Hello Retriever!

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OLIVIA CHIARINI (SHE/HER/THEY/THEM)-PRIDE CENTER INTERN
SIVEN ODENWALD (THEY/THEM)-PRIDE CENTER INTERN
CARLOS TURCIOS (HE/HIM)-ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WITH I3B

Hey, y’all! Welcome to the Fall 2022 semester!! I truly hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. i3b made some changes since you were last here. Carlos Turcios, who was previously over The Mosaic: Center for Cultural Diversity, has transferred to the Pride Center! There are also two new interns in the Pride Center, please welcome Siven Odenwald and Olivia Chiarini! We are so excited to revamp the pride center for you all!! If you’ve stopped by recently, you would also see that we have redecorated, (we heard you and yes, a new couch is here!) i3b and the Pride Center have some great (new) events coming, keep reading to find out what they are.

Happy reading :)
i3b is hiring!!

Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion, and Belonging (i3b), the department that runs the Pride Center, is hiring for the fall 2022 semester! We are looking for interns for the Mosaic Center for Cultural Diversity (Commons 2B23). Please contact Angelina Jenkins at arjenkin@umbc.edu if you are interested.

For more information check out the i3b myUMBC page. This is truly a great department to be a part of, if you have any questions about working for i3b feel free to talk to any of the current interns during their shift.
Meet the Newbies

Carlos Turcios

Carlos was the first Coordinator with Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging, originally joining the center as the intern for Hispanic and Latinx community outreach in fall 2016. Carlos proudly boasts that he is a double alum and is an active member of the UMBC Chapter of Black and Latino Alumni (CBLA). As a self-identifying Mestizo, gay, second-generation Salvadoran-American immigrant man, he incorporates his identities, experiences, and passions into his work. His professional interests include gender equity and immigrant rights, accessibility issues, medical sociology, and exploring the historical context of sociopolitical structures. When he's not working or spending time with family or friends, Carlos enjoys going out dancing, video gaming, DIY crafting, and being an active dog dad to his two dogs, Pancho and Charlie. During his undergraduate career, Carlos minored in French and gender and women’s studies and additionally has earned a Certificate in Management in the Nonprofit Sector and will soon earn his Certificate for Learning and Performance Technology. Within his role at i3b, Carlos created the Mundo Lingo, PAWTalks, Pawsitive Bodies and Minds series, the SafeZone LGBTQ+ Allyship Development Training, co-created the Bagels and Banter series, and co-leads the Retriever Immigrants United (RIU) self-care and advocacy discussion group.

Olivia Chiarini

Hello! My name is Olivia Chiarini, I am trans fem, lesbian and use she/they pronouns. I’m a physics math major who started at UMBC this fall! I’m from Towson, and started my interest in creating spaces for as well as supporting the LGBT community at my high school George Washington Carver Center. I have a passion for helping others and facilitating conversations that work to educate others on LGBT rights and issues. I can’t wait to help support and run the pride center this year!
Cafe Chats Con Carlos
Sept. 9, 30; 11a-1p
Pride Center UC 201-D

Need a break from the week? Excited for the weekend? Want to hang out with fellow LGBTQIA+ community members? Need a caffeine recharge?

Take a break from classes and studying to join us as we chat, play games and enjoy hot beverages.

Nothing more, nothing less.

Pizza at Pride: First Year Student Welcome
Sept. 21; 6p-8p

Join us at The Pride Center to connect, play games, and enjoy FREE pizza in the lounge.

We want to especially welcome our first year students and those who will be on-campus for the first time to the Pride Center lounge space. Upper class and graduate students are welcome to share stories of their first-year as we dive into #i3bfirstyear programming, and of course eat pizza too! All are welcome to attend.

How to College: Exploring Tools for first-year student success
Sept 28; 6p-7:30p
Commons 2B23

Transitioning into college is not always easy... especially if you are first in your family to attend, if you are a part of a marginalized community, or if you regularly find yourself with more questions than answers. Don't worry, we are here to help!

Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging (i3b) has partnered with the Academic Success Center to bring you three sessions that focus on helping you develop the skills and tools you need to experience first year success! Sessions will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Not only will we explore academic success skills and principles, we will also explore tools for navigating issues of discrimination, bias and microaggressions within academic spaces, and focus on the many ways our identities are assets within the college environment.

Music & The Mosaic
Sept 14; 5:30p-7
Commons 2B23

Donuts & Discussion and Music & The Mosaic are two pop-up series where in an informal, casual atmosphere, we discuss trending multicultural events, population-based topics, and current music trends globally while also enjoying beverages and donuts! This is a time to talk about anything that comes to mind, ranging from a video you saw to recent topics in pop culture and even how current music trends impact social climates.
The Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health offers comprehensive, evidence-based and affirming care for transgender youth and adults that is in line with the standards of care set by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). Creating an environment in which our patients and their families feel safe and confident in the care they receive is central to the mission of Johns Hopkins Medicine. The multidisciplinary care team takes careful consideration of best practices and the appropriate provision of care for transgender individuals.