



# ANTHEM

SUMMER 2012

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## Summer Time...

The summer is officially here. The sight of busy students walking across campus has decreased, programming from the ALANA office and its six student organizations has taken a short vacation after a great year, and the ALANA staff is reflecting on a memorable end to the 2011-2012 academic year! Two of the more memorable moments to the end of the academic year include the very first **ALANA Graduation Reception** and the 6th Annual Leadership Recognition and Senior Farewell: **A Night of Stars**.

In true Ignatian spirit, this time of reflection has transformed into an informal "examen" of the services provided, programs offered, and so much more by ALANA.

Careful planning for the next academic year has already begun! The executive boards of our student organizations spent two immensely productive days at Loyola's Retreat Center at the end of finals. The time was spent learning about leadership, effective meeting and program planning,

tying one's work into the mission and values of our institution and mapping out the next two semesters of programming and heritage celebrations. Take a look at the "**Looking Ahead**" section on page 3 of this edition for a sneak peek! In addition to the hard work at the retreat, our groups will spend time this summer getting things ready for another great year.

The staff has also been hard at work since the close of spring semester. We have been preparing for Summer Orientation and gearing up to welcome the Class of 2016 to the Greyhound family. The 2012 **Multicultural Awareness Program** is in its final planning stages, graduate assistant (GA) training is underway and general preparations have begun for your arrival to campus in just a few short months. The Academic Enrichment Program continues for another year, and with the combining of two

graduate assistant positions, we have been able to add a position to focus on Academic & Career Enrichment. As such, we have numerous programs in the planning stages to help each and every one of you grow and learn even more than in years past.

Of course, ALANA will continue to host programs including the **ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP)**, ALANA Breakfast, and the International Festival. Be sure to mark your calendars for these important events.

Lastly, but certainly not least, from the ALANA family to yours, have a restful, safe and fun summer.

**See you before you know it!**



## Director's Corner

*Greetings! I hope you all are enjoying your summer break whether its working, interning or taking time to rejuvenate in preparation for your return to Loyola. ALANA ended the semester strong with events that celebrated the work and accomplishments of you as students, scholars and leaders. A Night of Stars, the End-of-the-Year Barbeque and the Graduation Reception were all opportunities to commemorate the year. Over the summer, ALANA Services is hard at work preparing for the fall semester. In our constant challenge to improve, ALANA is creating new and innovative ways to connect with students through programming and marketing initiatives. Our hope is that you will come back in the fall, along with a new set of Greyhounds (the class of 2016), ready and as excited as we are to start a new year. As we welcome a new class, we take this time to congratulate the class of 2012. Take this time to reflect and discern on your experience at Loyola thus far and everything you would like to accomplish before you depart Loyola. On behalf of the staff, enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing you soon.*

*Rodney L. Parker*

# A Night of Stars

On Monday, April 30 the ALANA staff was joined by University faculty, administrators and staff to honor members of the Class of 2012 and other distinguished student leaders.

The 4th Floor Programming Room was filled with change agents, visionaries and scholars. During the evening's program two students from each class year were honored for their hard work and tireless contributions to the greater Loyola Community, two peer mentors from the ALANA Mentoring Program were named Mentor of the Year, and the work of our student organizations was honored.

## Congratulation to all of our award recipients!

### Rising Star Awards:

*Candis Miller & Tamaron Johnson*

### Sophomore Awards:

*Joelle Hernandez & Teeni-Yanei Sanchez*

### Junior Awards:

*Rachel Abadilla & Dominic Walker*

### Senior Awards:

*Brittany Lee & Ricardo Diaz*

### Mentor of the Year:

*Jazmine DePorres & Grace Pasco*

### Outstanding Club of the Year:

*Asian Cultural Alliance*

### Most Improved Club of the Year:

*Black Student Association*

### Outstanding Program of the Year:

*ACTOR: Black & Brown Relations*

*sponsored by the Association of Latin American & Spanish Students, Diversity Peer Educators and the Black Student Association.*

## ALANA Graduation Reception

On May 18, 2012, ALANA Services celebrated its first ALANA Graduation Reception immediately following Baccalaureate Mass. The event was held in the Claver Multicultural Center, a place known as the CMC to many of the students.

Over the last four years, many of the seniors have frequented the Center for meetings, a place to network, or as a homebase in between classes. It is a space where most of them started at Loyola through the Multicultural Awareness Program, where some ran for their first Loyola leadership position, or where they challenged their peers in intellectual dialogue. Having the event in the Center was an acknowledgement of the students and how they have grown and been challenged during their tenure at Loyola.

Recognizing families are an integral part of ALANA students' success at Loyola, we wanted to create an opportunity to celebrate the seniors with their families. Bringing the families to the Center was a way to celebrate the culmination and purpose of their students experience at Loyola.

