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# Student Life Multicultural Center

CREATING THE EXTRAORDINARY STUDENT EXPERIENCE



## A Mission of Inclusive Community

We facilitate inclusive, shared learning experiences for students where all can engage in dialogue, challenge barriers and build collaborative relationships.



# Programmatic Themes

- Advocacy & Visibility
- Education & Empowerment
- Support & Belonging





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# How Do We Do This?





# Multicultural Center Programs & Services

- Student Cohorts & Leadership Groups
- Heritage & Awareness Celebrations
- Community Graduation Celebrations
- Intersectional, Collaborative Programming
- Social Justice Engagement & Education
- DICE
- BART



# Student Cohorts & Leadership Groups

Focus on intersections between identities, community building, personal development and leadership. The groups are implemented with the support of student leaders, professional staff and in partnership with student organizations and other campus resources.

- Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Cohort
- Native American & Indigenous Peoples Cohorts
- LGBTQ Dialogue Communities
- African American Leadership Council
- Latinx Student Association
- Advocates for Inclusion & Diversity
- Women's Cabinet







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# STUDENT LEADERS





# Heritage & Awareness Celebrations

The hallmark programs of the MCC demonstrate a strong tradition of honoring historical contexts, exploring culturally significant events and raising visibility of under-represented groups. Our intercultural format invites students of all backgrounds and experiences to take part in celebrations such as:



- African American Heritage Festival
- Latinx History Month
- National Coming Out Day
- Native & Indigenous Peoples Day
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- United Black World Month
- Women's History Month
- Cultural Graduations





# Intersectional, Collaborative Programming

**Ally Week of Action** engages community across the Ohio State campus to encourage students, staff and faculty to stand up with, and advocate on behalf of minoritized communities and individuals. Each of the week's events focus on the themes of awareness, education and action.

**The Revolution** is a weekend retreat wherein student leaders committed to diversity and social justice work come together to create connections and build community. Together, we share a transformative experience in which we explore the significance of our and others' social identities, and learn about ways we can advocate for each other with the goal of positive change both on campus and in our communities.



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# OUR TEAM



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# Social Justice Engagement & Education

SJE works proactively to promote understanding of intergroup relations inside and outside of the classroom. Multidisciplinary courses offered by SJE are distinguished by their experiential focus, teaching philosophy and incorporation of dialogical models of communication. SJE consists of:

- Alonso Family Dialogue Series
- Buck-Identity Workshops
- Online Community Kits
- Indie Lens Pop Up
- DICE Certificate
- AIDE (Advocates for Inclusion and Diversity through Education)





# MCC Partners: Special Trainings

**The Safe Zone Project** aims to create a more welcoming and more inclusive campus environment, to strengthen community, and to encourage networking among faculty, staff and students toward the goal of supporting the diverse individuals and communities with minoritized sexual and/or gender identities.

**Open Doors** This program is designed to create a more inclusive campus by increasing participants' knowledge about bias, its effect on the campus community, how to address bias, and how to best support those experiencing bias.

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The Student Life Multicultural Center's **Social Justice Engagement** invites you to participate in our

# DICE

• DIVERSITY, INTERCULTURAL  
AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
*Certificate Program*



This program is for students interested in exploring diversity, intercultural engagement and socially just leadership. DICE offers flexible, fun and experiential training, as well as a wide range of opportunities to explore cultural difference. The DICE certification is a great way to demonstrate vested interest in diversity and intercultural engagement to future schools and employers.

To learn more go to [go.osu.edu/DICE](https://go.osu.edu/DICE).



# BART

BART is our **Bias Assessment and Response Team**. Please report acts of bias that you see on campus, whether they happen to you or you are a witness to them. This helps us be proactive about the programming we provide and support students experiencing bias.

Visit **[go.osu.edu/BART](https://go.osu.edu/BART)** for more information or to submit a report.





# In House Collaborations

**Free STI/HIV Testing** with the Student Wellness Center

**Let's Talk** with the Counseling and Consultation Center

**I know I can**



# Our Space

The Student Life Multicultural Center occupies a beautiful space on the first floor of the Ohio Union lantern tower that shines a light on a **place where EVERYONE is welcome.**

Operating a safe and inclusive space on campus serves as a hub for intercultural dialogue, learning and community building; the MCC is a place that **students can call home.**





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# Thank you!

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