The Division of Student Affairs  
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

How We Help Students Do Something Bigger Altogether

Learning to appreciate their own unique cultural perspective and understand the diverse world in which they live helps students discover how they can become socially responsible citizens and provides them with tools they need to succeed in a global society.

Mission Statement

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) bases its philosophy on inclusion — fostering recognition and respect for the voices of all students.

Core Responsibilities

• Contributes to the University’s academic mission in providing student-centered programs that promote awareness of and respect for cultural diversity
• Offer opportunities to provoke thought and expand cross-cultural and inter-cultural knowledge
• Contributes to a community in which all students are empowered to recognize and act on one’s social responsibility in relation to domestic and global issues.
• Offers advocacy, programming and support systems to encourage students to realize the highest level of their potential, particularly as it pertains to the University’s retention and graduation efforts of underrepresented student populations.

Points of Pride

• The Kaleidoscope Peer Education Program provides students the opportunity to participate in open dialogue that promotes intergroup exchange and understanding.
• The Martin Luther King, Jr. Service $500 Award is presented to a UNCG student each year whose community activities and involvement embody the spirit of Dr. King’s Service to humanity.
• The Humanitarian Award is presented to any UNCG-affiliated student organization or residence hall that has demonstrated social responsibility in responding to domestic and/or global issues. The award is $200.
• The Office of Multicultural Affairs partnered with Team QUEST to launch an off-campus overnight retreat called The R.O.O.T.S. Institute (Reclaiming Ourselves Organizing Together for Social Justice) for 24 student leaders in 2011. Discussions were held about topics including social justice and dealing with oppressive behavior.
• The Rites of Passage Program is a learning community designed to support the educational and professional aspirations of incoming freshmen male students from historically under-served populations.

By the Numbers (2011-2012 Academic Year)

• The Multicultural Resource Center, located in the EUC, provided facility space for 80 student organizations and 24 departments through its reservation process. The Center’s library served 163 students, faculty, and staff.
• The Office provided 60 community outreach hours for the LGBT student community and 35 programs were presented for classes and the campus community about LGBTQ issues.
• Empty Bowls serves as an educational program about hunger and homelessness and as a local fundraiser for Greensboro Urban Ministries. OMA, in partnership with the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning; Campus Recreation and Programming; and the Office of Housing and Residence Life, raised $1,184.