Celebrate African & Black Heritage

Welcome back! Make your New Year’s resolution to celebrate diversity! We are welcoming 2017 with Loyola’s African Diaspora and Black History Month celebrations. African Diaspora Celebration (ADC) highlights different traditions seen throughout the world as a result of the scattering of hundreds of millions of African people from their ancestral homelands and way of life. This year’s events at Loyola reflect the ADC’s theme, “Service and Community.” Following ADC is Black History Month (BHM) themed “Black is Excellent.” Both heritage celebrations feature food, music, dancing, and the cultural richness of the multifaceted African Diaspora. The African Students Association (ASA) and Black Students Association (BSA) invite us to celebrate ADC and BHM to reflect on what Black history means for us, our community, and our world. This year’s ADC will present a cultural expo that will leave you tantalized at Wazobia on January 27th. ASA will then host the ADC Keynote on February 15th. BSA will begin BHM with Umoja February 3rd, followed by a Traffic Light Party on February 10th. The festivities continue with Black Love Matters: Speed Dating on February 14th. The month ends with the BHM Keynote on February 27th examining the perceptions versus realities of the Black Lives Matter movement. We welcome you to recognize, reflect, and pay your respect to the contemporary contributions of African and African American cultures through our African Diaspora and Black History Month celebrations!

Director’s Corner

Happy Spring 2017 Semester! I hope that this edition of the ALANA Anthem finds you refreshed from a restful semester break and ready to tackle the semester ahead. We are excited to see the campus busy with students again and ready for a semester filled with great programming. As we embark upon this new start to the year, academic semester and political journey as a nation I challenge you to reflect upon the history of our nation over the past 4 years, the communities in which you find yourself and the ways in which you can live out the Magis as a contemplative in action. As a community we will begin the academic semester with two cultural celebrations that I encourage you to partake in and encourage your peers to do the same. The African Student Association and the Black Student Association has worked very hard with ALANA Services to plan enriching programs for both the African Diaspora Celebration and Black History Month. African and Black History is a history not only for African Americans, but a critical part of the American story. Our hope is that we, as a Loyola community, will reclaim a collective history, particularly that part which is somehow forgotten or deemed “other.” Enjoy this edition and I hope to see you at many of the events listed in the Anthem.

Peace and blessings,

Rodney L. Parker
Test your Knowledge of Black History

1) Rosa Parks was the first Black person to refuse to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.  
   T or F

2) Most of the Africans shipped to the “New World” in the Transatlantic Slave Trade were brought to the present day United States.  
   T or F

3) At one point in the U.S., Historically Black Colleges and Universities were an academic safe haven for Jewish refugees.  
   T or F

4) Despite the depiction in Hollywood, one in four cowboys were black.  
   T or F

5) Interracial marriages were never illegal in the United States, they were just socially unacceptable.  
   T or F

Answer Key

1. F
2. T
3. T
4. T
5. F

Words from BSA

Written by Joy Holland, BSA President

This year, the Black Student Association has geared its programming to reflect the theme “Black is Excellent.” The phrase was coined by the executive board as a means to celebrate all of the things that make the Black Community sensational and extraordinary, independent of what is deemed standard by mainstream society. Thus, Black History Month (BHM) will be a culmination of a lot of the work done thus far, and a stepping stone to continue the programming that will be done later in the semester. Each week is designed to celebrate a different aspect of the Black experience. The month will kick off with our annual cultural heritage festival called Umoja, which will occur on February 3rd at 7 PM in McGuire Hall. This celebration will feature the typical food, performances and awards, as well as vendors from the Baltimore community, and a mini arts gallery featuring work from Black students on campus. The following week we will switch gears and focus on “Black Love Matters”, and have a pre-valentine’s day Traffic Light Party on February 10th from 10PM-2AM, and a speed dating event on Valentine’s Day in the reading room starting at 6 PM. The following days will be focused on “Black Health Matters,” and will be focusing on the importance of Body Positivity with interactive art pieces in front of boulder, and an event focused on the promotion of positive body self image for back men and women. The month will culminate with our keynote speaker Rasheed Ali, Esq. who will speak on the state of the Black Lives Matter movement post election on February 27th. Join us and stay tuned to see just how excellent the Black Community is.
African Diaspora in America

Written by Kyle Nwankwo, ASA President

There is a fine line between where you are now and where you are from. I understand that it seems to be common sense, but please wait and here me out. Where you are now is a defining moment in your life. It is a place that showcases your success, pain, growth and experiences. Where you are from defines a part of your story that molded you into who you are now. It is like a proverb that says, “An apple is only as sweet as the tree from which it came.” This is the story of many in the African Diaspora who were born in the U.S. but still live life with African idealism, cultures, and traditions.

