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Intercultural Center Newsletter

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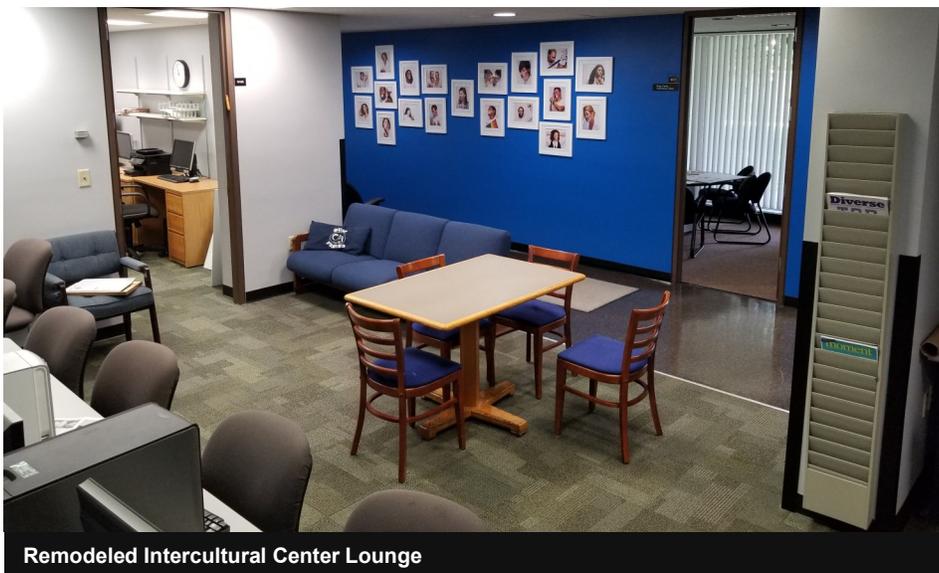
Center for Multicultural Affairs Becomes the Intercultural Center

During the 2016-2017 academic year, due to “Right Serving, Right Sizing” (RSRS) the division of Enrollment and Student Services, led by Dr. Cedric B. Howard, underwent some organizational restructuring. As a result of the restructuring, International Student Services (ISS) has come together with the Center for Multicultural Affairs to become the Intercultural Center (IC).

With the development of the IC, our space has undergone some physical transformations and now includes more student groups. The Intercultural Center now includes 15 multicultural student groups and few of the many support services provided by the IC include: Fred LEADS Mentoring Program, Men of Color Summit, Keeper of the Dream Scholarship, Rosa Parks Scholarship Competition and many more trainings, workshops and programming throughout the semester. Make sure to stop by our office to learn more about our change.

“If you have an opportunity to make things better and you don’t, then you are wasting your time on earth.”

- Roberto Clemente



Remodeled Intercultural Center Lounge

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International Student Services (ISS) Joins the Intercultural Center

What is ISS?

International students enrich our campus with diversity of language, culture, religion, etc. and there are many opportunities to engage with these students. The International Student Services (ISS) Office's main goal is to assist international students with adjusting to campus and life in the United States.

If you are looking to get involved

Please visit the ISS Office or stop by for our weekly coffee hour event, which is held every **Wednesday at 4pm in the Williams Center, room S226B.**

Upcoming Events with ISS

**August 30 –
December 6**

Coffee Break – Every
Wednesday from 4-
5pm – Williams Center
S226B

September 1

Buddy Program Meet
and Greet- 6-7:30pm –
Williams Center S222

September 8

International Trivia
Night – 6-7:30pm –
Williams Center S226B

October 6

Shopping Trip to Wal-
den Galleria and Asian
Food Markets

November 16

6:30pm – 8:00pm - In-
ternational Dinner

December 1

Buddy Program Wrap-
Up Party 6-7:30pm –
Williams Center S222



Ivory Brooks,
Let's Talk Program

“Let’s Talk”

Let’s Talk is a drop-in service that offers informal, no-commitment consultation with a Fredonia counselor.

Students can stop by the **Let’s Talk** office (W103B) located in the Intercultural Center (first floor – Thompson Hall) to speak with a counselor about concerns and provide support, get help with problem-solving and suggestions for resources.

Let’s Talk Consultations are:

- ◆ **FREE** for Fredonia Students
- ◆ Offered first-come, first-served (no appointment necessary)
- ◆ Confidential
- ◆ Informal

Let’s Talk Office Hours

E125 Thompson Hall

Room W103B

Wednesdays 1:00pm-5:00pm

Thursdays 8:30am-12:00pm

Intercultural Student Organizations

- African Student Union
- Black Student Union
- Brother 2 Brother
- Caribbean Student Union
- Chinese Club
- Fredonia Feminists
- Hillel
- International Club
- Japanese Club
- Latinos Unidos
- Native America Student Union
- Pride Alliance
- South Asian Student Association
- Speak Your Own Language
- Mosaic Club



Intercultural Leadership Retreat

On August 16-18, 2017, the Intercultural Center hosted the annual Intercultural Student Leadership Retreat. This 3-day retreat is designed for the Executive Board (E-board) members of our student organizations to provide them with the tools to develop high-quality programming, learn about various resources on campus and develop a strong sense of unity amongst the various groups.

This year the retreat kicked off with an energetic welcome for the VP of Enrollment and Student Services, Dr. Cedric B. Howard and the Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. William Boerner. Student leaders then interacted in various workshops and presentation led by Rachel LaPaglia in Campus Life and Mark Suida. The next day, the student leaders worked on their team building skills at the College Lodge and then enjoyed the third day at Darien Lake Amusement Park.

The energy from the students was contagious and we're looking forward to a great year of fun, educational and enlightening programming.



Meet the Intercultural Center Team



Khristian King is the Director of the Intercultural Center. She has received her Bachelor's Degree from the University at Buffalo in African-American Studies, her Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Medaille College and is currently enrolled in the Higher Education Administration PhD program, through the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy at the University at Buffalo. Khristian enjoys reading, community service and spending time with her husband Willie and son Uriah.

Jacob Czelusta is the Assistant Director for International Student Services and the Intercultural Center. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Master of Science degree in High Education and Student Affairs Administration from Buffalo State College. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, drawing, cooking and spending time with his dog, Nico.



Kim Miller is the secretary for the Intercultural Center. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Empire State College. She has worked in this department since late 2010 but has served in other departments on campus from the School of Music and Facilities Services to the Office of Admissions. She is the proud mom of two athletic boys that keep her spare time filled with all things sports related and loves spending time with her family and friends.

Lee Coletti is the Graduate Assistant for the Intercultural Center and International Student Services. A Fredonia graduate, Lee is currently pursuing her masters in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration program at Buffalo State College. In her (rare) free time, Lee enjoys cooking, camping, traveling, and attending concerts with her family and friends.



Student Spotlight

Courtney J. (CJ) Burriss is a senior psychology major with a minor in biology from Pleasant Valley NY. She is an active member of the Fredonia Women's Frisbee team with positions on the community service and fundraising committee. She is also a Keeper of the Dream Scholarship recipient.



Having done work with Dr. Mcfall Spring of 2017 she is continuing down the path of research with Dr. Gee during her last year at Fredonia. CJ recently co-authored an article "Does Gustatory Disgust Influence Moral Judgement?" that was published in the Spring 2017 (Vol. 5, Issue 1) **Undergraduate Psychology Review**, the national publication for undergraduate student research. Upon graduating in May she will be pursuing a doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy.

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