

African American/Hispanic Departments and Organizations

Black Student Union-the umbrella organization for many black student organizations on UK's campus. The purpose is to assist, guide, and orient black students by providing and participating in the cultural, social, and athletic activities of the University of Kentucky.

The Black Student Union is made up of:

Student Organizations

- Black Voices
- Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANNRS)
- Minority Education Association (MEA)
- Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS)
- National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)
- National Pan Hellenic Council which consists of:
 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
 - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
 - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
 - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
 - Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
 - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ)
- National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)

BSU Schedule

Aug

- First Meeting

September

- Fall Fest—an organizational fair where African American campus organizations inform students of their activities. There is free food and music.
- The Black and White Affair-The first party of the yr.

Oct

- Faculty Student Basketball Game-This is a 12 yr tradition between students and faculty.
- Mr and Ms. Black UK Pageant-A student scholarship pageant where the winners receive a \$250 book scholarship for the following semester.

Nov

- ABCC Conference (Association of Black Cultural Center's Conference)-each yr the BSU sponsors students to attend this conference of intellectuals that takes place at various universities across the country.
- Thanksgiving Dinner-a potluck where each organization brings a dish. Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attend.

Dec

- Gospel Explosion

Feb

- Apollo-Hosted by NABA and The BSU, this is a talent show with an interactive audience.

April

- Lyman T Johnson Student Awards-this is a time for students to be awarded for their hard work.
- Spring Fest-time for students to wind down before finals. Of course food, music, and fun are involved.

-Operation Motivation-Yr round community service-where members of BSU tutor Lexington Youth at Lexington Traditional and Bryan Station Middle Schools, as well as Northern Elementary School.

Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs

-William C Parker Scholarship Program

-Come See For Yourself Program

-Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment Services-provides a comprehensive academic support system and enrichment services to aid students outside the classroom. Programs and activities are designed to assist students in achieving academic excellence and adjusting to student life at the University.

CARES Provides:

-Academic Planning

-Free Tutoring

-Peer mentors

-Study skills

-Help with Personal issues

-Computer lab

(CARES) which consists of:

-Freshmen Summer Program

-Science Living/Learning Community

-Critical First Year

-Project CSI

-SOAR

-Student Support Services

-Multicultural Student Programming

-Chandler Medical Center of Multicultural and Academic Affairs

-Minority College Awareness Program

Martin Luther King Cultural Center

-History-Taken from website:

On January 19, 1987, the official opening ceremony of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center (MLKCC) took place. The ribbon was cut by four year old Saida Grundy. Under the leadership of Chester Grundy and the first Program Director of the center, Frank X Walker II, the MLKCC became the home away from home to many African American students at the University of Kentucky.

The MLKCC was established to contribute positively to the recruitment and retention of African-American students by aiding in the development of a more hospitable and supportive campus environment. To achieve this goal, the center offered a relaxed, yet stimulating environment where all students of the university came together to be enriched through diverse cultural exchanges. Today, the MLKCC has become the home to many traditionally under-represented groups exemplifying the high ideals and dreams of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The center's programming has served as a vital resource of cultural, educational, and social activities reflective of the diversity at the University of Kentucky. Programs such as lectures, concerts, workshops, seminars, exhibits, theatrical performances have broaden the university experience for thousands of students, faculty, staff and community members in the region.

Programs held by the Martin Luther King Cultural Center:

F.L.O.W. Future Leaders Organizational Workshops

This annual student leadership conference is centered on developing student organizational leadership skills. Practical workshops for treasurers and secretaries are part of the menu as well as philosophical workshops like "what does it men to be a leader", "cross cultural collaborations" and "how not to sink your own ship". The conference is open to all college students from across the state as well as high school students.

Real Fathers Real Men of Lexington Scholarship Luncheon

This community organization program is spearheaded by the Eta Alpha Sigma Alumni chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. The fraternity seeks to recognize African American male role models who have distinguished themselves through community service or careers. The University of Kentucky's Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center provides logistical support and serves as a resource for the fraternity.

Caribbean Week

This multicultural and multiethnic celebration highlights Caribbean Heritage. It serves as an example of the rich and diverse heritage of the Caribbean. University and community members are exposed to music, film, history, dance and other expressions of Caribbean culture. Please see our calendar of events.

