

## OMA MISSION STATEMENT...

The Office of Multicultural Affairs seeks to foster the academic and personal development of all UAHuntsville faculty, staff and students by addressing issues of diversity and by supporting the ongoing development of underrepresented people of color in post-secondary education.

OMA seeks to offer cross-cultural perspectives to promote interactive pluralism through the initiation and monitoring of programming and by creating mutual opportunities for exchange through cooperative planning and support of all University services.

OMA offers culturally sensitive programs, activities and initiatives to assist the University in providing a welcoming campus atmosphere that is supportive and rewarding as students prepare themselves to become responsible adults in the global community with a respect for cultural diversity.

OMA seeks to improve minority participation on campus through the recommendation and monitoring of comprehensive, institution-wide intercultural practices and programming.

*"There Is Only One Race—The Human Race: Every Thing Else Is Just Culture."*

## CULTURAL

### HIGHLIGHTS



### ...CELEBRATING DIVERSITY...

"WE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALUE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE, AND THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES."

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*"Cultural Differences: Different Ways Of Doing Things"*

# UAHuntsville's Office of Multicultural Affairs

### *Our Goal*

is to provide a safe, educational environment fostering personal growth and development for all UAHuntsville students, faculty, and staff.

### *We Offer*

guidance, academic support, and leadership opportunities that focus on creating mature, aware, and socially responsible individuals who advocate and dialogue for equity and social justice.

### *Finally,*

we build fun positive communities which honor and celebrate diversity.



## Greetings:

Our students, faculty and staff come from all points of the globe imparting knowledge and life experiences to the UAHuntsville family and surrounding communities. This intercultural exchange is dynamic and tends to promote UAHuntsville's commitment to diversity because "*there is only one race—the human race. everything else is just culture.*"

We are committed to improving the cultural and social awareness of the University, alumni, students, faculty, staff and surrounding communities by providing enlightening forums and promoting programs that offer cross-cultural perspectives and create mutual opportunities for exchange through cooperative planning and support for all University services.

Please feel free to plan your curriculums, employee programs or continuing educational needs around any or all of these dynamic events. Should you wish to attend as a large group, please let us know and we will attempt to reserve adequate seating to meet your needs.

Our sincere desire is to work to develop a broader understanding of the world in which we live and contribute to the educational experience of the UAHuntsville community as a whole.

With that in mind, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) offers its services to assist you and wish for you the very best in this universal quest for enlightenment. ~The Office of Multicultural Affairs

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* ~Margaret Mead

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."* ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"When I dare to be powerful—to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."* ~Audre Lorde

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS...

We are excited about the opportunity to bring nationally renowned speakers and entertainment to the UAHuntsville community; and encourage you to make plans now to be a part of these dynamic forums and seminars to expand your knowledge of culture while building your resume with invaluable experience.

**OMA Diversity Advocates & Student Leadership Roundtable Forums & Cultural Highlights.** First Thursday of every month beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Madison Hall, Room 108 (Except: Thursday August 19, Thursday October 13, 2011 and Tuesday January 10, 2012) *August 19, September 8, October 13, November 3, December 1, January 10, February 9, March 8, April 5.*

**OMA Cultural Highlights Display Tables.** University Center Lobby. 11:30 Noon-1:30 p.m. Students are asked to wear ribbons during the month to show their support in creating campus awareness of cultural issues or in celebration of various cultures. *August 23, September 6, October 4, November 1, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 2.*

**OMA Real Talk Hispanic Heritage Celebration** entitled: "*How to Turn Setbacks into Comebacks: Challenging the Status Quo.*" September 29, 2011. 11:10a-12:30p. FFH & 7:30p-9:00p. UC Exhibit Hall.

**OMA Real Talk Soup & Substance Diversity Forum** entitled "*Is Your Perspective Showing? Fostering Community-wide Dialogue.*" October 27, 2011. 11:10a-12:30p 7:30p-9:00p. Shelby Center, Room 301. & University Center Exhibit Hall

**OMA Holiday Reception & Graduating Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony.** December 1, 2011. 12:00 Noon. MDH, Room 108.

**OMA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program** entitled "*Let Freedom Ring-Beyond the Dream: The Unfinished Business of Dr. King's Legacy.*" January 12, 2012. 4:00 p.m.. University Center Exhibit Hall.

**OMA Black History Month Luncheon & Spoken Word Café.** Theme: "*Black Women in American History and Culture.*" February 16, 2012. 11:00a. Shelby Center, Room 301.

**OMA Real Talk Women's History Month Celebration.** March 8, 2012. 11:10a-12:30p. UC Exhibit Hall.

(\*Events subject to change without notice).

## SERVICES WE PROVIDE...

- ◊ A safe space to dialogue around issues of social justice, diversity, and multiculturalism
- ◊ Programs and events that relate to diversity issues
- ◊ Mentoring, leadership training and advocacy
- ◊ Academic, professional, and personal development
- ◊ Small resource library with books, videos, magazines, scholarship information
- ◊ Opportunities for student organizations to become stronger and more successful through supportive services such as advising, event planning, and publicity
- ◊ A welcoming atmosphere to study, rest and relax
- ◊ Internet and computer access
- ◊ A supportive staff with a wealth of knowledge



*"Be the change that you want to see in the world."*  
~Mohandas Gandhi