

Multicultural Affairs Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Gospel Extravaganza April 5th
- HALO Burrito Sale April 14, 15, 16th
- PRIDE Week April 19th-26th
- "Horace Mann Elementary School Dance Workshop" with E-Unit, April 23rd
- Fashion Show, April 25th

The New Multicultural Affairs Newsletter

This has been a busy semester for the Multicultural Affairs Office. Our student leaders from the multicultural student organizations continue to work diligently to provide programs that inform and enrich the ESU campus community. Through our new electronic newsletter, we will continue to keep you informed by providing some student authored articles that discuss learning development at specific multicultural programs and thoughts, feelings, and opinions on issues of local and national significance. Please feel free to provide any contributions or input to the newsletter. We welcome all support that encourages the ESU campus to be inclusive and empowering so that everyone thrives.

March Multicultural Events



The Million Fag March

What you need to know

Date: March 30, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, KS

Requirements: This is not a "gay-only" event. Just come with the ability to send a message to the WBC and Fred Phelps that intolerance is unacceptable.

The Westboro Baptist Church, of Topeka, Kansas, is a hate group masquerading as a Christian church

Led by the Rev. Fred Phelps, the misguided members of this church target homosexuals and a range of others with messages of hate. The church's outrageous protest actions - the group prefers to picket funerals - have earned Phelps and his followers much media coverage.

To date, the WBC's protests have taken place in at least 22 states, and have inspired a wave of grassroots anger. As a result, 38 states have introduced bills to limit protests near funerals, with at least 29 of those states passing such legislation. Phelps has vowed to challenge the legislation, alleging these new restrictions unconstitutionally restrict freedom of speech.

The time has come to turn the tables. Let us all gather in one place, at one time to (peacefully) show Phelps and his church that freedom of speech works both ways.



<http://millionfagmarch.com/>

HALO Movie Night

Maria Full of Grace

Science Hall room 72, March 13th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

“Maria Full of Grace” tells the tale of an impoverished 17 year old Columbian who becomes pregnant and, in need of money, signs on as a drug “mule”, smuggling cocaine pellets into the US via her GI tract.

Tree of Life Plaque for PRIDE

For the past five years, People Respecting Individuality and Diversity in Education, (PRIDE), has been a catalyst for student involvement in the Emporia community. During the week of homecoming festivities PRIDE conducts the largest community service effort of the year. During that week, one will find PRIDE members “selling” balloons. The balloons purchased are delivered on Halloween night while in costume to both Newman Regional Hospital and Presbyterian Manor patients and residents. The collected money is then donated to the children’s ward at Newman Regional Hospital to buy books, games, videos, and other activities for sick children’s entertainment. Over one hundred hours of community service and hundreds of dollars are freely given by students, faculty, and staff every year. ESU PRIDE has been awarded a plaque near Newman Regional Hospital “Tree of Life” in recognition of our continued efforts to better our community.

Big 12 Conference on Black Student Government Report

Expect nothing and receive nothing. Expect something and receive something great. Big XII was an enlightening event for me. When the trip was first discussed, all I heard about were the parties. I never really thought about what else I could take from this occurrence that not everyone gets a chance to attend. Big XII enhanced me mentally, physically, and spiritually. Two of the workshops that I loved the most were “Not Your Average Chick” and a workshop hosted by a phenomenal speaker, John Sprinkles.

“Not Your Average Chick” discussed the stereotype of African American females. The most common one was a mad black woman who is angry at the world. As African American women, sometimes we come across a bit strong. In my personal opinion, I felt that the world has helped shape us to be independent. We talked about how we represent each other as a race and gender. No matter what situation life throws at us, we have to always be “on top” of our game. For example, we need to talk with sense, love what God has given us, don’t try to achieve a status that doesn’t represent you as a person, and most importantly to me, rise to your own potential and not the defined expectations of others.

John Sprinkles was extra special. This young man not only gave us great advice on how to be great campus leaders on our campus but also in life. Unlike some workshops, he wasn’t just speaking and lecturing but he engaged the audience. He gave us this formula for success and leadership. L = IV + E. L = leadership and legacy, I = integrity, V = vision, and E = excellence. Leadership is measured by influence. People also have to be able to trust you. As a leader, you need to learn and educate yourself with information to teach leadership to others. Because we are at a predominately white campus, we have to establish culture and maintain it. Never adjust your standards downward for your organization, have a vision, be organized, and have an expert mentality. Show your passion and don’t be an image without substance.

Big XII was an experience of a lifetime that enhanced me mentally, physically, and spiritually. I learned a lot and look forward to future experiences. Don’t allow obstacles to stop you just because we are on a mostly white campus, embrace challenges and keep going!

Taylor Bullock
Freshman

26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference

H.A.L.O of Emporia State University recently attended the 26th Annual United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference. It was held on February 13th – 17th in Chicago, Illinois. At this conference members participated in hearing keynote speakers, attending workshops, forums, and network with other members from various Latino organizations. Some of the interesting topics presented were progressive coalition building, immigration reform, and other various national issues. One of the workshops we attended was “Student Activism: Tools and Tactics”. In this workshop we were able to get information on the latest technology and techniques that are best for promoting events and activities in organizations. The presenter was Mr. Anthony Daniels who is the President of NEA Student Programs. Through this workshop, H.A.L.O. gained insight on how to develop a mission statement, establish core values, and develop outreach strategies. All of the valuable information that was gained at this conference has been brought back to the organization and is now being implemented in various ways. The USHLI conference was an amazing experience for the Emporia H.A.L.O. We are looking forward to attend next year’s conference!

Written by: Whitney Burrows, Secretary of H.A.L.O.

EMPORIA CONNECTION: HONORING BLACK ALUMNI AT KSU

The Emporia Connection will be hosting a three day program extravaganza to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. Black Alumni will be returning to ESU to honor the accomplishments of African American alumni, share wisdom and insights with current ESU students on success and endurance, and make plans for future collaborations with ESU on promoting the academic and cultural success of African American students on campus. The programming events include:

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Friday, April 4, 2008 Meet and Greet Night Saunders Alumni Center, 1500 Highland Street
11 a.m.	Saturday, April 5, 2008 Emporia State Track and Field Relays Welch Stadium
7 p.m. – 11 p.m.	The Emporia Connection Scholarship Banquet Memorial Union, Webb Lecture Hall
9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday, April 6, 2008 Bon Voyage Breakfast, Live Entertainment Memorial Union, Skyline

Cost for three day event is \$55.00 per person. Registration is due by **March 15th**, 2008.

Please contact the Multicultural Affairs Office at 620-341-5481 for Registration Form and additional information.

Art Logo Contest

Create a logo that reflects the mission of the Multicultural Affairs Office related to the following themes:

Affirming cultural identities based on race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, promoting the programs of BSU, BWN, HVP,HALO,E-UNIT, and PRIDE, and providing cross cultural training and learning experiences for ESU.

**Submit Logos by: March 28th
Submit to Dr. Barbara Baker, Ed.D.
CSI Office, Multicultural Affairs,
Memorial Union**

Prize Award for winning logo will be a \$50.00 voucher with the ESU Bookstore for Fall 2008 semester.

