



The Mentor

Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development

Editor: Axelle M. Atchade
Academic Mentoring
Coordinator: Cameron Beatty

February 2008

Ashton- Weatherly 202
1800 E. Tenth St,
Bloomington, IN
812-855-3540
omsls@indiana.edu
www.indiana.edu/~omsls

Upcoming Events & News:

- **Toast Master's Club-Meeting** on Mondays at IMU- State Room EAST 7PM.
- **"Choosing a Major"** WH 111 Feb. 12 6:30PM
- **Advantage Program - Eric Thomas Lecture** Feb. 13 7PM in NMBCC, A201
- **Cultural Trip to Chicago: National Museum of Mexican Art & DuSable Museum of African-American History** Feb. 23
Reg. Deadline Feb. 1 (Please call or email OMSLD, 855-3540 omsld@indiana.edu, for more details)
- **Black History Month Art Fair, IMU: Frangipani** Feb. 27 9AM- 5PM, (Closing Ceremony 4PM-5PM)
- **"Improving Reading Speed"** Forest ASC March 3 7PM
- **Spring Bowling Night at Back Alley, IMU** March 27
- **Regrouping After Midterms: Multiplying Your Time** Forest ASC March 31 7PM
- **Women of Color Leadership Summit,** Sat. April 5. IMU (Save this Date!)

Martin L. King Jr. Service Day Project at the RISE

The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development sponsored the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day Project at the RISE. Ten volunteers, including staff and students from the IUB campus, went to the RISE on MLK's birthday, January 15, to read books to children ranging from ages 3-12. The volunteers got the opportunity to read books that were based on MLK Jr.'s life and also the struggle for equality that he took part of during his lifespan. Children aged 3-5 years old had the opportunity to receive stuffed animals if they correctly answered questions about Martin L. King Jr. and how he impacted this nation. This event turned out to be a wonderful experience, as both students and staff were able to enjoy themselves and learn more about MLK Jr.'s Legacy.



Student volunteers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day Project stop to pose for a photo. The group of volunteers got the opportunity to read books based on MLK Jr.'s life to children ranging from ages 3-12 years old.



Eric D. Thomas & The Advantage Program will be on the IUB campus on Feb. 13 at 7PM in the NMBCC- A201 for a special presentation. You do not want to miss this special event!

Breaking the Cycle: "Moving from Dialogue to Action"

The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development is in the process of establishing an organization called the Men of Color Leadership Institute (MOCLI). The purpose of this organization is to assist with the retention and graduation rates of men of color, and to contribute to their leadership development through various activities including the Men of Color Leadership Conference (MOCLC). On Wednesday, February 13, our department will be bringing an inspiring and motivating speaker to campus who will serve as a catalyst to assist in jump starting this organization. His name is Eric Thomas. Eric's program will serve to act as the starting point in galvanizing administrative, faculty, and staff men of color to assist our young men on their journey in proactively addressing issues that impact their academic, social, and career or professional success. Our office would like for you to attend this event in support of this idea and the young men we seek to serve.

The idea behind this organization stems from the annual MOCLC event that has already been established and continues to grow stronger each year. The MOCLC serves as a platform for African-American, Native-American, Asian-American and Latino men of color to address issues that impact areas of education, leadership, and community. The MOCLI organization will serve as the leaders in planning and shaping this event.

Eric D. Thomas is one of the most sought out young-adult motivational speakers in the country! Eric brings an unique educational message that utilizes music, history, art, Hip Hop, and theatre that he calls "Edutainment." Check out more information about Eric D. Thomas and The Advantage Program at www.btctv.org. Please don't forget to attend "Breaking the Cycle: "Moving from Dialogue to Action" on Wednesday, February 13 in Room A201 in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center at 7PM. This event is co-sponsored by Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc and light refreshments will be provided.

Women of Color Leadership Summit— SAVE THIS DATE!

The Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development will be hosting its first annual Women of Color Leadership Conference on April 4th and 5th, at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center. The theme is “Empowering Women One Day at a Time” and the four interest topics will be Health, Education, Politics, and Finance. The WOCLC Steering Committee is currently accepting workshop proposals. These proposals should be a 250 word abstract which summarizes the workshop and which interest area it will accommodate. Include a title of the workshop and an abbreviated CV/ resume. These materials can be delivered to WOCLC Steering Committee, Ashton Weatherly Hall 202, or via email to omslid@indiana.edu by Friday, February 29. The conference will be a two day conference, with the first day being directed towards high school females. Registration will be taking place at the Lit Desk located inside the Indiana Memorial Union February 13 and 27 from 11:00am-2:00pm and March 19th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Additional registration forms can be acquired through email. Please contact Sharell Hendricks (shlhendr@indiana.edu) or Jessica Garcia (jesgarci@indiana.edu) for a registration form or for additional information about the summit.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME RECEPTION

The Office of Mentoring Services & Leadership Development successfully hosted a welcome reception for new or transferring International Students on January 18, 2008. The event was aimed to educate all students about the mentoring program and resources that are available for use through the program. The reception featured special guest speakers, Patrick O’Meara, Vice-President of International Affairs and Sandy Britton, director of the International Center. Everyone also enjoyed a wonderful performance from the Asian American Association and a Zimbabwean Music Ensemble. Door Prizes were also awarded to 10 lucky members of the audience. All students who attended the program had the opportunity to register to get a mentor and also receive more information about the OMSLD program.



Mentor Spotlight

OMSLD Peer Mentor Omar Memon is a senior at the Kelley School of Business with triple majors in Finance, Entrepreneurship, and International Business. He originally transferred to IU from Pakistan in fall 2005 to “diversify the higher education experience.” As a student at IU, Memon founded the International Friendship Association, co-founded the Red Cross Club of IU, and was also served as a re-founding father for Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He also joined other organizations like Delta Sigma Pi, Business Fraternity, International Business Association, and Supply Chain & Operations Management Association. In addition, serves as an International Student Ambassador. Even with his involvement in student organizations, Memon finds time to travel. He has travelled to Beijing, China, U.K., France, and the United Arab Emirates. In a few weeks, Memon will be travelling to Croatia as part of an academic group from IU. In the Future, Memon would like to own a consulting practice, so that he can “assist other businesses by providing advice and solving complex issues that arise as a result of the global, dynamic business world!”



(Above) Four Ladies from the Asian American Association performed a traditional Hula Dance at the reception.

(Right) Over 125 students, staff, and administrators attended the International Welcome Reception held in the Grand Hall (NMBCC).



(Left) Zimbabwean Music Ensemble played many wonderful songs for everyone at the reception.



(Right) Vice-President of International Affairs, Patrick O’Meara

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART FAIR

There will be an art gallery designed within IMU Frangipani Room including pieces from IU students, high school students, faculty, and staff and will allow the IU community to walk through and take a look at the art displayed. The high school students and IU students will be participating in an Art Fair Competition with prizes. Please email cbceatty@indiana.edu if you are interested in having your art displayed. All students are welcomed to donate their art. The event will be held on Wed. Feb. 27 from 10am—5PM. There will be a closing ceremony from 4:00-5:00PM, which will include spoken word, singing, dance, and art interpretation.

CULTURAL TRIP TO CHICAGO—SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2008

The Mexican Art Museum is the largest Mexican (Latino) Arts institution in the nation and the first of it’s kind to be accredited by the American Association of Museums. The DuSable Museum of African– American History is the oldest museum of its type in the country and is the only major independent institution in Chicago established to preserve and interpret the historical experiences and achievement of African– Americans.
How Much: \$15 (Registration due to La Casa [715 E. 7th St.])
 Checks only (non-refundable)
How: Leave Bloomington at 7:00am and return from Chicago at 10:00pm
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2008
Sponsored by: Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development (812) 855-3540 & La Casa/Latino Cultural Center (812) 855-0174