations, in addition, during our second meeting KP leaders learned more about the role of Public Safety. On behalf of KP leaders, we would like to thank Public Safety for taking the time to meet with us and helping us learn more about their work at UD. Lastly, KP will be hosting a Resource/Networking event in December. The purpose of this event is to help build community and allow students to network with various resources and departments to explore the possibility of collaborating on a future program.



Christian Lozano

The planning for UD's MLK Celebration has begun! The MLK Celebration Planning Committee consists of staff, student, and faculty representatives from across campus. We are very excited to kick off MLK programming during the first week of December. In December, we will recognize the 50th Anniversary of when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a speech on campus in 1964. In recognition and honor of MLK's work, the MLK Celebration Planning Committee has a series of events scheduled for January. The MLK Celebration will start on Monday, January 19 and end on Monday, January 26, 2015. A full lives of events can be found on the OMA website. The MLK Celebration Planning Committee is looking forward to working collaboratively to honor the great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and hope you can join us!

Contact Christian Lozano via email at lozano1@udayton.edu or stop by OMA (Alumni Hall 105) for additional information!

Academic Success Corner



Hopefully your semester has been a productive one. Because we have just passed the midterm stage of the semester it is understandable that you may be a little weary. However, it is extremely important that you continue to push ahead and finish the semester strong.

You should have a good idea where you stand in each of your classes in terms of midterm grades. Ask yourself if there is room for improvement (usually there is), and what steps you can take to improve your academic performance. Remember that a variety of resources are available on campus to assist you in being successful. Use them!

- Meeting with your professor during their office hours. Prepare specific questions to ask during the meetings. Don't just go in and say, "I don't get it." They need to know what areas you specifically need help in so that they can know how to assist you.
- Use the Knowledge Hub to get assistance with writing your essays, and with having your essays proofread before handing them in. Research assistants are also available to help you find sources for your essays.
- The Office of Learning Resources (OLR) offers walk-in tutoring in Marianist Hall from Monday through Thursday from 6:00-9:00pm. Sometimes simply talking the material over with another person does wonders in helping you to understand the material. Tutoring is available for many 100 and 200 level courses. You can also check with individual departments to find out if they offer their own tutoring opportunities.
- Form a study group with your classmates. As mentioned before, talking the material over with someone else can help you to better understand course content. Sometimes working in a group can be helpful.
- Attend Study Tables in OMA on Wednesday nights from 6:00-10:00pm. Tutoring is available for Math and Science.
- Aaron Witherspoon and I are available to meet with you one on one to address any needs you may have. We are available by appointment, or by simply walking in.

Remember that you must be an advocate for your own education. This includes getting assistance when you need it. I wish you all the best this semester and hope that you meet all of the academic goals you've set for yourself!

OMA Retreat 2014

Mission: I'M POSSIBLE



- ⇒ Self-development
- ⇒ Teamwork
- ⇒ Managing Conflict



It's a mission you'll want to accomplish!

PEERS Mentoring Program

Carlos Stewart, assistant director

Lead Mentors

In its third year, the Lead Mentors have continued to work with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Enrollment Management on recruitment and retention strategies. Lead Mentors assist with the planning and implementation of OMA initiatives, specifically the PEERS First Friday Program. The Lead Mentors also help OMA with student outreach efforts. Your Lead Mentors for 2014-2015 are a diverse and talented group:

Alissa Bryant
Joe Dunham
Karola Endara
Ametra Harris
Jorge Munoz
Paola Ortiz
Asia Roebuck
Adanna Smith
Stefon Towler

Programming Recap

OMA and the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee would like to thank those of you who were able to participate in Hispanic Heritage Month events. OMA appreciates your support and we hope you found the programming opportunities to be rewarding.

November is Native American Heritage Month. Please plan on attending some of these events—a great schedule has been assembled!

As we look forward to the planning of Black History Month, we would like to extend an invitation to individuals who are interested in serving on the planning committee. Please contact Carlos Stewart (cstewart1@notes.udayton.edu) if you are interested.

A big thank you to all of the sponsors who make these events possible!

