VISION
The Cultural Center creates educational opportunities for members of the university community to critically think about their beliefs, values and assumptions as it relates to culture. Our vision is an inclusive and accepting campus climate free of bias and hate where students, faculty, staff, and alumni work together to create positive change in the campus and local community.

SIGNATURE EVENTS & PROGRAMS
Diversity Dialogue Series
Diversity dialogues are a series of conversations around the idea of increasing cultural competence and understanding of diversity and social justice issues. Past topics include Islamophobia in America, Equity vs. Equality, LGBTQ support, school-to-prison pipeline & perceptions and stereotypes of Military service members.

Multicultural Student Organization (MSO) Summit
The MSO Leadership Summit serves as one-day event for student leaders to discuss issues facing their communities and organization in addition to identifying organization goals & opportunities for collaboration. Participants also learn about foundation skills including communication, event planning, marketing, recruitment and more.

Graduation Celebration
The Graduation Celebration pays homage to the past while celebrating the achievements of graduating underrepresented students at UofL. This ceremony also provides graduates with the opportunity to thank their families, friends, faculty and mentors for their support.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Week
MLK Week commemorates Dr. King's legacy by hosting a week-long series of events that honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The events' aim is to educate the UofL community on the importance of actualizing Dr. King's ideals of social justice, education and service. The goal is to foster an inclusive community committed to equality and social justice through actions to create positive change.

Heritage & Identity Celebrations
The heritage & identity-based programs seek to foster a sense of community amongst students and the campus community by highlighting the diverse cultures represented at the UofL and fostering intercultural engagement. These programs strategically highlight underrepresented populations to ensure a sense of belonging and connectedness to the UofL community.

Fall Fest Multicultural Expo
Fall Fest celebrates the diversity of UofL students and highlights multicultural student organizations on campus. This event welcomes students back to campus and provides an opportunity learn more about our programs and how to get involved with multicultural student organizations.
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STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

African American Male Initiative
The African American Male Initiative (AAMI) seeks to increase the retention, graduation, engagement and overall success at UofL by addressing various scholastic and social challenges through academic engagement, mentoring, peer connection and student involvement.

Hispanic & Latino Initiative
The mission of the Hispanic & Latino Initiative (HLI) is to build strong support systems for Latino students at UofL through programs and events that explore our many identities, develop leaders and provide coaching and mentoring for life success, share campus resources and build community and campus collaborations.

Woodford R. Porter Scholarship Program
The Porter Scholarship program is the largest scholarship organization at UofL. Named after the first African American university trustee, the scholarship was created in 1984 to provide academic, personal, and professional support to incoming Black high achieving students. The areas of support are based on the four pillars of promise including scholarship, leadership, service and heritage.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Black Student Union
The mission of the Black Student Union (BSU) is to stimulate and promote the intellectual, political, social and cultural health of the campus community with a focus on issues impacting Black students and student organizations. They provide a resource clearinghouse for the social, financial, cultural and advocacy needs on campus.

Black Diamond Choir
Organized in 1969, the Black Diamond Choir (BDC) is a non-auditioned gospel chorus open to all students. Performances include various types of music including both traditional and contemporary praise & worship and negro spirituals. BDC is also offered as an optional one credit hour course.

Brothers United
Brothers United focuses on brotherhood, scholarship, service and increasing the success of men of color. BU accomplishes its goals by providing a “home base” in addition to social and academic support for its members. BU also helps brothers navigate college services and resources. Membership is open to any UofL student.

Casa Abierta-Latino Student Welcome
The Hispanic & Latino Initiative (HLI) welcomes students, parents, and the campus community through a series of open houses each Fall semester. Students have the opportunity to network, connect with staff, student organizations and campus departments.

Early Arrival Program (EAP)
EAP was created to help ease the transition from high school to college for Cultural Center student success initiative participants. The two-day program includes a series of discussions, events and activities to help students identify what it means to be an active and engaged student & how to have a successful first year.

Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation
The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program is aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of students successfully completing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degree programs. The program is also designed to increase the number of students that enter and matriculate into graduate degree programs.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - UofL Chapter
The mission of the NAACP-UofL chapter is to ensure the political, educational, social, academic and economic equality of underrepresented students. The NAACP also works to foster an environment on UofL’s campus that embraces unity and diversity by advocating for social justice, through student activism.

Latin American & Hispanic Student Organization
LAHSO is an organization dedicated to celebrate Latin American/Hispanic history, heritage, cultures and traditions present on the UofL campus. Created in 2009, LAHSO provides a common ground for all students interested in Hispanic/Latino culture.

Society of Porter Scholars
The Society of Porter Scholars is the largest African American recognized student organization at the University of Louisville. The society’s mission and purpose are to provide academic support, personal & leadership development opportunities, events/programs based on the scholarship’s four pillars, and community building.