



MULTICULTURAL
STUDENT
SERVICES

"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color."

-Maya Angelou

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November 2005

Native American History Month

Submitted by Eileen Ward

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the



governor of N.Y. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

Did You Know?

- Did you know that the Commuter Center offers free legal advice? For more information, visit the web site: www.stthomas.edu/deanofstudents/legal.asp
- Did you know that you can carry your country's flag in the December commencement ceremony? If you would like to represent your country, please email oiss@stthomas.edu no later than Friday, November 25th 2005 .

to hold, visit Murphy Online at this web site: <http://registration.stthomas.edu/>

“A Conversation With Alana: One Boy’s Multicultural Rite of Passage”



FREE and Open to the Public

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2005

University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis Campus

Terrence Murphy Hall, Thornton Auditorium

1000 LaSalle Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Carlos Cortés, professor emeriti of the University of California Riverside, will perform his one-person, one-hour autobiographical play, “A Conversation With Alana: One Boy’s Multicultural Rite of Passage.” The play focuses on his growing up as the offspring of a Mexican Catholic immigrant father and an American-born Austro-Ukrainian Jewish mother in racially segregated, religiously divided, class-conscious, post-World War II Kansas City, Mo. Carlos Cortés is one of the nation’s most sought-after diversity speakers. He has captivated

audiences throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and Latin America with his exuberant, insightful, humor-filled, constantly surprising presentations. Building upon the dynamics of history to help illuminate the future, he inspires, motivates, and assists others in dealing with the inevitable challenges and opportunities of a complex world of differences and similarities. His two most recent books, *The Children Are Watching: How the Media Teach about Diversity* and *The Making-and-Remaking of a Multiculturalist*, explore diverse Hispanic issues.

- Named 2005 Educator of the Year at the 8th Annual Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards
- National Multicultural Trainer of the Year, awarded by the American Society for Training and Development
- Serves as cultural consultant for Nickelodeon’s pre-school television series, “Dora the Explorer.”

Register online at www.stthomas.edu/education/events/cortes or call phone (651) 962-4878 to reserve tickets.

2006 Orientation Co-Coordinator Job Available

The Dean of Students Office will be selecting two undergraduate students to serve as Orientation Co-Coordinators for the 2006 summer Orientation and Registration (O&R) program. As a Co-Coordinator, you will be responsible for assisting in the development and organization of a critical campus program for new students and their families. As a part of your role, you will interact with a wide variety of groups and individuals, including new students, parents, faculty and staff. If selected, you will have the opportunity to further develop your leadership, event and project planning and communication skills.

For student interested in the position, please visit the Dean of Students office in MHC 101.

Qualifications:

- All candidates should be current UST undergraduate students in good academic and disciplinary standing with a minimum GPA of 2.50.
- Required qualifications include: past experience in a student leadership position; strong organizational skills; exceptional communication skills; and experience working with diverse populations.
- Preferred qualifications include: great attention to detail; ability to adapt to challenging situations; team-centered approach to work; strong creativity and problem-solving skills; understanding of group dynamics, student development, and cultural sensitivity; past experience with orientation or other event management and student supervision; and junior or senior standing.



Community Dialogues

Date: Wednesday, November 9

Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Location : Common Ground

Topic: What we share: a conversation about the Common Good

UST Mission

Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.

UST has a rich heritage as a diocesan Catholic university with deeply rooted traditions that make it unique. Some in our university community are unsure as to their place within our Catholic identity. What is the meaning of a Catholic university? How do diversity and multiculturalism fit into our university’s Catholic identity?

Let’s continue the dialogue and deepen our understanding of what we share. What is the Common Good? Through dialogue, let’s listen to each others’ perspectives and discover how we can work together, as a diverse community.

Linkages

Date: Thursday, Nov. 17

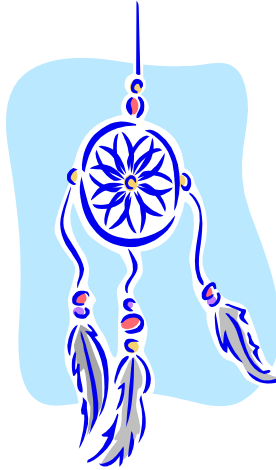
Time: Convo Hour (noon—1 p.m.)

Location : 160 MHC

Topic: "Choosing Sides" - Biracial and Adopted Identity

The Linkages Dialogue series for November will focus on identity in the context of adoption and biracialism. The ways in which living between two cultures or not knowing the culture into which one was born impacts one's identity development. Addressing the feeling of pressure from society to "choose sides" with respect to his/her racial identity.

This is a great opportunity to meet with fellow students as well as to broaden your understanding of the world views and experiences of your peers in a safe and inclusive environment.



"What To Do Before the Interview?"