If you have any programming ideas or would like to assist in the planning/implementation of OMA initiatives, please contact Carlos Stewart (cstewart1@notes.udayton.edu).



Puerto Rico Tip-Off [Nov. 20—23]



UD's Men's Basketball Team

Alumni and Dr. Curran enjoy the Flyers game in Puerto Rico!



GO FLYERS!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS (NABA)

Are you a business major or are you interested in business? Would you like to get involved in an academic-based student organization that is connected to a regional and national organization? Check out NABA!

What is NABA?

NABA is the National Association of Black Accountants. The mission of NABA, Inc. is to address the professional needs of its members and to build leaders who shape the future of the accounting and finance profession with an unfaltering commitment to inspire the same in their successors.

Do I have to be an Accounting major to participate?

No. You don't even have to be a Business major. NABA's objective is to bridge the opportunity gap for people of color in Accounting, Finance, and other Business professions. Anyone with an interest in Business is welcome!

What do I gain from being involved in NABA?

The opportunity to belong to an academic-based student organization at UD as well as a part of a national network of over 8,000 professionals and students. NABA also offers professional development through regional and national conferences.

How do I get involved?

Contact Iesha Ramsey via email at iramsey1@udayton.edu to express interest.

EOL CLUB GOES TO KING'S ISLAND



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated Scholarship

Kyle Hueston was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Delta Alpha Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated at the 2014 Founder's Banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!





Congratulations Shaquille !

Shaquille Tensley, senior mechanical engineering major and football player, was awarded the Lt. Andy Zulli Memorial Trophy at the football game on Nov. 22. This award is considered the most prestigious in the football program. He was recognized for his sportsmanship, scholarship and leadership.

Interested in being a part of the NAACP?

Students have expressed interest in reactivating the campus chapter of the NAACP. Please contact oma@udayton.edu if you are interested!



Thank you Aaron Witherspoon!

The Office of Multicultural Affairs would like to thank Aaron Witherspoon for serving as an Academic Success Specialist with OMA and the College of Arts & Science for more than five years. Aaron recently began a new role at the University of Dayton as an Assistant Dean for Student Success within the College of Arts and Science. Although his daily presence and work within OMA will be greatly missed, we look forward to continuing to collaborate with Aaron and the College.

We wish Aaron the very best in this new role. Thank you for playing such an important role in the lives of students, family members, and the campus. Best wishes, and thank you!



Celebrating

50

Years



**The University of Dayton Recognizes
the 50th Anniversary of the
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Address to the Greater Dayton
Community at UD**

"...a long, long way..."
-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 • 2 p.m. • Kennedy Union, Room 310

The University of Dayton reflects on the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech presented on November 29, 1964. Join Dr. Herbert Martin, Dr. Tom Morgan, and Dr. Ruth Thompson-Miller in reflecting on Dr. King's speech and discussing social justice issues that Dr. King advocated for in this important speech in the history of the University and Dayton communities. Selections of Dr. King's 1964 speech will be read. To listen or, review a transcript of the speech, or learn about the discovery of these materials, visit: udayton.edu/news/articles/2009/02/mlk_speaks_to_dayton.php.

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs, University Libraries MLK Planning Committee
For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 937-229-3634 or oma@udayton.edu.
For a complete list of MLK events, visit oma.udayton.edu.

MLK CELEBRATION
2015

The University of Dayton recognizes the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK City of Dayton March

Monday, Jan. 19
8:30 a.m. | OMA Lounge

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prayer Lunch
Tuesday, Jan. 20
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | KU Ballroom

MLK Birthday Cake Celebration

Tuesday, Jan. 20
12 - 3 p.m. | KU First Floor

Two Societies Film Screening

Friday, Jan. 23
12 p.m. | Roesch Library

Rhythm, Voice and Vision:

In the Spirit of Dr. King
Friday, Jan. 23
7 p.m. | OMA Lounge

MLK Social Justice Plunge

Saturday, Jan. 24
9 a.m. | Liberty Hall

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Speaker and Tribute
to the Life and Contributions of
Father Paul Marshall, S.M. by
Sister Jamie T. Phelps O.P., Ph.D.**

Monday, Jan. 26
7 p.m. | KU Ballroom

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