



The Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity

NEWSLETTER

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2017-18 Theme RESILIENCE

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Our Centers

The Mosaic
Commons: 2B23
M-Th: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
F: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Interfaith Center
Student Development and Success Center
(on Center Rd.)
S-Sa: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Queer Student Lounge
University Center: 210-D
M-F: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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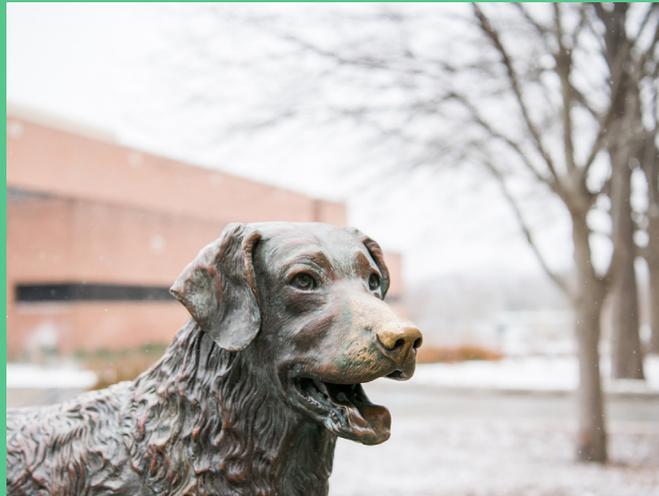
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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH: DACA & TPS INFORMATION SESSION

On February 12th, the Mosaic hosted its third DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) information session, with this session also incorporating information about TPS (Temporary Protected Status). As these programs deeply impact the lives of UMBC students and their families, we were appreciative of the number of attendees who came out to show their support, and are proud to have such a supportive community here on campus.



The session featured a panel including Heather Benno, attorney, Nickole Miller, clinical teaching fellow, Andrew Reinel, founder of Sanctuary Streets Court Support, and four UMBC students who shared their compelling personal experiences with these policies. Audience members were moved by the poignancy of these individual accounts.

"It is important to hear the experiences of others," said Sylvia Anokam, one of our Mosaic Ambassadors who shared her story in the panel. "Then you will hear and see the true emotional effect a situation has on others."

The DACA & TPS Info Session was both highly informative and emotionally charged. We hope the attendees continue to stay informed about these issues and find ways to show their support for undocumented communities. Students who still need resources regarding DACA/TPS, Court Support, or related topics should feel free to stop by the Mosaic in the Commons 2B23.

MOSAIC EVENTS

The History of Black Baltimore

Tuesday, March 6 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Commons: 329

This interactive lecture-style event will focus on the historical policies that have created demographic shifts in Baltimore City. This session will explore the historical "white flight" phenomenon as well as the recent movements of gentrification. Have any questions? Email Carlos Turcios as carlos6@umbc.edu.

What's the (T)ea?: Voting in Our Social Identities

Wednesday, March 7 at 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Commons: 329

A monthly co-facilitated discussion series that is geared to exploring social issues affecting our society and various communities. This session will elaborate on how voting laws have historically affected various marginalized communities as well as explore what voting rights mean for people today.

Inmigración in the State of Maryland: A focus on Hispanic and Latinx Populations

Thursday, March 8 at 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Commons: 329

This interactive lecture-style event will focus on the historical demographics of immigration in the State of Maryland, particularly the Central American groups that have been in the state for the past several decades. Have any questions? Email Gerardo Herrera-Cortés at gherrer1@umbc.edu.

Dare to Dream Film Screening

Monday, March 12 at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Commons: Skylight Room

This film tells the story of the largest medical school in the world in Havana, Cuba. The story is told through the eyes of students who received scholarships with the commitment to return home, and practice medicine in underserved communities in the United States. A discussion will follow led by Marina Adler, Ph.D. (Graduate Director, Applied Sociology) and Leslie Salgado (Founder, Friends of Latin America "FOLA").

Cross-Cultural Bystander Intervention

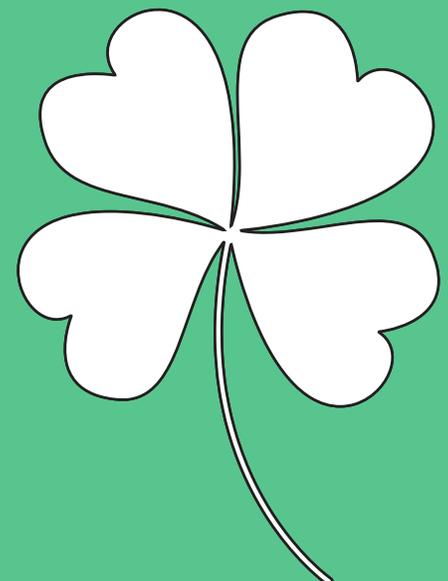
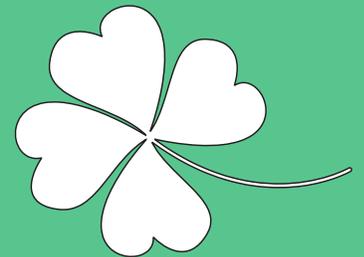
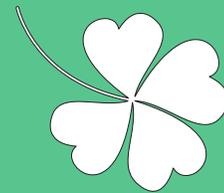
Tuesday, March 13 at 6 - 8 p.m.
Commons: Skylight Room

Please join us for this interactive session on bystander intervention. We hope to teach others how to step up and be supportive when fellow community members are facing harassment and hate speech. This bystander training provides a grounding in the principles of nonviolence and de-escalation, followed by interactive scenarios where we practice our new skills.

