Welcome back! Make your New Year’s resolution to celebrate diversity! We are welcoming 2019 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 “Unity.”

Both heritage celebrations feature food, music, dancing, and the cultural richness of the multifaceted African Diaspora. The African Student Association (ASA) and Black Student 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 25th. ASA will then host the ADC Keynote on January 31st. ASA and BSA will also host a panel on the African Diaspora vs African American culture on January 28th.

BSA will begin BHM with Umoja February 8th, followed by BHM Keynote on February 19th examining what it means to be Black, Trans, and Queer, what it means to survive. The month ends with the a 2000’s Themed Party on February 23rd.

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!
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.  

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

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

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

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

Answer Key

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Words from BSA

Written by Ahmed Jackson, BSA President

During Black History Month (BHM), the Black Student Association theme is “UNITY.” Considering the various events that have occurred in a large part of 2018 and still continuing in 2019 in the public eyes is police brutality and the government shutdown, the executive board wanted it make it known that throughout this time we will always stay united. We are both hosting and collaborating on several events this month, and we couldn’t be happier. We will begin BHM with our general body meeting on February 6th at 7:30 in the Center for Intercultural Engagement (CIE), History of Music. That Friday on February 8th at 7:00 in McGuire Hall we are hosting our annual UMOJA Cultural Heritage event. At UMOJA, we will have wonderful performers, amazing food, awards, and delicious food, and so much more. The following week, on February 16th BSA will be collaborating with the ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP) to take a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C. The next week on February 19th, we will host our Keynote Speaker, Kavi Ade, a talented poet and educator, who will share some powerful words on what haunts the spirit of a Black Trans Queer body. The next day, BSA is collaborating with the Unleashed Step Team for an electric step workshop for students. Don’t miss our 90s and 2000s themed party at 9:00 in the 4th Floor Programming Room, where we will also have prizes for best dressed. We will end BHM with a collaboration with Campus Ministry to have a vigil on the Quad to remember those lost in 2018 and to give strength to those who continue to fight in 2019 and years to come.
African Diaspora in America

Written by Ethel Atanga, ASA Vice President

Wazobia is a word comprised of three different African dialects, Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba, which are all translated to mean “come.” “Wa,” in the Yoruba language, “Zo,” in the Igbo language and finally “Bia,” in the Hausa language. As a collective, the executive board members of ASA decided to make the theme for this year’s Wazobia, “Passport to Africa.” This theme essentially emphasizes that Africa is a continent with 54 different countries. In society, the bulk of information presented to non-African countries comes mostly from the countries of Western Africa. Passport to Africa is a showing of the many beautiful countries in Africa. Africa is such a diverse continent full of diverse people and cultures, which is highlighted in this year’s Wazobia theme, Passport to Africa.

(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 Writer and Professor Delivers 26th Annual MLK Convocation

Roxane Gay’s writing appears in Best American Mystery Stories 2014, Best American Short Stories 2012,, A Public Space, McSweeney’s, Tin House, Oxford American, American Short Fiction, Virginia Quarterly Review, and many others. She is a contributing opinion writer for the New York Times. She is the author of the books Ayiti, An Untamed State, the New York Times bestselling Bad Feminist, the nationally bestselling Difficult Women and the New York Times bestselling Hunger. She is also the author of World of Wakanda for Marvel. She has several books forthcoming and is also at work on television and film projects.

In her lecture, “Roxane Gay With One N,” the author will discuss social issues as it relates to her ongoing work in feminism, body image, and social justice. The MLK Convocation, celebrating its 26th year, is an occasion for Loyola and the Baltimore community to launch the spring semester and the New Year by coming together for shared inquiry into legacies of race and racial justice in America.

Past speakers have included Octavia Butler, Spike Lee, and Ta-Nehisi Coates. Roxane Gay, will speak at Loyola University Maryland’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Convocation on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at 7 p.m. in Reitz Arena. A book signing will follow the lecture. This event is free and open to the public; however, advance registration is encouraged.

http://www.roxanegay.com/about/
Welcome the Year of the Pig

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.

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ACA Lunar New Year Celebration!
Wednesday, January 23rd
7pm, 4th Floor Program Room
Featuring food, games and activities

Black History Month Keynote Speaker
Tuesday, February 19th
7pm in 4th Floor Program Room

Kavindu “Kavi” Ade is an Activist, Arts Educator, and nationally recognized Poet of Afro & Indigenous Caribbean descent. Their poetry is a lamentation, a leaning into what haunts the spirit of a Black Trans Queer body. With poems that are deeply personal while inescapably political, Ade’s work grapples with being set at the throne of violence -- chronicling despair, grasping at hope, and ultimately exploring the ways a body can learn to survive.

Join Black Student Association on February 19th to welcome Kavindu “Kavi” Ade as the Black History Month Keynote Speaker.
ALANA Student Spotlight

**Reynante “Arby” Alimon, '20**, serves as President of the Asian Cultural Alliance. He shared about his recent experience at the AASLE conference and how it impacted his perspective on leadership and personal growth.

Alimon noted that one of the sessions that really stood out to him was about speaking things into existence, and how words have power over us. He also stated that he gained new skills like a growth mindset and steps towards becoming a better leader entirely.

Arby and four other representatives from ALANA organizations had the opportunity to not only to develop their leadership skills but to also network with other leaders from similar students from fellow universities.

*Arby pictured to the right at AASLE*

2019 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 “Leading with Crazy Faith: (Motivation/Inspiration) Vision + Action = Realization.

Those who attended were encouraged to think critically about what it takes to truly actualize leadership potential. They were challenged to define the motivational & inspirational factors that will help them succeed as leaders, and to move with boldness, and the audacity of hope...” During AASLE, students attended specialized sessions where they customized a differentiated experience based upon specific interests and goals.

*Pictured here are the delegates: Reynante “Arby” Alimon, Genesis Romero, Beza Mamo, Ahmed Jackson, Natalie Rosado*

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 2019
Mondays 2:00 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 call the counseling center at 410-617-2273.

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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#### Special Events
- **January 23rd** - ACA Lunar New Year
- **January 25th** - ADC Wazobia
- **January 31st** - ADC Keynote Speaker
- **February 8th** - BSA Presents Umoja
- **February 19th** - BHM Keynote Speaker
- **2000's Party-February 23rd**

## February 2019

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**A Journey of a Thousand Diasporas**
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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Caribbean Student Union
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Multicultural Awareness Program (MAP)

Navigator
Applications due February 1st, 2019

ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP)

Mentor
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