Welcome back! Start off the new year with a new commitment to celebrate diversity! We are welcoming 2016 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, “A Wealth of Nations.” Following ADC is Black History Month, which is themed “Black Excellence Through Time.” Both heritage celebrations feature food, music, dancing, and the cultural richness of the multifaceted African diaspora. The Black Students Association (BSA) and African Students Association (ASA) invite you to celebrate BHM and ADC and reflect on what Black history means for you and your community.

This year’s ADC will consist of a cultural expo that will leave you tantalized at Wazobia on January 29th. BSA then introduces BHM with a Keynote on Thursday, February 4th featuring Marilyn Mosby, D.A.

The month continues with BSA Presents Umoja on February 19th to recognize members of the Loyola community who impact students of color. Umoja is the Swahili word for ‘unity’.

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 2016 Semester! I hope that this edition of the ALANA Anthem finds you refreshed from a restful semester break and recuperating from the Blizzard of 2016. We are excited to see the campus busy with students again and ready for a semester filled with great programming.

As we embark upon our Black History Month celebration this February, I challenge you to reflect upon the many accomplishments of Dr. King and other great African Americans of our time and those who paved the way.

In addition, the Black Student Association has worked very hard with ALANA Services to plan an enriching Black History Month. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Black Excellence through Time.” 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
Written by Kyhla Desire, BSA President

In light of injustices Blacks face in the U.S., the Black Student Association (BSA) has decided to celebrate “Black Excellence.” This year’s Black History Month will stand for more than mere rituals. BSA anticipates Black History Month (BHM) will educate, enlighten, and challenge African Americans to be more aware and take more pride in their race and ethnicity as well as raise awareness for the collective Loyola community.

BSA selected “Black Excellence Through Time” as the theme for BHM to express our focus on African American success being a product of generations and not a new phenomenon. Kicking off in the month of February, BSA will have a photo campaign that signals awareness of what it is like to be Black on campuses. Next, we will have a Hip Hop dance workshop on Wednesday, February 17th. We will also display fact tables located outside of Boulder Café on February 15th and 18th, showing that African American history and culture is “a vessel for remembrance.”

To end BHM’s celebration we will introduce Umoja on February 19th.

Stay tuned for a month filled with opportunities to become educated, empowered, and eager to spread the message about what it means to be Black in America.

The Black History NOT Taught in Schools

Religion

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Phillis Wheatley
I was the first published African American poet, in America. Born in West Africa, I was brought to the Americas via the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Literature is an important facet of American history, and my work inspired pieces published by Langston Hughes.

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A diaspora is the dispersion of a people and its culture away from their homeland. Diasporas involve the movement of a particular people to several places at once or over time. However, migration is usually of a more limited scope and duration, and essentially is the movement of individuals from one point to another within a polity or outside of it.

We celebrate the African Diaspora by honoring and remembering those who have played an important role in the mass dispersal of peoples from Africa through the transatlantic slave trades, from the 1500s to the 1800s. Though some of our African ancestors were forced to areas around the globe, they still managed to hold on to some of their traditions and adapt their cultures to new surroundings. They were moved to lands that included different local foods and cuisines. This, as well as other cultural influences, has helped to shape some of the distinctive cooking styles that we know today.

Join the African Student Association (ASA) as they celebrate their annual African Diaspora Celebration. ASA chose “Wealth of Nations” as the celebration’s theme to highlight events that show how rich the African Diaspora is beyond American media.

Be sure not to miss the culminating event sure to deliver the sights, sounds and tastes of Africa: Wazobia Celebration (meaning “come” in three African languages) on January 29th.

Award Winning Author and Poet Delivered 23rd Annual MLK Convocation

Caudia Rankine, author of five collections of poetry, two plays, video collaborations, and editor of several anthologies, was this year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation speaker. The ticketed event sold out as Rankine met with members of the Loyola community on January 18, 2016 at 5 pm in McGuire Hall. Rankine highlighted significant conversations on race impacting the Baltimore and greater community.

Rankine is an award-winning, Jamaican born poet receiving a various amount of prestigious accolades for her work. Such as the 2015 Forward Prize for Best collection and the national book Critics Circle Award for Poetry for her fifth and recently published book, Citizen: An American Lyric. Through her work, she emphasizes the every day experiences through visual and artistic aesthetic, creating a portrait of what it means to be a member of the American Community.

From Claudiarankine.com
Christmas starts for me when all the radio stations start playing Christmas music, because it is the music my father plays loudly as we put up the Christmas tree.

A year ago I was living in a place that doesn’t celebrate Christmas: Bangkok, Thailand. Thailand is primarily Buddhist; and thus, they don’t traditionally celebrate Christmas. However, Hong Kong Christmas was in full swing. Lights decorated the streets and office buildings seen across the water on Hong Kong Island. The Christmas lights on the building would perform in a light show, where music played and the lights danced to the festive tunes. On Hong Kong Island, there was a huge Christmas display in the middle of the city. Starbucks was equipped with their specialty Christmas coffee drinks. It was starting to look a lot like Christmas, and after purchasing scarves and sweaters we wrapped up in the Christmas spirit before we were reunited with our families.

