



The Cultural Center

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From the Director's Pen: Tierney Bates, Director, Cultural Center

Greetings! ¡Hola! Shalom!

I am pleased to have completed my first full year as the new Director at the University of Louisville Cultural Center. In this year alone we have set out on new areas to help us grow as a Cultural Center, we have added new staff, aligned ourselves for the future to focus on retention, matriculation, leadership development, professional development, assessment, and new programming. All of this is geared towards creating a unique experience for our students in making them well-versed, well-rounded, and ready for the world. With a goal of being the #1 institution in the country graduating black males and increasing our overall student of color graduation rate to over 60% as we like to say at the University of Louisville "It's Happening Here". We want everyone to be engaged with the work we do at the Cultural Center, now is the time for many collaborations and opportunities to partner with us. We look forward to you working with us in our cultural heritage months and many new programming ideas for the upcoming year. Our goal is to be the most well talked about and cutting edge Cultural Center in the next few years, join us on the ride!

Best,

~Tierney



Upcoming Events:



*Black Diamond
Choir Alumni*

Presents:

**45th Black Diamond
Homecoming Reunion**

<http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/bdc-homecoming-union/bdc-reunion-events>



Organized in 1969, the student gospel group has been singing the LORD's praises and sharing the "Good News" locally around Louisville, KY and various locations within Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Ohio, and Georgia. This year's reunion event, held during Homecoming, aims to bring together past members of the Black Diamond Choir.

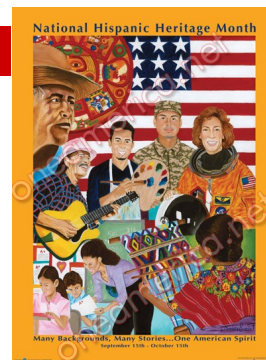
For more information click website:

service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with multicultural customs of their community. This year UofL will celebrate it with many events that will take place on campus. Visit our calendar: <http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/Events/heritage-month-calendar> for more information about the upcoming events.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15 to October 15)

During this time we recognize the contributions made by Hispanic and Latino Americans and celebrate their heritage and culture. Hispanics/Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and



First Event:
Monday
Sept 15, 2014
12 noon-1:00 p.m.
Cultural Center,
MPR
(lunch provided)

***"Be the change that you want to see in the world."* Mahatma Gandhi**

Retention Initiatives



African American Male Initiative (AAMI)

By: Joey Wilkerson

The AAMI's core Areas of Focus are expressed through the acronym of AMPS, representing Academic Engagement, Mentoring Support, Peer Connection and Student Involvement. Participants are encouraged to use academic support resources including REACH services, TRiO, the Writing Center, formal study groups as well as attend AAMI weekly study sessions. A Mentoring Family Network was established using upperclassmen, as well as members of faculty and staff to assist participants in navigating academic and personal challenges. Initial connection among peers is achieved through monthly Graduate Prep Strategy (GPS) meetings where students interact and form relationships through Team building, Icebreakers and other engaging Activities. Participants are also encouraged to join student organizations that are aligned with their area of study or future career interest such as the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (STEM), National Society of Black Engineers, Student Government Association, Association of Black Students as well as other recognized organizations to cultivate diverse and meaningful institutional connections.

would then take the position of multicultural recruiter at Bellarmine University in 2011. Currently, he is the program coordinator for the African American Male Initiative at the University of Louisville. He also serves as one of the co Human Resource chairs for the Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling.

Other Retention Initiatives

Click on websites below for more information about other Retention Initiatives:

Excel Program

Contact: Jackie Sidney
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<http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/retention-programs/excel-program>

Hispanic/Latin@ Initiative

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<http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/retention-programs/hispanic-latino-initiative>

Woodford R. Porter Scholarship

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<http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/retention-programs/woodford-r.-porter-scholars>

About Joey:

James J. Wilkerson graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.A. in English in 2006 and a master's in communication from Bellarmine University in 2013. He began his career in higher education at Ivy Tech Community College in 2010 as an academic advisor and



Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities



The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities is set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of their rights and responsibilities at the University of Louisville. It is the students' responsibility to be aware of all University rules and policies; students should check with the Office of the Dean of Students and with their academic units if they have questions about the purposes or intent of these policies.

