

Dear Campus Community,

As a result of many conversations with students, faculty and staff over the last few months, I'm pleased to announce that we will open an **Intercultural Center for Student Engagement** in the Student Memorial Center (SMC). The new center will be located where Judicial Affairs is currently housed in the SMC and will focus on issues of diversity and inclusion. Judicial Affairs will temporarily move to the Witmer Building's 2nd floor.

Jasmine Whitlow, assistant director of the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, will be the new center's director. I believe the sense of belonging and credibility that she has already engendered with our student leaders will enhance the successful establishment of such a center. Jasmine will coordinate and assist student cultural organizations, plan and implement programs, and reach out to cultural organizations on campus and in the community. Specifically she will bring appropriate films and speakers to campus and oversee student events including:

- **Annual Multicultural Events:** Fall Semester: Pride fest (October), Multicultural Showcase (November), Women's Empowerment Retreat (March) and Tunnel of Oppression (April)
- **Commonality, Community and Connection/Change (C3) Groups:** Weekly or bi-weekly opportunities for individuals to get together to build community around a common experience.
- **Healing Circles:** This initiative will provide a space for students to process events or issues that marginalized communities are facing.
- **Multicultural Advocacy through Student Transformation (MAST) Student Training:** Presentations and workshops will be cultivated around diversity and inclusion topics.
- **Multicultural Student Leader Circle (MSLC):** A monthly meeting with all the leaders of multicultural student organizations at Millersville.
- **Perspectives Series:** This initiative is a dialogue series that will provide students an opportunity to discuss current hot topics and events.

As a campus, we recognize the need to create an environment that challenges our students to develop their awareness of others while also nurturing a sense of belonging. I am confident that the new center and programming will help guide us to a more inclusive place for all of our students.

Warm regards,

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