Upcoming Events & News:

- Spring Semester Classes start on Jan. 7th
- Toast Master's Club–Call Out Meeting on Monday, January 14th
- MLK Service Project Jan. 15th
- International Welcome Reception Jan. 18th 6PM-8PM in NMBCC–Grand Hall
- Martin L. King Jr. Day (No Classes) Jan. 21st
- Internship Fair, IMU–Alumni Hall Jan. 24 10AM–3PM
- “Choosing a Major” WH 007 Feb. 12 7PM
- Advantage Program–Eric Thomas Lecture Feb. 13 7PM in NMBCC, A201
- Reg. Deadline Feb. 1 (Please call or email OMSLD, 855-3540 omsld@indiana.edu, for more details)
- Black History Month Art Fair, IMU: Frankjepeni Feb. 27 9AM–5PM, (Closing Ceremony 4PM-5PM)
- Spring Bowling Night at Back Alley, IMU March 27
- Women of Color Leadership Summit, Sat. April 5, IMU (Save this Date!)

Message from the Director: Mr. Patrick D. Smith

Happy New Year! As the new director of the Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development, I welcome you back to campus for what I am sure is going to be the beginning of an exciting year. This spring promises to bring even more exciting program opportunities as the office will host the OMSLD Black History Month Art Fair in February. In addition, OMSLD will team up with the Latino Cultural Center (LACASA) to take students to Chicago on a cultural trip to visit the National Museum of Mexican Art and the DuSable Museum of African-American History. As well, our office is currently planning for the Women of Color Leadership Symposium to take place this April. As we continue to develop our program we will expand upon our mentoring services by involving more faculty and staff to our ranks. Those faculty and staff who commit to participating in our program will compliment our students by assisting them with their academic development, professional, and career preparation. The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development is dedicated to providing the highest quality of service provided to the IU community. I encourage you to visit our new website at www.indiana.edu/~omsld to get a closer look at the services that are provided. Have a great new year! Patrick D. Smith

Men of Color Leadership Conference: From Dialogue to Action

By Regina Barnett

The fourth Men of Color Leadership Conference was held November 9–10, 2007 at the Neal–Marshall Black Culture Center. The theme “From Dialogue to Action” incorporated both discussion about issues facing young men of color and ideas about rectifying the problems being addressed. Representatives from around the Midwest and East Coast attended this year’s conference. The institutions with student representation were IUPUI, Morgan State University, Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, and Indiana University Bloomington. Morgan State University, a historically black university in Maryland, also transported high school students from the Baltimore school district.

The conference opened with a special section focusing on high school students. There were representatives from the local Bloomington High School North and South and Kokomo, IN. Attendees participated in a mandatory morning workshop, lunch, and the option of attending one of two afternoon workshops about community service, empowerment, and Hip Hop.

Friday evening comprised of opening ceremonies and an opening lecture by Hip Hop and black culture critic and scholar Bakari Kitwana. Kitwana addressed the relationship between black music and activism over the past forty years. By infusing music and community involvement young blacks could change the African American community in a positive manner.

Saturday’s activities included two more keynote addresses by Gary, IN’s representative Vernon G. Smith and Michigan State University’s Eric Thomas. Smith opened the Saturday portion of the conference with a ten step plan to achieving community involvement. Thomas delivered a strong motivational speech addressing the need for empowerment of men of color in order to achieve civic and social progress. A series of workshops also took place in three sessions held throughout the day.
International & Transferring Students’ Welcome Reception Invites All

The Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development and International Services have teamed up to formally invite all new or transferring International Students to the IUB campus in a welcome reception. The “Welcome to IU Reception” will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008 in the Grand Hall, located in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center. This event is aimed to educate all International Students about the mentoring program and resources that will be available for use through the OMSLD program while they are at IU. The event, which begins at 6PM, will feature Vice-President of International Affairs: Patrick O’Meara, Director of the International Center: Sandy Britton, a special OMSLD presentation, cultural performances, door prizes and a free catered meal. This event is completely free of all charges and will be semi-formal so we would like to encourage you to come in your best attire. Although this program is aimed towards International or transferring students, we would like to encourage all students to attend this program so that they can meet and interact with new international students. This event will be a great opportunity to learn more about different resources and programs on campus, as well as find out more information about the various programs and activities that OMSLD will be hosting for the Spring Semester. For more information or to RSVP, please email omsld@indiana.edu or call 812-855-3540.

Meet the New Academic Advisor, Jeremy Gilmore

Hello all! My name is Jeremy Gilmore and I am the new Academic Advisor here in OMSLD. Rather than write lengthy paragraphs about myself, I’ve decided to show you what things make me go “…”. In short, this is me...

Things that make me go “vrooooom”
- Faith/Spirituality
- Ashley Gilmore (my wife)
- Detroit Pistons
- Music

Things that make me go “hmmmm”
- Crossword Puzzles
- Mahatma Gandhi
- I Love New York (Why???)
- People who wear hooded sweaters with shorts

Things that make me go “yummy”
- Banana Pudding
- Chicken Tacos
- Honey Roasted Peanuts (new favorite snack!)
- Lasagna

Things that make me go “zzzzzzz”
- Finite Mathematics
- Uninspired Politicians
- My 3 year-old Nephew
- The alarm clock

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