Date: Monday, November 7

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: Koch Commons Fireside Room

The Office of Institutional Diversity and the Office of Multicultural Student Services are offering students of color a chance to take a business etiquette seminar to help them prepare before job interviews. The seminar will include presentations by Edna Comedy, the Associate VP for Human Resources, and by Dr. Ernie Owens, an Assistant Professor in the Management Department.

Space is limited so please R.S.V.P by Nov 3rd by contacting Dr. Lawrence Potter, Jr. at lpotter@stthomas.edu or Denise Dieffenbach at dmdieffenbac@stthomas.edu.

INROADS Internship Opportunity

Are you a highly motivated College Student ?

Do you want to work in your Career Field before you graduate?

Do you want an opportunity for full-time employment after you graduate from college?

Did you answer yes to any of these questions?

Then INROADS Is For You!

For more information or to apply online, log onto www.INROADS.org or forward your resume to: dyoung@inroads.org. You can also call us at 651-644-4406 or 800-535-2940.

INROADS Is Looking For:

- ◆ Ethnically diverse students
- ◆ Freshmen, Sophomore, Juniors (graduation date no earlier than Dec. '07)
- ◆ Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ◆ Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

INROADS Offers:

- ◆ Paid annual internships with major corporations
- ◆ Professional development training
- ◆ Community service involvement
- ◆ Corporate and personal mentorship
- ◆ Great potential for full-time placement after graduation from college



Acceptable Majors include, but are not limited to: Accounting, Finance, Business, Communications, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics, Liberal Arts, marketing, Chemistry, Sales, MIS, Advertising, Human Resources, Marketing, Interior Design, Architecture, Physics, Biology, Retail Merchandising, Food Science, etc.

Some of Our Companies Include:

Accenture	Cargill
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Procter & Gamble	Pfizer
Rosemount	United Healthcare
Wells Fargo	US Bank
Target Corp	SUPERVALU

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We welcome comments, suggestions, and submissions to the MSS Flash.

Submission deadline is the 20th of each month

Submissions can be sent to multicultural@stthomas.edu

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Days to Remember

“Day of the Dead” Mass in Spanish

Held by Father Montero
Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 12:05 p.m.
In the upper chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas

Multicultural Mondays

Monday, Nov. 7 from 11:30-1:30 p.m.
MHC: Commuter Center
Visit with Commuter Center & MSS. Enjoy tasty treats!

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Monday, Nov. 9 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Common Ground 2154 Summit Ave.

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Campus Ministry

Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1–3 p.m.
MHC 105

Fruity Tuesday

Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. -Noon
Wellness Center
Visit with the Wellness Center staff and grab some fruit to start of your day right!

Linkages

“Choosing Sides– Biracial and Adopted Identity”
Thursday, Nov. 17 from Noon– 1 p.m.
MHC 160

Mentor Network

Tuesday, Nov. 29 from Noon– 1p.m.
MHC Fireside Room
What is the Mentor Network?
It’s an opportunity to network with UST Staff and Faculty of color. It’s all about making connections and building support for your success.

Bagel Wednesday

Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 8-10 a.m.
Commuter Center

Free Legal Advice

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Commuter Center

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Morris K. Udall Foundation Internship Opportunity

The Morris K. Udall Foundation’s Native American Congressional Internship Program is offering 12 ten-week internships in Washington, D.C for Native Americans and Alaska Natives who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy. This internship hopes to provide these minorities with an insider’s view of the federal government. Students will be placed in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand. The students must be college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students. For more information, visit the Morris K. Udall Foundation Web site: www.udall.gov/refresh/default.asp.

Ain’t No Valley Essay Contest

The Ripe Harvest Foundation and Bethany House Publishers announce the *Ain’t No Valley* Essay Contest. Contestants must read the newly published novel, *Ain’t No Valley* by award-winning author Sharon Ewell Foster, and submit a essay (maximum of 1,000 words). To celebrate *Ain’t No Valley*’s release, The Ripe Harvest and Bethany House will award four \$1,000 scholarships and one \$1,500 award to essay winners. Scholarships will be awarded in two age groups, 16-21 years and over 21 years of age. To learn where to send the essay and for more information, visit the Bethany House Publishers’ web site, www.bethanyhouse.com/ME2/Audiences/.

John D. Mielke Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to assist a UST commuter student who would prefer to live on campus, but doesn’t do so because of the cost. We will award up to \$3880 to go exclusively towards the cost of room and board (not parking, tuition, books, etc.), helping a student to move on to campus during the Spring 2006 semester. This is a one-year award that may or may not be renewable at the donor’s option. The person(s) selected will be asked to report on the ways in which living on campus positively impacted their overall experience at UST at the end of the Spring 2006 term. The scholarship is due by November 18th in the Dean of Students office. If you have questions about the scholarship and/or award, please contact the Dean of Students office at (651) 962-6050.

For more information visit Student Financial Services (651.962.6550) www.stthomas.edu/financialservices/

The monthly \$cholar tips can be accessed online at: <http://web1.www.stthomas.edu/financialservices/scholarships/newsletter/index.cfm>