



## Office of Multicultural Affairs

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The Office of Multicultural Affairs was established in 1993 with the support of Bloomsburg University, The State System of Pennsylvania, and the Community Government Association.

Institutions of higher learning that have supported the founding of multicultural affairs offices recognize that such units provide a distinct level of programming and educational services that address the specific challenges and issues faced by historically underrepresented individuals and/or groups (HUIs) include to, United State Citizens of African, Asian, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano and indigenous descent, disabled, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender individuals, women and religious groups. The OMA staff is dedicated to helping students succeed and graduate from Bloomsburg University.

Specifically, the OMA can assist students with the following:

- Awareness of university policies, procedures, and regulations
- Student retention support through various mentoring initiatives
- Careers, internships, graduate and professional school, education abroad, and job opportunities
- Provide educational programming, including study groups and seminars
- Act as an advocate for students in dealing with the complex makeup of a large university
- Promote an understanding and awareness of diversity and multiculturalism at Bloomsburg University through lectures and professional conferences

Programs offered through the OMA:

- OMA Mentoring and Advisement Programs
- Latino Extravaganza
- OMA Student and Faculty Advisory Board
- Study Hall Sessions
- Graduate School Tour
- Unity Day Conference (Un Día De Unidad)
- Personal and professional development workshops
- First World Graduation Ceremonies
- The Sankofa Conference
- Martin Luther King Commemorative Banquet
- Movie and Lecture Series
- Breast Cancer 5k Run/Walk
- Student Leadership Retreat

### Information about Programs:

#### **A-Club Graduate Preparatory Program**

This program is designed specifically for juniors and seniors, with a focus on graduate school and professional career development. Twenty students are selected to participate in the following: reception and meeting, graduate school preparatory testing classes; seminars on graduate school process; academic and professional career conferences, resume building and internship workshops.

#### **Aquí y Ahora Mentoring Program**

Aquí y Ahora is a mentoring program for freshmen Latino /Hispanic students focusing on enhancing the adjustment and retention in college and to maximize the opportunities for success of Latino/ Hispanic students. The program provides a positive way for Latino/ Hispanic students to meet people on campus and address special problems that a Latino / Hispanic student may face at predominately white campuses.

#### **M.I.N.D. Mentorship Program**

Men of Intelligence, Notability, and Desire (M.I.N.D.) mentorship program provides a positive outlet for male students to be able to express themselves and network with other faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community members.

#### **First World Graduation Ceremony**

The First World ceremony is celebrated each December and May to congratulate the achievements of our multicultural students at the baccalaureate and graduate degree levels. This celebration is well attended by our guests and the university community.

#### **Latino Extravaganza and Unity Day (Un Día De Unidad) Conference**

The first conference in the PASSHE for Hispanic/Latino/Chicano students. It is to a celebration to commemorate the Latino culture and its roots through discussion of pertinent issues affecting the campus and communities.

#### **The Sankofa Conference**

The Sankofa conference was created as a program of the multicultural center, which recognized the need for students to learn, understand, and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent. The conference has developed as a way to promote unity and understanding among students and to provide a forum for discussion and learning.



#### **Multicultural Organizations**

- Asian Culture Association
- Black Cultural Society
- BU Gospel Choir
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Global Awareness Society
- International Student Organization
- Korean Association
- Protestant Campus Ministry
- Student Organization of Latinos
- B-Smart
- Ladies First
- Vice Verse
- IMPACT
- Gay and Straight Alliance
- National Association Of Black Accountants
- Hillel

#### **Multicultural Greek Organizations**

- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
- Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
- Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
- Chi Upsilon Sigma Latina Sorority Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.