

MOSAIC AND INTERFAITH CENTER NEWSLETTER

MAY EDITION

The Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity is a center for diversity education and collaboration on UMBC's campus. The Center is committed to empowering all campus constituents to be socially aware and responsible members of our community. The center is a birthplace of diversity and social justice programs, ideas, and curriculum. Thus, the Center affirms students' multiple identities by addressing the needs of all members of the campus community.

 **The Mosaic**
Center for Culture and Diversity



LAVENDER CELEBRATION

Thursday, May 5, 2016 · 6:30 PM – 8 PM
On Campus : Library 7th Floor

Student Life's Mosaic Center is excited to invite you to this year's Lavender Celebration. The event this year will take place Thursday, May 5th, starting at 6:30pm on the 7th floor of the Alvin O. Kuhn Library.

This event will recognize our graduating students as well as other outstanding leaders in our community. Please RSVP at <https://studentlifeumbc.wufoo.com/forms/rsvp-to-the-umbc-lavender-celebration/>

If you know an outstanding leader who should be recognized (student, faculty, staff, or office/department) please nominate them at <http://goog/forms/dhZJ5RXIXp>

SPECTRUM

Program for trans, nonbinary and gender-questioning students

Thursday, May 5, 2016 · 3 PM – 4 PM
On Campus : The Women's Center

The Spectrum program is for UMBC community members who identify as trans, genderqueer, gender fluid, outside of the gender binary, and/or those who are questioning their gender identity.

Sponsored by the Women's Center and the Mosaic Center, this is a structured, topic-based program for students who are questioning and/or identify outside their assigned gender to discuss and share thoughts about a variety of topics related to identity and trans issues.

This program follows the Women's Center Brave Space model to provide a welcoming community and learning environment for UMBC's trans and gender-questioning students all across the gender spectrum.

For safety and confidentiality reasons, this is a closed meeting for those needing this intentional space and it is not appropriate for students to use the space for class research or interviews. Spectrum meets on Thursdays at 3pm in the Women's Center. For more information, contact Jess at womens.center@umbc.edu or Joe at lgbtq@umbc.edu.

ASK BIG QUESTIONS

UNDERSTAND OTHERS.
UNDERSTAND YOURSELF.

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Spring 2016 Series Concludes
on May 6th!

Friday, May 6, 2016 · 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM
The Commons : Lower Flat Tuesdays

Topic: Are we free?

Join UMBC Hillel and Student Life's Mosaic Center in conversation as we consider this month's big question! If you have questions or need more information please contact Alana.hayes2@umbc.edu or Lisa.mosaic@umbc.edu

Ask Big Questions is a national initiative geared towards bringing different members of one community together to have open and honest dialogue. The aim of these conversation is to get the participants to understand themselves through understanding others while sparking action in the community. This question this Friday is meant to have us critically think about ourselves and how we can still grow as a person.

A kosher meal will be provided after the conclusion of the discussion.

Ask Big Questions is a collaboration between UMBC Hillel and Student Life's Mosaic Center. All UMBC Community members are welcome to attend.

SGA'S STRESS FREE ZONE RELAXATION & STUDY SPACE

Anti-Stress Coloring: A Pleasant Way to Relax and More

Thursday · May 12 & Friday, May 13, 2016
10 AM – 2 PM • The Commons : The Mosaic Center, Rm. 2B23

Student Life's Mosaic Center is partnering with SGA to offer a Stress Free Zone Relaxation and Study Space! It will be held during the same time as SGA's Stress Free Zone which takes place from 10am-2pm on the following days:

Thurs. May 12
Fri. May 13

Come de-stress during finals by coloring, which can help you relax, reduce stress and boost your mental clarity.

All students are welcome to come by to de-stress, study, quietly hang out with friends, enjoy some fresh cut fruit bowl serves, tea or just relax.



Good luck on finals!

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