



# CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**T**he Center for Diversity and Inclusion fosters an all-encompassing university community by providing services, programs and support that engage, empower and educate our highly diverse student population and campus partners. In the summer of 2013, a Multicultural Student Services Task Force was created and charged with identifying the feasibility of creating a new department/center that would focus on addressing the needs of the University of Houston's diverse student population.

After benchmarking 22 institutions of higher education, conducting a student leader focus group and administering a campus-wide student survey, the committee recommended the department/center be created at the University of Houston. The newest department within the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, the Center opened its doors in fall 2014.

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion provides diversity education workshops and programs, a speaker series, student leadership development opportunities and program co-sponsorship. It also functions as an advocate for students and informs the community on social justice issues.

Your support will position the Center as an integral campus resource that enhances diversity, inclusion, and

students' cultural knowledge and understanding. Diversity Education, the Speaker Series and Student Leadership Development are key focus areas for the Center.

## Diversity Education

- Resource materials, books, magazines and videos will contribute to the Center's resource library
- An art exhibit that showcases art from Houston and international artists
- A diversity luncheon that recognizes the diversity-related research, programs and outreach at the University of Houston
- Houston cultural events that provide students with opportunities to experience Houston's community cultural events and festivals

## Speaker Series

- Nationally-known speakers will provide lectures/keynote addresses on social justice issues and/or the importance of creating a more inclusive environment

## Student Leadership Development

- Diverse Student Leadership Conference that financially supports underrepresented students attending diversity-related leadership conferences by covering the costs of registration and contributing to travel expenses

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