Latino Heritage Month

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center observes the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration which begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries-Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.

The Word

This annual program brings together writers of poetry with the musical talents of local and regional acts.

Kwanzaa

As an African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the world African community, Kwanzaa brings a cultural message which speaks to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense. Our annual celebration of is held in collaboration with the Black Student Union each December.

African American History Month

African American History Month is celebrated each February. The theme is adopted from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History which has set the national theme each year since 1926. The 2006 theme is "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions."

I-75 Collaborative

This is a joint venture between the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College that aims at sharing and supporting co-curricular programming such as writing and leadership conferences, lectures, musical programs, and other artistic events. Please see our calendar of events.

Diversity Initiatives by the MLKCC: Workshops

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center has developed a series of workshops, facilitated by trained Multicultural Affairs staff and faculty for those interested, such as student groups, academic classes or athletic teams at the University of Kentucky.

Diversity Book Club

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center cordially invites you to participate in a book club on diversity-**THESE FORUMS ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE**. Twice each semester, the UK family and the general community will be encouraged to read a book which deals with some aspect of diversity. You can dialogue with your friends, or you

can choose to dialogue with people that you do not know. The purpose of these forums is to create a dialogue about diversity. People attending all of these forums should come away with greater understanding about the convergence and divergence of the complexities on diversity.

Student Diversity Mini Grants

The purpose of the Student Diversity Mini Grants is to encourage networking and collaborative diversity programming between student groups or organizations. The goals of the proposed activities are: (1) to contribute to personal enrichment; (2) to help improve the cultural climate at the University of Kentucky; (3) to provide an educational experience leading to a better understanding of ethnic group issues. The highest priority will be given to proposals which directly address issues related to ethnic minority students at UK.

Community Outreach by the MLKCC: Real Fathers Real Men of Lexington Scholarship Luncheon

The MLKCC assists the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Eta Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter of Central Kentucky in the planning and execution of this scholarship luncheon.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass B Recruitment

The Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center works closely with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass to assist in the recruitment of students. The center's director seeks to introduce the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass program to students and other interested parties by arranging informational meetings and visiting with organizations.

Cultural Lifelines

In working with the City of Lexington's Partners for Youth program the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center's Cultural Lifelines provides opportunities for students to be exposed to the brightest of African American Culture. This includes concerts by cultural giants such as Sonny Rollins and the Count Basie Band, as well as lectures by literary giants such as Maya Angelou and bell hooks.

UK100

This initiative is a partnership joining UK students, faculty, staff and the surrounding communities by identifying and coordinating service opportunities to cultivate social responsibility and life-long learning, thereby fostering a generation of leaders committed to positive social change. Individuals who log one hundred hours of service will receive the UK100 pin.

Student Outreach in the MLKCC: Cultural Center Players

Are a collective of a highly respected and reputable students devoted to presenting thought-provoking subject matter related to the African American experience. Each performance is designed to generate self-approval and social awareness in the African American community.

The Vine Book Club

The members of the book club are interested in reading a variety of areas including but not limited to relationships, political science, poetry, history, fiction and more as they relate to the African American experience. The club is a joint venture with the Iota Sigma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Ngoma Dance

Ngoma dance looks to promote an appreciation for cultural as well as contemporary dance. Including but not

limited to African, Jazz, Hip Hop, Salsa & Merengue.

Artist In Residence

The Program involves a Master's level student from the College of Fine Arts. Projects vary from art exhibits, ceramic work, sculpture and others. For more information or to participate in a workshop please contact us via email by selecting the program name above.

Black Student Union

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center works closely with the Black Student Union and with other independent student governed campus organizations, to assess the pulse of the campus population and to co-sponsor mutually beneficial programs.

Latino American Student Organization

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center works closely with the Latino American Student Organization and with other independent student governed campus organization, to assess the pulse of the campus population and to co-sponsor mutually beneficial programs.

MLKCC Publications: Hype

A collaboration between the Black Student Union and the Cultural Center this publication highlights student achievement on the UK campus.

Professional Programs

- Black Graduate and Professional Students Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Association

Other Misc Student Programs

- Latino American Student Organizations
- Students for Multicultural Arts

African American Studies and Research

Dept of Hispanic Studies

Latin American Studies

Lyman T Johnson Alumni Club

Cultural Diversity Festival Committee