Mundo Lingo: Hillel, Friends, and Healthy Minds

Wednesday, March 14 at 4 - 6 p.m.
Commons: Sports Zone

An expansion of the ELI's Conversation Café, learn more about the Mosaic, and participate in fun group activities. This event will highlight UMBC Hillel and healthy practices that can help you throughout the semester. Snacks, games, and ice-breaker activities will be provided.

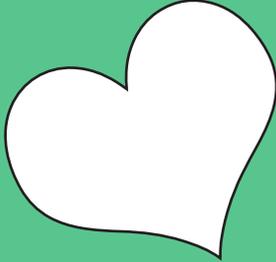




Cultural Differences and Mental Health

Thursday, March 15 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Commons: Skylight Room

Come join us and the Counseling Center staff for a seminar presentation, and discussion on cultural differences in mental health. This event will cover basic sociological health issues that are interrelated with cultural identity, racial identity and nationality. Topics will include the different perceptions, conceptualization, and social construction of mental health and illness from various groups across the world.



Mosaic Self Care Hour: Make Your Own Slime

Friday, March 16 at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Commons: The Mosaic (2B23)

Need a break from school and work? Come de-stress with the Mosaic by making your own slime! Tips will be available on how to continue your self-care throughout the semester. Materials and snacks will be provided. Just bring yourself!

Craft a Crane: A Brief History Of Origami

Monday, March 26 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Commons: 331

This event will provide a brief overview of the history and meaning of origami. We'll start with a short presentation about the history and importance behind origami. Attendees will have an opportunity to craft their own paper crane and enjoy green tea! Have any questions? Email Laura Huang at lhuang4@umbc.edu.

How to be a Better Ally: International Women of Color

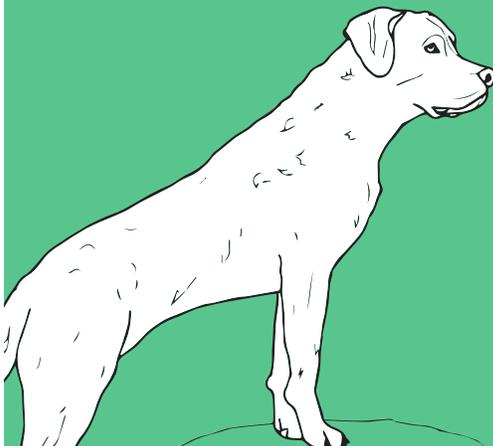
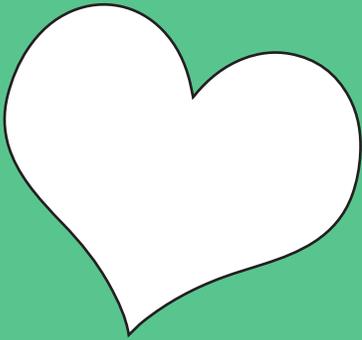
Thursday March 29 at 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Commons: 329

This co-facilitated workshop series focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Our goal of the series is to provide UMBC community members with basic practices for allyship, specifically for the highlighted target population. After a brief discussion on the unique international women of color experience, this workshop session will highlight supportive ally practices for this population. All undergrads, grads, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend!

SafeZone Development Workshop: Faculty and Staff

Friday, March 30 at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Commons: 328

We welcome all staff and faculty to this full-day training! RSVP by Friday, March 23 by noon via our Google Form, <https://goo.gl/VsjzJ6>. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Are you an undergraduate or graduate student? Or a staff or faculty member unable to make the meeting? There will be additional workshops offered on May 4th and June 22nd.



DYLAN'S CORNER



Sylvia Anokam

Mosaic Ambassador

Sylvia is a junior majoring in Gender and Women's Studies with a minor in Political Science. Sylvia became our newest addition to the Mosaic crew when she joined us over the winter. One thing I know about Sylvia is that if you looked for "superstar" in the dictionary, you would most definitely find a picture of her!

Sylvia dedicates so much of her time here at the Center, and quite frankly, I wouldn't know what to do without her. She's one smart cookie who definitely exemplifies the intelligence of our UMBC students. If she keeps up the good work, she might even be cooler than me one day!"



WHO AND WHAT IS DYLAN'S CORNER?

Dylan, the Genderqueer Diversity Deer

Unofficial Mosaic Mascot

Dylan, the Genderqueer Diversity Deer, is a spiritual, genderqueer, middle-class, "woke," multi-ethnic, deer of color. They spotlight one of our the Mosaic's staff members or other campus partners to our center. We will celebrate that individual and recognize them for their accomplishments in each newsletter.

Dylan currently resides in the Mosaic, and they encourage visits by whomever supports the mission of Campus Life and exemplifies the values of the Mosaic.

