

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

A.I.M.M. for the stars!

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion created an initiative last spring to aid in the recruitment and retention of African American and Hispanic males at the University of Houston.

The new program, Achievement Initiative for Minority Males (A.I.M.M.), provides academic support and character and leadership development through monthly programs and workshops. Participants in the program engage in community service opportunities, study hall sessions, and receive mentoring from male faculty/ staff members. The program provides a great opportunity to work with male students of color to address challenges they may face. It also provides resources that are instrumental in helping them navigate college and life.

Currently the program consists of 16 upperclassmen. This fall there is an opportunity for 16 incoming students to be a part of the second cohort.

Interested students will have an opportunity to learn more about the program

by attending a mixer on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion located in the Student Center South, suite B12. At the mixer, interested students will engage with current members of A.I.M.M. and hear about their experience in the program.

Applicants for the Fall 2015 cohort will participate in a group interview process, must have three letters of recommendation, write a one-page summary of their interest in the program, and have at least at 3.0 GPA. The incoming students selected will be paired with an upperclassmen in the program who will serve as their mentor.

“We are very excited to have a program such as A.I.M.M. on our campus. Numerous universities have similar programs that help eliminate the barriers that many male students of color face when navigating college. We look forward to seeing the program grow and make a difference in the lives of many both now and in the future,” said A.I.M.M advisor Niya Blair.



2014-2015 Center for Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors

Start a cultural conversation!

Do you appreciate listening and learning from others and enjoy sharing your personal experiences and knowledge?

Are you looking for an opportunity to engage in dialogue about diversity-related topics?

If so, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion hosts two intercultural dialogues each semester.

CDI Ambassadors facilitate these dialogues which include but are not limited to topics such as race, sexual orientation, religion, disabilities, socioeconomic status, stereotypes, culture, non-traditional students, and other aspects of diversity.

The first Cultural Conversation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2 in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (Student Center South, Room B12) and will focus on the effects of the recent Supreme Court marriage equality decision.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14 the second Cultural Conversation will focus on the challenges and anxieties that documented and undocumented immigrants face during their time in college.

Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to bring questions.

If you would like to suggest a cultural conversation topic or ask a question, please email jdgonzales@uh.edu or call 713-743-6047. For more information, visit www.uh.edu/cdi.

What did others say about previous Cultural Conversations?

– “It was fun and engaging. I was inspired afterwards.”

– “[P]eople can have contrasting views, but they can be discussed in a safe way here.”

– “The different stories everyone brought to the conversation were engaging because I was learning something new about them.”

COUNCIL OF ETHNIC ORGANIZATIONS

Our mission is to enrich student life and promote cultural diversity through inclusive and educational events.

GENERAL MEETINGS

SEPT. 2ND Downtown Room 261
SEPT. 16TH Downtown Room 261
SEPT. 30TH Downtown Room 261
OCT. 14TH Space City Room 261
OCT. 28TH Downtown Room 261
NOV. 28TH Downtown Room 261

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5:30-6:30 PM
in the Student Center

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