These traditions and cultures kept me humble and taught me lessons of being a man. My parents created a path of success for me. Whenever I would feel myself falling off the path, I would remember the wise words of my mother: “Kene, you see those useless boys, become friends [with them], join bad gang, and waste your life. Go to class, Kene, and don’t pay attention, just waste my tuition. But if you come back to this house, I will show you who I am!”

African parents are no strangers to success because they all used to being number one in primary and secondary school, and I want to follow suit. I live my life being part of the African Diaspora—knowing where I am from and where I am now to shape where I will be.

No matter your nationality or creed, the African Student Association (ASA) invites you to connect past, present, and future as we host programs and events for you focused on “Service & Community,” the theme for Loyola’s African Diaspora Celebration.

Award Winning Author and Poet Delivered 24th Annual MLK Convocation

Teju Cole graced Loyola as this year’s MLK Convocation speaker. He is an award-winning writer, art historian, and photographer who is currently the Distinguished Writer in Residence at Bard College and photography critic of the New York Times Magazine.

Cole was born in the US in 1975 to Nigerian parents and raised in Nigeria, and currently lives in Brooklyn. He is the author of two books. Numerous organizations named his novella, Every Day is for the Thief, book of the year, including New York Times, the Globe, Mail, NPR, and Telegraph). Cole’s novel, Open City, also featured on many book of the year lists and earned him sundry literary honors.

These awards include the PEN/Hemingway Award, the New York City Book Award for Fiction, and the Rosenthal Award of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. As a public intellectual, Cole is well positioned to bring together campus conversations about urban, civic, and global engagement as well as racial equity.

We hope that you were able to join the Loyola community on January 16, 2017 for this great event.

Source: http://www.loyola.edu/join-us/mlk-convocation
The Chinese animal zodiac is a repeating cycle of 12 years, with each year being represented by an animal. Each of the animals is representative of the Chinese culture, either being loved or domesticated by the Chinese people.

**Zodiac Animal** | **Attribute**
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Rat | Wisdom
Ox | Industriousness
Tiger | Valor
Rabbit | Caution
Dragon | Strength
Snake | Flexibility
Horse | Forging ahead
Goat | Unity
Monkey | Changeability
Rooster | Being constant
Dog | Fidelity
Pig | Amiability

Welcome the Year of the Rooster

Find your Zodiac Animal Sign:


**ACA Lunar New Year Celebration!**

Thursday, January 26th
6pm, 4th Floor Program Room
Featuring food, games and activities

**Black History Month Keynote Speaker**

**Monday, February 20th**
7pm in 4th Floor Program Room

Rasheed Ali Cromwell, Esq. has presented dynamic keynote speeches and interactive and engaging training sessions, and consulting for thousands of students and administrators at over 225 colleges and universities in 36 states across the country.

Using strategies originally utilized in past protest movements, he seeks to empower students of color with the best practices to service as social justice advocates and agents of change. Rasheed Ali Cromwell will speak on perception versus reality in the Black Lives Matter movement.
ALANA Student Spotlight

Saadiq Coakley, ’18, serves as Vice President of the Caribbean Students Union. He shared about his newfound passion in digital photography and its impact on his worldview. He Coakley noted, “I try to capture things and objects in a creative way to give the audience something different and new. Also, with each of my photographs I try to tell a story.”

He further shared, “With each of my photographs, I try to tell a story as a way to express myself and help show people the world from different perspectives.”

If you need of a photographer, Coakley is more than willing and able to assist. To see more of his work, follow him on Instagram @S.J_Visions or on Facebook at Visions by S&J.

Saadiq with his mother (left). Samples by Coakley (right).

2017 African American Student Leadership Experience

The African American Student Leadership Experience (AASLE) was a three-day intensive conference where students had the opportunity to interact with affluent keynote speakers and facilitators in the area of student leadership development. This year, AASLE themed the conference “Be the Change: Global Vision. Global Reach. Global Impact.”

