CSD November Highlights

NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

On August 3rd, 1990 President Bush requested that the State and Federal government observe the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. By celebrating, the Native people share their culture traditions by music, crafts, and dance. They enjoy sharing their heritage and culture with society of how Indian life is honored. The American Indians were the first people to live in North America. They are very proud and brave people, who are made up of several tribes that celebrate and unit as one.

Faculty Lecture Series: Film Screening
“Smoke Signals”

Professor Michelle Patterson of the History Department will facilitate the film “Smoke Signals.” Smoke Signals is a humorous, yet serious story about a young Indian man named Thomas and life on his reservation. Professor Patterson will incorporate an interactive dialogue, which will explore how the characters experience “Indian” identity, family conflict, and self discovery.
Louis Eagle Warrior

On November 5th the Center for Student Diversity welcomed Louis Eagle Warrior to the Mount. Eagle Warrior is a speaker, flutist, and dancer. His music represents a life long tradition that has been passed along for thousands of years. Eagle Warrior captured the elemental sound of the spirit—earth connection by captivating his audiences with his professional Native American music. He has performed from coast to coast and was nominated to perform at The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in Washington, D.C. His album “Spirit Trackers” was selected for three Native American Awards. Eagle Warrior is a dynamic public speaker and author of a motivational self help book, Dynamics of the Self.

www.nativeamericanmusic.com

Autumn Trivia: Cultural Festivals

1. What is the date Oktoberfest is celebrated?
2. What is Dia de los Muertos and why is it celebrated?
3. When is Galungan celebrated?
4. What is Fantasy Fest and how is it celebrated?
5. In which park is the Austin Music Festival held?
6. What Festival occurs in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains?
7. Where is one of the largest Halloween Events celebrated?
8. What is the name of the festival that commitments to abstinence?
National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is recognized as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The purpose of (NDEAM) is to raise awareness and educate individuals about disability employment issues. Business establishments encourage companies and organizations to build inclusive partnerships that value diversity and support the hiring qualified individuals with all types of disabilities. By providing opportunities to individuals with disabilities, we can build a stronger economy, help individuals become self-sufficient, and lead happy and healthy lives.

Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes

On October 2nd Women’s Empowerment and the Center for Student Diversity was proud to host its 6th Annual Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes event, to raise awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence. Both men and women were enthusiastic to gather around Founder’s plaza by walking a mile around campus in women’s shoes. The Mount Community was able to raise $150 which benefited the Heartly House, in Frederick, Maryland. The mission of the Heartly House, is to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Big Shout Out to the Men's Rugby team & the Women’s basketball team! Thank you to everyone that participated.
The Center for Student Diversity welcomed Sean Brown to the Mount on October 22nd. Sean Brown is an enthusiastic, gifted speaker, who uses an expressive approach. He inspires and motivates others by combining his humorous talent with real life stories. His topics include self acceptance and motivational leadership.

At the age of six he struggled with stuttering, but eventually Sean accepted who he was as an individual and learned how to cope with his impediment. Sean was able to accept his stuttering and determined to go out and share his passion to lead others to self acceptance. He did nothing short of this on that night as one student expressed “...His point of living life despite facing obstacles really spoke to me and helped me realize that I need to do this not only in my own life but to inspire others as well.”

The University of Virginia Men’s Retreat

Asst. Director Randall Phyall accompanied 4 members of the IMPACT (I’m Putting Away Childish Things) men’s group at Mount St. Mary’s on a retreat to the University of Virginia from Thursday, October 17th-18th. The retreat entitled, Conversations in the Commonwealth: A forum for Black Men, was sponsored by the Luther P. Jackson Black Male Initiative of the University of Virginia. The BMI Retreat is designed to give undergraduate & graduate students, faculty, staff, national consultants, and members of the Charlottesville community the opportunity to learn from one another.

During the retreat students from over 10 universities participated in activities, which promoted academic achievement, personal development, social/cultural enlightenment and community building. In addition, the young men had the opportunity to room with students from the University of Virginia, which allowed them to experience college life from a different, yet familiar lens.
Global Leaders Alliance

The end of the semester is rapidly approaching. It is the time of year when many students begin to check out mentally and the anticipation for Christmas Break is brutal. (GLA) has been working diligently to raise awareness and educate the Mount St. Mary’s campus on issues that plague our world. GLA is planning for one of our large events of the semester, Human Rights Day. We will be celebrating Human Rights Day on December 2-6. GLA’s area of focus this year will be on Human Trafficking. GLA has partnered with several Human Trafficking agencies and organizations that focus on education, activism, awareness, and rescue. Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery that affects approximately 27 million men, women, and children both internationally and domestically. For more information regarding GLA happenings, GLA will be hosting an event of the 1st annual Leaders for Change Mixer on November 19th where students will network with like-minded groups. Then, on December 10th, we will be working with Falling Whistles in their efforts to bring peace to the Congo. If you are interested in learning more about GLA please come to one of our bi-weekly meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in AC 307 at 8pm.

Student Spotlight: “You Better Belize It!”

Picture it: May 11, 2014 I would have just walked across the stage and accepted my degree. My four years of undergrad at Mount St. Mary’s will come to a close. Fast forward three days. Now I am sitting on a plane with Belize as my destination. For the next twelve days I will be immersing myself in all of the wonders Belize has to offer. I will also be working alongside the Jesuit Volunteer Corps doing volunteer work in a local Mayan village.

How did I get this amazing opportunity? I was blessed to be chosen as a member of the Encounter: Belize culture and service trip offered by the Office of Social Justice. I am very excited and still cannot believe that this will be happening to me. This opportunity combines two of my favorite activities: traveling and volunteer service. I believe that one should always be working in trying to make their community a better place to live. My community extends past the Mount, Maryland, and even the United States. In this day and age we are global citizens and what we do in our lives have a great affect on those who live thousands of miles away. I am happy that I have the chance to do something positive for my community. Don’t worry! I will be taking lots of pictures! Hopefully you can see them in a future newsletter!

Micahela Mobley
Student Spotlight: “A Woman Empowered”

Several women from the Mount’s Women’s Empowerment group attended the 5th Annual Women’s Conference in Frederick MD, hosted by the Frederick County Commission for Women. The conference had three focus points, Jobs, Health, and Money. The first seminar was interesting to learn about the long term benefits of setting up a retirement plan upon employment. I learned from this seminar that when I begin my full time employment, I will choose a retirement plan to ensure I have a better life for myself and for my family towards the end of my career. I suggest all my peers to do the same. I opted out of a few seminars to sit down for a one-on-one coaching. Through this coaching I learned a lot about myself, my career choice, and the direction that I am going in. Michelle helped me to realize not only does my college education reflect on the overall career goals, but my personal actions can influence them as well. At the end of the day, I have made the decision to start doing one random act of kindness a day to maintain my value of providing others with a smile and a feeling of joy.

Overall, the keynote speaker Michelle Singletary, an amazing speaker provided me with information about budgeting, sticking to a budget, and how to exercise a debt free life. It’s hard to stay on a budget and from her advice that day I think I have learned quite a few tips to try and keep a few dollars in my bare pockets.

Thrifty Gifts

Sponsored by Women’s Empowerment, this event is an annual fundraiser in which individuals make a small monetary donation to design and craft gift for the holiday season. All proceeds will go to the Heartly House.

Save the Date
December 5th!!!

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# CSD UPCOMING EVENTS

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