

THE TAPESTRY

OCTOBER 2010

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The United States is a diverse country. Rather than being a melting pot where assimilation destroys diversity and uniqueness, the US is like a tapestry. "A tapestry is a hand-woven textile. When examined from the back, it may simply appear to be a motley group of threads. But when reversed, the threads work together to depict a picture of structure and beauty" (Sandra Nieto, 2006). We are those threads and the diversity we each bring makes the tapestry, this country, what it is.

OCTOBER UPDATE

Hi everybody! Welcome back for this October edition of The Tapestry, a newsletter put forth by the Social Justice and Diversity Committee and compiled by Chantelle Miller and Tatenda Rudziva. During our office hours you can come and see us for assistance and ideas on bulletin boards or any of the for-mentioned resources in The Tapestry. These bulletin boards will generally follow along with the awareness theme of the month. Below we've shared some ideas for your next bulletin boards. These are brief summaries so please feel free to contact us about any questions and concerns you may have. We are more than happy to provide resources, articles, links, suggestions and any other help we can. As mentioned above we are more than willing to help you generate bulletin boards during our office hours if you let us know at least a day in advance.



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Join Us

The Social Justice and Diversity committee meets Tuesdays at 2:00 in the Granite Room in Atwood. We hope you can join us!"

LGBT History Month

LGBT month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. In the United States it is observed during the month of October this is done, to include National Coming Out Day which is on October 11.

History:

LGBT History Month originated in the United States and was first celebrated in 1994. It was founded by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson. Among early supporters and members of the first coordinating committee were Kevin Jennings of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN); Kevin Boyer of Gerber/Hart Gay and Lesbian Library and Archives in Chicago to mention but a few. Many gay and lesbian organizations supported the concept early on. In 1995, the National Education Association indicated support of LGBT History Month as well as other history months by resolution at its General Assembly. While it was first known as Lesbian and Gay History Month, the Coordinating Committee soon added "Bisexual" to the title. It has subsequently become known as LGBT History Month. The event has received criticism from, for example, the Concerned Women for America and others who believe it to be a form of indoctrination.

Significance:

October was chosen by Wilson as the month for the celebration because National Coming Out Day already was established as a widely known event, on October 11, and October commemorated the first march on Washington by LGBT people in 1979. LGBT History Month is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Spread awareness and knowledge of the LGBT community, giving people a better understanding of the LGBT community, where they have been and how they have come to be where they are or responsibilities.

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National Hispanic Heritage month

When defining this month I personally feel that the first part would be to define the word Hispanic which is so often wrongly used or applied so I will start of by defining the word, Hispanic: Hispanic (hispano, hispánico) is a term that originally denoted a relationship to the ancient Hispania (geographically coinciding with the Iberian Peninsula). During the modern era, it took on a more limited meaning, relating to the contemporary nation of Spain.

Hispanic Heritage Month is the period when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture.

History:

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 on the approval of Public Law 100-402."September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18 and September 21, respectively."

Significance:

Since America is known as the great melting pot. It's a wonderful country where people of all ethnicities and backgrounds can live together in peace and strive for success and happiness. Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic Americans in North America. It helps raise awareness of Hispanic history and heritage, not only to non-Hispanics but current & younger generations who need to know the history of the people thus ensuring the preservation of one's heritage. While at the same time giving others a deeper more in-depth understanding of the Hispanic Heritage and how it came to be what it is today.

Hispanic Heritage month



Event Calendar October

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This list of events is by no means complete, keep an eye out for other events on campus. For more information on specific events visit the campus event calendar at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/events/default.asp>

Animal Safety and Protection Month, Natl
Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Natl
Celiac Disease Awareness Month
Co-op Awareness Month
Crime Prevention Month, Natl
Depression Education and Awareness Month, Natl
Disability Employment Awareness Month, Natl
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Natl
Dyslexia Awareness Month
Global Diversity Awareness Month
LGBT History Month
Spina Bifida Awareness Month, Natl

October SJDC Related events :

October 1st
Moldova Cultural Cafe

October 4th
Breast Casting Event

October 5th
B.D. Wong –Ritsche Auditorium-7:30 p.m.

