

MSA

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Multicultural Student Association provides social and educational opportunities which explore human difference, equality and respect in order to challenge and strengthen the CNU community through diversity.

To this end, MSA works to:

- Offer social and educational programs for students to:
 - Learn about human and cultural differences
 - Discover shared connections and experiences with others
 - Share their identity and stories with others
 - Understand how they contribute to the diversity of any community
- Increase leadership and involvement of historically under-represented student populations
- Champion efforts which foster inclusion, equality and respect within the CNU community
- Provide support for student organizations which represent marginalized social identities

Membership

For our organization to be effective and accomplish our mission, we ask each member of MSA to:

- Attend at least five general MSA meetings each semester
 - For the fall semester, qualifying members are eligible for a free cultural experience off-campus during the spring semester
 - For the spring semester, qualifying members are invited to attend an end of the year MSA reception
- Pay membership dues of \$5.00 each semester*
 - Fall semester due by Tuesday, September 16th
 - Spring semester due by Tuesday, January 27th
- Serve as an active participant on at least one MSA committee
 - Including Public Relations, Social Programs, or Educational Programs
- Join as a member on The Compass and follow us on Facebook or Twitter*

*Upon meeting these expectations, members become eligible to receive a free MSA T-Shirt

Our Organization

Our three committees and Executive Board are vital components to carry out the mission of MSA.

Social Programs Committee coordinates social activities which infuse a casual way for culture and identity to be shared with others (including MSA Feature Thursday events). In addition, this committee hosts social gatherings and receptions for members of the organization. The Executive Vice President serves as the chairperson of the committee.

Educational Programs Committee coordinates events for any outside speakers, guests or artists who share their insights and experience on aspects of diversity or identity. The Vice President of Operations serves as the chairperson of this committee.

Public Relations Committee markets and advertises all MSA related activities and events through various outlets on-campus and social media including Facebook, Twitter, and InstaGram. The Vice President of Public Relations serves as the chairperson of this committee.

Executive Board provides overall leadership and direction for the organization by setting goals and priorities for each semester in addition to providing financial and operational oversight of MSA. The President serves as the chairperson of the Executive Board. The Executive Board includes the following:

President, Autumn Moody
Executive Vice President, Quinton Pace
Vice President of Finance, Vacant
Vice President of Public Relations, CJ Stanford
Vice President of Operations, Tulsi Ratnam

Meetings

MSA General Meetings are scheduled **about every two weeks usually on Tuesday approximately 12:15-1:20pm**. During this time, there's an opportunity to connect with each other, get updates on upcoming activities, and discuss current events/issues related to human difference, equality and respect. Here's a listing of dates and locations for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Tuesday, September 2nd DSU Jefferson
Tuesday, September 16th DSU Jefferson
Tuesday, September 30th Forbes 2024
Thursday, October 16th DSU Jefferson
Tuesday, October 28th DSU Jefferson
Tuesday, November 11th DSU Jefferson
Tuesday, December 2nd DSU Jefferson

Tuesday, January 13th TBD
Tuesday, January 27th TBD
Tuesday, February 10th TBD
Tuesday, February 24th TBD
Tuesday, March 10th TBD
Tuesday, March 24th TBD
Tuesday, April 7th TBD
Tuesday, April 21st TBD

Fall 2014 Events

MSA Feature Thursday: MSA Welcome Back & Trivia Night

Thursday, August 28th 8-10pm (Crow's Nest)

Join us for a fun-filled night of trivia and learn more about how to get involved with MSA.

MSA Feature Thursday: Spanish Fiesta

Thursday, September 25th 12-1:30pm (DSU/Tribble Plaza)

Celebrate Hispanic Latino Heritage Month and join us in the plaza for food and activities sponsored by MSA, HOLA, and Sigma Delta Pi.

MSA Feature Thursday: Diversity Bling!

Thursday, October 30th 10am-2pm (DSU Breezeway)

Stop by the Breezeway to create your own bling! But before you do, learn about your diversity and privilege in relation to others different than you.

Spoken Words with Alysia Harris

Monday, November 3rd 7:30pm (Gaines Theater, Freeman Center)

Alysia is a two-time national spoken word champion, being a member of the winning BNV 2007 and CUPSI 2007 teams, and was featured in the HBO Documentary Russell Simmons Presents: Brave New Voices. She has performed with the likes of Saul Williams, Buddy Wakefield, Carlos Andres Gomez, Anis Mojgani, Rita Dove, and Elizabeth Alexander. Her poems have garnished well over 2 million views on YouTube. Alysia is most passionate about God, love, and poetry. Her biggest loves in life are spontaneous group dance sessions, Hemingway, and clean endings.

Redefining Leadership in Everyday Life with Justin Jones-Fusu

Thursday, November 6th 7:30pm (Freeman Center, 201)

Tired of the generic and boring diversity programs? Justin is, too! Sometimes we have made diversity conversations so complex that people have missed its simple core and foundation. Diversity has also been made into a holding hands exercise where everybody agrees, but it really is more about authentic listening, being open and respecting others even when we don't agree. This diversity conversation is much better with Justin's unique blend of high-energy, humor and practical content.

MSA Feature Thursday: Dances with Wolves (Movie)

Thursday, November 20th 7:30pm (Forbes 1022)

In celebration of Native American History Month, this is a moving showing sponsored by MSA. Lt. John Dunbar, exiled to a remote western Civil War outpost, befriends wolves and American Indians taking on the name Dances with Wolves. Soon, Dances with Wolves has become a welcome member of the tribe and fallen in love with a white woman who has been raised amongst the tribe. His peaceful existence is threatened, however, when Union soldiers arrive with designs on the Sioux land.

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