

OMSA NEWSLETTER

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs



*"Think not those faithful who praise all thy words,
but those who kindly reprove thy faults".*

- Socrates

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

As you continue to walk to your classes this month, do not be alarmed to hear anything from Salsa and Meringue music to Tango and Rock En Espanol! Instead, drop whatever you are doing and join the festivity. September 15 through October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to

proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month long celebration.

During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the

Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration, because it represents the independence anniversary of several Latin America countries including Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

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OMSA WELCOMES students for 2006-07 Year!

September 6, 2006 marked the day this year when UW-Parkside students return for another year of long classes and endless nights of homework.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) is a place where students can actually enjoy their spare time around campus and receive the guidance they need to succeed.

Many may have already known OMSA from previous years and will continue to take advantage of what OMSA offers as a service to their academic commitment. Others discovering OMSA this year will soon find out that OMSA is a home away from home.

OMSA is a place located in Wyllie Hall D182.

This makes OMSA accessible to provide instant help. Its environment is suited for active socialization among students of different backgrounds and ethnicities.

With all that said, OMSA's staff welcomes all students for the 2006-07 year!

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UPCOMING LU Events

National Hispanic Read In
September 27, 2006
Main Place 12 - 1pm
Co-Sponsoring with OMSA

“Salud y Bien Estar”
Presentation by Elisa Aguilar
October 4, 2006
Molinaro 107 12 - 1pm

“The Good and Evil of
Machismo” Speak Out
October 11, 2006
Union Square 12 - 1pm
Co-Sponsoring with OMSA

Comedy Night
October 25, 2006
Union Cinema 7pm
Featuring comedian,
Eric Nieves

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Cont.

The U.S. has much to thank the Latino community for as well as UW-Parkside. One of the staff members in OMSA happens to be a Latina, Carmen Ireland, Coordinator for Retention Programs/Advisor.

Carmen Ireland has just been honored by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) for outstanding community service and excellence in recruiting Latino students. Carmen’s spunk and keen intellect continues to be an inspiration to everyone in OMSA. Currently Carmen is also the advisor for L.U.

Famous for being a well organized and outgoing organization, Latinos

Unidos (L.U.) will play a major role promoting National Hispanic Heritage Month for everyone at UWP. L.U. will be hosting many events around UWP as well as off campus. There will be dancing, singing, and free food!

[L.U.'s Mission Statement]

As Latinos Students at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, our intent is to establish a community of support where we can share our educational experiences. Our aim is to provide cultural education and support as well as social functions to the public.



We are devoted to developing a sense of pride among students towards our diverse Latino Heritage that is brought together in common aesthetics and the Spanish Language.

Organizations Recruitment Fair



The Organizations Recruitment Fair is held every semester. Do not expect fair rides, but do anticipate fun games and food!

The Organizations Recruitment Fair is a well-

organized event that brings together various clubs, organizations, volunteer opportunities, Greek sororities and fraternities from all over campus to one spot, which is Main Place.

The purpose of this event is to help the university’s organizations recruit students to serve their missions. By doing so, students who simply walk to the tables of these organizations receive such things like treats, invitations, brochures, and membership.

When ever this recruitment fair comes around, it is also a great opportunity for students to learn more about various organizations around

campus and ask questions.

Some of the major student organizations at the recruitment fair are advised by OMSA staff. They include Black Student Union, Parkside Asian Organization, and Latinos Unidos. These organizations are run by students for students.

It is best to say that the way to get a well rounded college experience is to get involved with its organizations.

OMSA WELCOMES students for 2006-07 Year! Cont.

ARU BEGINS



Always Reaching Upward (ARU) program is offered in OMSA to assist and retain a diverse population of students. ARU is known for its success in recruiting and training mentors to provide moral and academic support to incoming freshman.

ARU has already begun this year with a bang!

Towards the end of August, ARU mentors held a meeting to conduct a workshop. This workshop allowed ARU mentors and mentees to meet and interact for the first time. The workshop held Sept. 1 was a complete success!

Following after, ARU held a social on Sept. 13 that allowed mentors and freshmen to mingle. The

social was a great way for mentees to get an idea of whom they would like as their ARU Mentor.

Mary Xiong, Coordinator for ARU, is very delighted by the achievements made so far from the program and will be expecting more to come throughout the year.

If you have any interest in the ARU program and would like to get involved, contact Mary Xiong at mary.xiong@uwp.edu.



Important ARU Dates

- October 9 - ARU Pre-enrollment Luncheon
- October 12 - Mentor "What's Up" Meeting
- October 30 - ARU Pre-enrollment Training
- November 27 - ARU Pre-enrollment Training
- February 12, 13, 14 - ARU Recruitment
- February 26 - ARU Pre-enrollment Training
- March - ARU Pre-enrollment



Damian Evans
Director

"Welcome back and remember to work hard, because it will bring you lots of success!"

Carmen Ireland
Coordinator for Retention Programs/
Advisor



"Bienvenidos! To a new academic year. I hope you had a great summer and you are ready to take the challenge of another year of learning and growing. Join us at OMSA and all our programs."



Mary Xiong
Coordinator of Retention Programs/
Advisor

"A new school year means another chance to improve, to work on new academic goals and to expand your horizons. So, take advantage of all the resources like OMSA and these opportunities. Welcome Back!!"

April Puryear
Program Assistant



"Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting school year."



Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

<http://www.uwp.edu/departments/multicultural.affairs/>

Connect

Empower

Develop

Succeed!

OMSA's Mission Statement

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is committed to:

- ✘ **Connecting** students, staff, faculty and alum to the university community
- ✘ **Empowering** targeted student populations (African Americans, Latinos/Latinas, Native Americans, Southeast Asians) with the necessary skills and liberties to explore academic, social, and cultural opportunities to enhance their educational growth and professional advancement
- ✘ **Developing** students through challenging experiences that will contribute to academic success and competence in a global society
- ✘ The **SUCCESS** of the UWP campus community including students, staff, faculty, alum, and the neighboring communities.

L.U., PAO, BSU
Welcome Back Cookout
September 15, 2006



Mark *your* calendars!

Upcoming OMSA Events

October	13-15	AMSLC Conference
November	6	Native American Kick Off
December	6	Winter Cultural Celebrations
January	19	Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
March	30	Multicultural Professional Day
April	4	Asian Heritage Month Kick Off
	20	TCB Banquet
May	4	Unity Picnic