October 7th
Global Social Responsibility Film Festival-Theatre Lounge
10 a.m. to 5p.m.

October 8th
Mali Cultural Cafe

October 9th
Cultural Festival-Ritsche Auditorium

October 22
Azerbaijan Cultural Café

October 29th
Venezuela Cultural Cafe

October Social Justice and Diversity Cultural events:

October 9th
Sri Lanka KitchenVoyageurs

October 30th
Dashin/Tihar Festival

What's On Channel 75

There are a number of movies being aired on channel 75 this month that would be great for facilitating floor discussions related to social justice issues. Discussion guides for most of these films are available on the Residence Life Cinema webpage www.reslife.com Consider coordinating a floor program or event around one of these films. Don't forget to provide an opportunity for discussion following the film.

- A Beautiful Mind
- No Impact Man
- MILK
- Transamerica
- The Soloist

Fixed weekly events in October:

Mondays:

Community Farmers Market- 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Atwood Mall

Tuesdays:

Social justice and diversity meetings-2pm to 3pm Granite Room
OPPA- 5 -6:30pm Glacier
Secular Student Alliance meetings- 6pm Granite Room

Wednesdays:

Muslim students weekly meetings- 3-4pm Oak room
Women on Wednesday- 12 p.m. to 1p.m. Little Theatre
Outloud!!-5 -6pm Union room

Thursdays:

Women's Action meetings- 2p.m. Union Room
African Students Association meetings- 5-6:30pm Glacier Room
Habitat for humanity meetings-7-8pm Union room.
Students promoting Ngatha meetings-7pm-9pm Glacier room
GLBT Alliance- 7 to 9 pm Glacier Room

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NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORS

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office hours

HANNAH SWIFT
STEARNS HALL

Shoemaker Hall
Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00pm

W.W. Holes Hall
Wednesday 3:00-5:00pm

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HANNAH POST
COBORN PLAZA APTS

Shoemaker Hall
Monday 2:00 - 4:00pm

W.W. Holes Hall
Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00pm

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Contact us or stop by our office
if you have any questions or
suggestions

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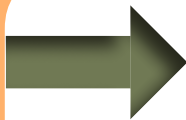
Hey CAs, as promised here is the next issue of your monthly news letter from who else but your resource room coordinators Hannah Post and Hannah Swift! New to this issue is a section called Digest This. In the Digest This section, we will feature a campus resource available to you. We asked Dr. Rob Reff to share some important and relevant information with you for the month of October through the Diecut Digest. Please read what he has to share with you, and look forward to next month's Digest This. Our hopes are that the Digest This section will help you in planning for each month and give you a heads up of what's going on in our campus community and Halls across campus, and relay important information to you that these campus resources feel is important to share with you.

Also at this time we have been notified that remodeling plans for Shoemaker may affect the resource room there, if these plans do affect the resource room we will let you know, and make sure there is a workspace set up there for those of you who do utilize that resource room. In case you haven't noticed some of the die cuts have been switched from each resource room, Hannah and I felt it was fair to switch some of the die cuts up (an alphabet set and some shapes, and some borders) so that everyone has an equal opportunity to use the die cuts, and that there is some variety, be aware that this may happen again sometime this year. If you are looking for a specific die cut you can email Hannah or I and find out which room it is in, sorry if this has caused any inconvenience. Lastly we ask that you please be aware of your messes and pick up after yourselves, there have been a lot of glitter messes lately, and scraps left all over the resource rooms.

