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Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development

Upcoming Events & News:

- **Toast Master’s Club—Meeting** on Mondays, April 7th and 14th at IMU–Sassafras Room 7PM.
- **Women of Color Leadership Conference**, Sat. April 5. Neal-Marshall Black Cultural Center. 9AM-5PM. Email omsl@indiana.edu today to Register.
- **Spring Recognition Reception** April 17 Forest Greenleaf dining hall. 6-8PM Please RSVP by April 4, 2008 at omsl@indiana.edu or at 812-855-3540
- **Last Day of Spring Classes**—April 26, 2008.
- **FINALS WEEK**: April 28—May 2, 2008
- **2008 Spring Commencement**: May 3, 2008
- **Congratulations to all 2008 Graduating Seniors**! Good Luck with all your future plans and careers!

OMSLD Toastmaster’s Club

The Emerging Leaders Toastmaster’s Club and the Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development have teamed up this semester to establish our own Toastmaster’s Club. Toastmaster’s club is a terrific organization that will help you enhance and improve your listening, public speaking skills, speech delivery and leadership development. There is no instructor; instead, each speech and meeting is critiqued by a member of the group in a positive manner, focusing on what was done right and what could be improved. Our toastmaster’s club meets twice a month on Monday at 7PM in the Sassafras Room in the Indiana Memorial Union. The next meetings will be on April 7th and 14th. Commit to your future success today by joining this great group. Contact omsl@indiana.edu for more information on how you can involved today!

Women of Color Leadership Conference
Empowering Women One Day at a Time

The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development proudly presents the first annual Women of Color Leadership Conference. This conference will be held on March 4th and 5th at the Neal–Marshall Black Culture Center. The theme “Empowering Women One Day at a Time” will incorporate both discussion about issues facing young women of color and ideas about rectifying the problems being addressed. The four main issues that will be addressed will be Finance, Politics, Health and Education.

Friday, April 4th will kick off the beginning of the conference with a portion that is primarily dedicated to High School Students from around the Bloomington area. This portion of the conference will feature a college panel and option to attend one of two afternoon workshops about setting goals and the representation of women of color in Disney Movies. Saturday’s activities will begin at 8am with registration and a continental breakfast. The opening Session will begin at 9:30am with Dr. Audrey McCluskey as the keynote speaker. The keynote speaker for the afternoon session will be Dr. Valerie Grim. Students will have 3 sessions full with workshops to attend throughout the day. Workshops will feature a variety of topics from career and marriage to ending sexual violence against women.

Dr. Audrey T. McCluskey, Associate Professor in the African-American and African Diaspora Studies, will be one of the Keynote speakers.

Dr. Valerie Grim, Associate Professor and Chair of the African-American & African Diaspora Studies Program, will be one of the Keynote speakers.
Black History Month Art Fair

The Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development successfully hosted the Black History Month Art Fair on February 27. This program aimed to celebrate the history and struggle of African-Americans through the expression of art and music. Artists submitted various pieces of paintings, bead-making, drawings, graphic T-Shirts, and photography to the art fair exhibit. This event also featured live performances of poetry, singing, and stepping from members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The overall winner of the 2008 Black History Month History Fair was Jennifer French for her pieces called “Frances” and “Power of the Black Areda.” Special Thanks goes out to all the staff and participants who help make this event possible.

The end of semester social event was held on March 27 in the Indiana Memorial Union in Back Alley Bowling. Students enjoyed a night full of free bowling, pizza, and pool. Top scoring bowlers received a special prize from the Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development. This event was co-sponsored by the 21st Century Scholars Program.

The Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development teamed up with La Casa, Latino Cultural Center to provide a day long Cultural Trip to Chicago on February 23. Students got the opportunity to visit the Mexican Art Museum (the largest Latino Arts institution in the nation) and also the DuSable Museum of African-American History (the only major independent institution in Chicago established to preserve and interpret the historical experiences and achievements of African-American.)

Mentee Spotlight

Freshman OMSLD Mentee Michael Anthony Coleman, Jr., a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, is pursuing Bachelors of Arts Degrees in both Political Science and History. As a student at IU, Michael has been highly active in various organizations and has obtained several leadership roles. On top of serving as president for the 2007 IU Groups Program, Michael is currently the vice-president of programming for Teter Quad and was just recently elected to be president for the 2008-2009 school year. In his free time, Michael find time to work at the Boys & Girls Club and volunteer for the Students for Barack Obama Organization on campus. Michael was one of the fortunate few to travel to Iowa and St. Louis, amongst other cities to campaign for Barack Obama’s presidency. His favorite quote “Failing is a natural part of fate, but ultimately getting back up is what makes people great,” has given Michael the desire to continue his studies in a top ranked Law School upon graduation from IU. After law school, he would like to work in the Indianapolis community for a number of years and later run for a political office.

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