Those who attended were guided by the principles of coalition building and that leaders need to “do more than “talk the talk” but to be vessels of transformation both domestically and internationally–realizing that we are stronger as a unit than as individual components.” During AASLE, students attended specialized sessions where they customized a differentiated experience based upon specific interests and goals.

Pictured here are the delegates: Antwon Allen, Alexandria Best, Jordan Zolliecoffer and Zaakiyah Rogers with Assistant Director Cristina Garcia.

Student Leadership Opportunities at Loyola

Serving as a student leader is a great way to develop skills that will serve you both professionally and personally. Such opportunities may also expand your supportive network, fine tune transferable skills, and build your expertise toward your passions.

Here are a few student leadership opportunities on campus:

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Lets Talk: The Counseling Center

Empower – Spring 2017
Mondays 3:30 – 4:30 pm

The Counseling Center is offering a weekly support group for full time students of color at Loyola. The group provides a supportive space for students to explore their experiences as students of color on a predominantly White campus. Members will discuss issues unique to their experience at Loyola such as academic stress, relationships, race/ethnicity related stress, identity development, and resilience, among others. Participating in this group will empower students of color while helping you achieve academic excellence, stronger relationships and support systems, and greater life satisfaction. To find out more, contact Dr. Sheila Graham (svgraham@loyola.edu) or Dr. Kirsten Gonzalez (kagonzalez1@loyola.edu) or call the counseling center at 410-617-2273.

Meet Our Newest Team Member: Aliyah Johnson!

My name is Aliyah Johnson and I am excited to join the ALANA team as the Leadership Development Graduate Assistant for this Spring 2017 semester. I am currently an MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) student for Secondary Education at Loyola. I was born and raised in Maryland and earned my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Mount St. Mary's University.

I love watching old reruns of TV shows, music, and Rugby. My overall responsibilities include assisting in the leadership development of ALANA student run organization executive boards, individual student leadership skills and the overall development of programs for ALANA students and the community, as well as working closely with ALANA students to collaborate and facilitate various events and cultural celebrations.

Loyola Lingo: Discernment

Are you facing a significant decision in your life? Many students encounter times where they feel stuck about making an important decision, ranging from on campus leadership to deciding on the status of interpersonal relationships. If you are feeling like this, the Jesuit-based discernment tool may guide you to the proper conclusion.

1. Outline the pro’s and con’s of the decision with respect to the Jesuit mission, vision and values.
2. Approach deliberations with an impartial mindset (Ignatian indifference).
3. Share your opinions.
4. Encourage and support the contributions of others.
5. Give close attention to the viewpoints of others’—more so if disagreements arise.
6. Be mindful of feelings of unease or agitation (Ignatian desolation).
7. Notice God’s (or your personal governing being’s) presence and will.
8. Deliberate until you have a shared sense of contentment with a decision (Ignatian consolation).

By Debra Mooney, PhD

Although this process may occur over a series of days, it is noted to reveal ideal outcomes in times of indifference. In addition, it can be applied to a series of circumstances. If you are facing moments of confusion or unknowingness, it is encouraged that you fall back on the Jesuit Discernment process. This is not a right or wrong process, but a “which is better for me” process.

Source: www.jesuitresource.org
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**African Diaspora Celebration (ADC)**

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### Special Dates
- January 26th - ACA Lunar New Year
- January 27th - ADC Wazobia
- February 3rd - BSA Presents Umoja
- February 15th - ADC Keynote Speaker
- February 27th - BHM Keynote Speaker
**ALANA Services’ Mission Statement**

ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) Services is committed to providing support, services, and programs that facilitate the success of all ALANA students at Loyola University Maryland.

Through intentional programming and a spectrum of services, we foster the academic, cultural, personal, spiritual and leadership development of ALANA students. Furthermore, we seek to create and maintain an environment of respect and awareness, while advocating for ALANA students and responding to their needs.

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**Asian Cultural Alliance**
Joseph Patron

**Association of Latin American & Spanish Students**
Paula Matsunaga

**Black Student Association**
Joy Holland

**Caribbean Student Union**
Crystal Godette

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**Apply Now**

**Multicultural Awareness Program (MAP)**

**Navigator**
Applications due February 3, 2017

**ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP)**

**Mentor**
Applications due February 10, 2017

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