Being in Asia during the Christmas season was different, but allowed me to see the deeper meaning of why I celebrate Christmas, and also take pleasure in celebrating holidays of other cultures.
ALANA Student Spotlight

Jamahn Lee, a member of the class of 2016, was granted the honor to be the student speaker for the 2015 Business Leader of the Year Ceremony, held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Baltimore. The event was sponsored by the Sellinger School of Business, prominent CEOs from a multitude of companies, and other business executives in attendance.

Mr. Lee’s words were well received by more than 500 guests, and a standing ovation quickly followed the completion of his speech on “Keys to Success.” Sharing his battle with cancer, Jamahn emphasized the importance of hard work and persistence. He concluded by saying, “Never giving up, no matter how intense the situation may be.” During the event, he was awarded the T-Rowe Price Scholarship. Please help us congratulate Jamahn Lee!

2016 African American Student Leadership Experience

The African American Student Leadership Experience (AASLE) is 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. Those who attend are guided by the principle that there are no limitations or boundaries, only possibilities. During the Leadership Experience, students had the chance to attend specialized sessions where they customized a differentiated experience based upon specific interests and goals.

This year, AASLE themed the conference “Dare to Be, Dare to Act, Dare to Lead: Your Destiny Is Calling,” which empowered students to be their authentic self and take leadership to a whole new level on their campuses. In addition, students participated in the AAPI and CHL pilot while getting a full feel for what could be...

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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The Flexibility Campaign: Coping with Loss

Many Loyola students will experience the loss of a family member or close friend at some point during their time in school. Such a loss may lead to feelings of sadness, depressed mood, numbness, loneliness, guilt, anger, and even panic and anxiety.

Following a loss you may lose your appetite, and feel physically ill and fatigued, isolate yourself, increase alcohol or substance use, or find it hard to be around physical reminders of the person you lost. All this may lead to a dip in grades due to poor concentration and forgetfulness. Even though these are common reactions to a loss, it can be difficult to know how to respond.

The following suggestions may be useful:

**Talk openly** to the bereaved person about his/her loss and feelings. Don’t try to offer false cheer or minimize the loss;

**Be available.** Call, stop by to talk, share a meal or activity. Your presence and companionship are important.

**Listen/be patient.** Listening is an often overlooked gift of yourself. Allow the bereaved person to vent feelings. Don’t judge the person’s thoughts or feelings. Don’t feel you need to offer advice. Listening itself is very powerful. You don’t need to have the answers.

**Encourage self care.** Encourage your friend to care practice physical, emotional, and social self-care. Encourage your friend to seek out support and/or professional help, if appropriate.

**Accept your own limitations.** Accept that you cannot eliminate the pain your friend is experiencing. Grief is a natural, expected response to loss and each person must work through it in their own way and at their own pace.

Lastly, if you or someone you know is going through a difficult time due to a loss, the Counseling Center is here to help. Give us a call at 410-617-CARE (2273), or stop by HU150 to set up an appointment. Let’s Talk!

Loyola Lingo: Men and Women for Others

In the Jesuit fashion, it is an educational pillar to form men and women for others. Through this mindset, one will be proficient in addressing justice issues pertaining to their neighbor. This value includes a love for God, and as you love God, you will love others.

This concept is important given the proximity of various local and public events impacting socially marginalized groups. In the Jesuit tradition, it is important to speak up for your neighbor whose voice may have been surprised due to societal occurrences.

As this is the time when leadership roles are rapidly becoming considered for next year, it is important to ask yourself, “what will I do with this role on campus?” It is very easy to hold a position of leadership just for the sake of doing so, but, understanding that Jesuit values call for us to be the voice for our brothers and sisters that have been silenced by society. Being a leader is not merely a title; it is lifting up those around you when they have been struck down. It is enforcing what is right and just. Most importantly, it is practicing, men and women for others.

As you apply to these leadership positions on campus, please keep these thoughts and practices in mind. If you feel that there are qualities that you possess, consider the more, the magis, and what you can improve upon.

Good luck with your applications!

From www.jesuitresource.org

Multicultural Overnight

Interested in hosting a prospective ALANA student for Multicultural Overnight? The dates for this year’s overnights are April 8th and April 15th. The priority deadline is March 11th. Please fill out the form https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2B5KP53 to be considered. Hosts will be entered into a raffle for one of four highly desired prizes. Selected hosts will need to attend one of the meetings on March 29th from 12-1pm or March 30th from 4-5pm in the Claver Multicultural Center (CMC) on the third floor of the Student Center near the Reading Room. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or are not able to attend one of the meetings yet wish to host, e-mail Helena Sampson at hesampson@loyola.edu or Cristina Garcia at cgarcia@loyola.edu.
## Special Dates

- **January 29th** - ADC Wazobia
- **February 4th** - BHM Keynote Speaker
- **February 18th** - ACA Lunar New Year
- **February 19th** - BSA Presents Umoja

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### February 2016

#### Black History Month (BHM)

- **January 2016**
  - University Opens
  - Classes Begin: Spectrum General Body (8-9pm; CMC)
  - Lunar New Year: ACA General Body (6-7pm; CMC)
  - BHM Keynote Speaker: Course Add/Drop Ends
- **February 2016**
  - BHM Dance Workshop
  - ASA General Body: Spring Break

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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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ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP)
Mentor
Applications due February 12, 2016

For more information contact Mickeal Pugh
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Multicultural Awareness Program (MAP)
Navigator
Applications due February 8, 2016

APPLY NOW

Applications due February 8, 2016