It was, also, our way of publicly honoring the many accomplishments and footprints left on Loyola. As they leave Loyola, we know they will continue to move on to bigger and better things and will continue to leave their footprints on their communities and the world.

We wish them well in their future endeavors. Whether they continue on to graduate school, teaching abroad, or start jobs close to or far from home, we know that they will continue to live out the mission and "learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world."

Our plan is to turn the Graduation Reception into an annual event and an opportunity to celebrate our students.

**Congratulations Class of 2012!**



# MAP Welcomes the Class of 2016

Each year, Loyola University of Maryland offers five Fall Pre-Orientation Programs for incoming first year students. One of those five is the Multicultural Awareness Program, warmly referred to as MAP, which is sponsored by ALANA Services.

MAP is a unique experience that encompasses many of the attributes of the other four pre-orientation programs. A student who participates in MAP will become acclimated to campus, and meet some of their classmates, upperclassmen, faculty, and administrators. In addition, students will

engage in various activities that will allow them to form a support system prior to the academic year commencing, learn more about their surroundings in Baltimore and do so all while enjoying the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of various cultures through visits to museums and cultural dining experiences.

Joining MAP students on this journey are the ALANA professional staff members, and the 2012 MAP Navigators: Jazmine DePorres, Ezra Douglas, Jordan Hernandez, Nolan King, Danny Mayi, Rebecca Medina, Jasmine Ramirez and LaToya Watkins.

To register for MAP students can stop by the ALANA table on day two of Orientation OR go online: [http://www.loyola.edu/orientation/MAP/MAP\\_program.html](http://www.loyola.edu/orientation/MAP/MAP_program.html).



## Looking Ahead

Our six student run organizations spent considerable amounts of time at the ALANA Officer Leadership Retreat preparing to offer the Loyola community great programs and meeting topics in the upcoming academic year.

Here are just a few examples of the events our groups are planning:

### Latino Heritage Month by ALAS

A panel discussion about the upcoming election, a keynote speaker, Art Night, and a Loyola favorite— Latin Fest.

### Caribbean Heritage Celebration by CSU

A panel discussion, a keynote speaker, and the very first Soca Fest at Loyola.

### Native American Heritage Month by NASA

A movie night, traditional craft night, and a traditional Thanksgiving.

### Black History Month by BSA

A keynote speaker, a panel discussion and the 3rd Annual BHM Gala!

### Asian & Pacific Islander Awareness Month by ACA

Back by popular demand, Henna & Bubble Tea Night, a trip to DC's Cherry Blossom Festival, a keynote speaker and another Loyola favorite – Asia Fest!

Some fall events in the works outside of the heritage celebrations:

ACA Meet & Greet

NASA & History Dept. Movie Night

CSU Flag Football

Autumn Moon Festival

Dia de Los Muertos Celebration by ALAS

Community Service Projects & Trips

Study Sessions & Study Breaks

## Get AMPed with AMP!

### LAST CALL FOR PEER MENTORS!

Think back to your first year in college...

Was it overwhelming?  
Was the transition hectic?  
Would it have been helpful to have someone there to guide you?

Now is the time to seize the opportunity to give back to the next generation of first year students by becoming a peer mentor. Get AMPed up with the ALANA Mentoring Program!

### To Apply as a Peer Mentor:

<http://www.loyola.edu/alana/aboutus/programs/amp.html>

**“Give back to the next generation of first year students”**

If you have any questions please contact:

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### SIGN-UP TO BE AN AMP MENTEE!

The ALANA Mentoring Program pairs first-year ALANA students with upper-class students to assist them in acclimating to campus life at Loyola University Maryland. The ALANA Mentors play an integral role in working with students for the first year of their college experience. Mentors will assist first-year students to gain an understanding and appreciation of the University culture, introduce them to co-curricular activities, and assist them with achieving academic and personal growth.

### To Sign-up as a Mentee:

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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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## Important Dates

### **Family Weekend**

Friday, September 28th - Sunday, September 30th

### **19th Annual ALANA Breakfast**

Saturday, September 29th

### **28th Annual International Festival**

Friday, November 2nd  
(tentative)

### **15th Annual BSA Fashion Show**

Friday, March 22nd  
(tentative)

### **ALANA Graduation Reception**

Friday, May 17th

## 2012-2013

### **ALANA Organization Presidents**

**African Student Union**  
TBD

**Asian Cultural Alliance**  
Rachel Abadilla

**Association of Latin American  
& Spanish Students**  
Helena "Lena" Hernandez

**Black Student Association**  
Briana Durr

**Caribbean Student Union**  
Brittany Brin

**Native American Student Association**  
Candis Miller