<http://louisville.edu/dos/students/studentrightsandresponsibilities>

Programs and Services

Black Family Conference (BFC)

Empowers, engages, and equips individuals through an experience that maximizes the quality of life for every family in the community.



Heritage Celebration & Speaker Series

Designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the campus community through art, guest speakers panel discussions and workshops.



Built to Graduate (B2G)

Designed to assist scholars with college transition, decision making skills, graduate school preparation and life after college preparation.

Business Diversity Network Lecture Series

Designed for leading companies locally and nationally who value diversity to come network with students and learn what their company does around diversity and how to learn about jobs, opportunities, corporate setting, and build a network.

Cultural Center Graduation Celebration

An annual event with the purpose of celebrating all graduating underrepresented students at the University of Louisville.

Cultural Competency Workshops

Conversation around the idea of learning cultural competence in research, literature, micro-aggressions, race relations, sexual orientation, and overall diversity issues.



Early Arrival Program (EAP)

Designed to assist incoming freshmen to transition from high school to UofL.

To learn more about the programs and services offered through the Cultural Center, visit the Cultural Center homepage:

<http://louisville.edu/culturalcenter>



Upcoming Events (con't. pg 1)

UofL African American Homecoming Weekend Events

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Woodford R. Porter 30th Anniversary Celebration

Pearl Gala: Celebrating
30 Years of Scholarship

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Ricky L. Jones

6:00 p.m.
The Gillespie
421 W Market St
Louisville, KY 40202

Friday, October 17, 2014

National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show

7:00 p.m.

Memorial Auditorium
970 S. Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203

Saturday, October 18, 2014

UofL Cultural Center Tailgate

11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Cultural Center
120 E. Brandeis
Louisville, KY 40292

Cultural Center Comedy Show

7:00 p.m.

Strickler Hall
2010 S. Avery Court Walk
Louisville, KY 40292

African American Alumni Council & Goodtimer's Party

Featuring: DJ Kid Capri

10 p.m.

Headliner's Music Hall
1386 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY 40206

Other Important Dates to Remember

Built to Graduate (B2G)

"Decision Making & Goal Setting"

Co-Sponsor - UofL Athletics S.C.O.R.E.
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
4p.m.- 5 p.m.
Cultural Center
(refreshments served)

"Personal Branding B.R.A.N.D You"

Co-Sponsor - UofL Athletics S.C.O.R.E.
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
12 noon – 1p.m.
Cultural Center (lunch provided)

Cultural Competency Workshop

"Micro-Aggressions"

Facilitated by Dr. Monnica Williams
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
12 noon-1 p.m.
Cultural Center (lunch provided)

"Title IX and the Impact on Transgender Athletes"

Facilitated by:
Dr. Cryshanna Jackson-Leftwich
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
12 noon-1 p.m.
Cultural Center (lunch provided)



Fall Break
Monday and
Tuesday
Oct. 6 & 7, 2014
No Classes



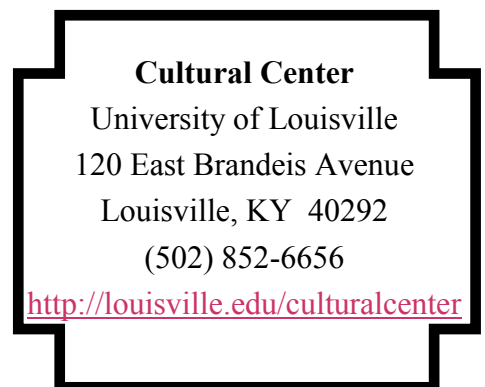
**Last Day
to Withdraw
from Classes**
Thursday
Oct. 23, 2014



Safety Tip

When Out and About:

Wait for a friend to walk with you. Don't go alone. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose and look confident.



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