Wow we have already been here for almost two months, and our community members for just over a month, HOLY COW! With that in mind, try to focus some of your programming around creating a closer community. As we're getting into the month of October the weather's getting colder, and for some of your residents this is the first and longest time they have been away from their families and close friends, also we are nearing that time of the semester when professors love to give tests (midterms). You should try to switch up your floor activities/programs, times and days of each week so that all of your community members can get involved. A study night near mid month might be really beneficial to some of your community members, it's also a great way to promote academic achievement. Another thing to be aware of that may be affecting your community members is newfound freedom, students may be having a stressful time as they go back home for break, because they are going back to mom and dad's (or their guardian's) rules... It can be a really stressful time for many as it is not an easy transition.

October is an ideal time to be checking in with each individual residents, see how they are doing, and how they are feeling. You might be noticing mood swings among individual residents, don't take this personally, keep in mind many people suffer from seasonal depression, and October is a month of transition from summer to fall, leaves are already changing and our 80 degree days have become 60 degree days. If you are noticing radical mood swings or unusual behavior, check in with the resident and your hall directors, because this might not be seasonal depression, but a more serious issue affecting the person.

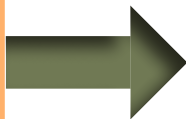
HOMECOMING!



The month of October is a busy one! Not only is it Halloween, but SCSU's Homecoming also falls during the month. This year, Homecoming Week starts on October 18th. There are several events going on around campus that week, so make sure your programming includes attending one of them. Here are some fun programs or bulletin boards that you can do during the month of October to get everyone pumped up for the big game!

Program Ideas:

- o Blizzard Shack
- o Husky Neighborhood Clean-Up
- o Homecoming 5K Run/Walk



Bulletin Boards:

- o A large calendar of all Homecoming events
- o Husky Football History
- o SCSU Homecoming History

Halloween

Halloween is a very popular holiday here at SCSU. It is a smart idea to try to have programming on or around Halloween to give students something positive to do. The holiday itself has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain as well as the Christian holiday All Saints' Day, however today it is a largely secular celebration. There are several spooky events happening on campus around Halloween, so keep those in mind when programming for the last week in October.

Program Ideas:

- o Take a trip to Molitor's Haunted Acres
- o Watch a horror movie with your floor
- o Pumpkin carving contest

Bulletin Boards:

- o Halloween Truths and Myths
- o Scary Stories at SCSU
- o History of Halloween

Important Dates

Oct 14th- Hall closing for Fall Break

Oct 17th- Hall opening

Oct 22nd- Staff in-service 3-5pm

Oct 22-24- Homecoming weekend, CAs must be around to participate in homecoming events (you should plan a floor activity!)

Thanks to Dr. Rob Reff who has taken time to share some information that he feels is important to you in your role as a CA in the month of October:

Be sure to bring your floor to Blizzardshack Block Party on Thursday October 21 during Homecoming Week 2010! Blizzardshack Block Party is filled with numerous attractions including an 18-hole miniature golf course located on the Atwood Mall. U-Choose, St. Cloud State University's alcohol prevention program, has partnered with Residence Hall Association and the University Program Board to sponsor this annual event.

Alcohol prevention messages are infused throughout the miniature golf course. Campus organizations and local law enforcement will staff each hole and give participants additional challenges that combine alcohol education and friendly competition with their opponents. Students will also have a chance to win various prizes throughout the night.

Blizzardshack Block Party will provide other activities including a Giant Ferris Wheel (available all day), a mechanical bull, DJ music, inflatables, photos with Blizzard, gourmet s'mores, and much more! Your students will not want to miss this FREE outdoor event! In case of rain, the course and other activities will move inside the Atwood Memorial Center. If you have any questions about Blizzardshack Block Party or volunteer opportunities, please contact U-Choose at uchoose@stcloudstate.edu.

For updates on this event and more information about U-Choose please see the U-Choose website: www.stcloudstate.edu/uchoose. Additional Homecoming information including events and updates can be found on the SCSU Homecoming website: www.stcloudstate.edu/homecoming

Digest This!