



MSS FLASH

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Multicultural Student Services

Celebrate Spring 2006

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With the recent snow storms and the cold weather, I'll admit, I've been a little down. I find myself longing for weather that I can wear t-shirts in and weather that features flowers and green grass, instead of slush and mud. In fact, I think I may even be developing Spring Fever! Luckily, Spring will be arriving soon and to celebrate that arrival, St. Thomas has two weeks of celebration planned.

The first week, April 18-22, is UST's annual Culture Fest! During this week, UST students will showcase various global traditions through dance, music and of course food! CF is a great way for students from diverse backgrounds and experiences to join together to celebrate those differences.

CF is about more than music, food and dancing. Dr. Carlos Muñoz is scheduled to

speak as a part of the weeks activities, he will challenge our community to join across our cultural differences to work for social justice.

If you've got Spring Fever like I do, Culture Fest is also a great way to experience another culture and another country without having to pay for an expensive plane ticket or hotel.

The second week dedicated to celebrating Spring, April 23- 29, is UST's annual Spring Fling week. During this week, STAR hosts a number of events, including a BBQ, a quad festival, a spring concert, and the Spring Fling Dance.

This years' Spring Fling theme is "Retro Return: Spring Back to the 80's." So, crimp your hair, grab your neon leggings and Member's Only jackets, and have a good time celebrating Spring!

Did You Know?

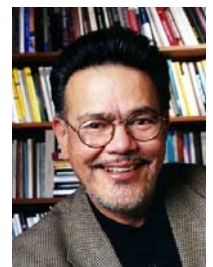
- Americans spend more than \$ 2 billion on Easter Candy each year and eat approximately 7.1 billions pounds of Easter candy each year.
- Each year, over 17 million Jelly Beans are consumed during Easter.

Dr. Carlos Muñoz Jr.

Dr. Carlos Muñoz, Jr. is one of the most distinguished Latino scholars in the nation. Born in the "segundo barrio" in El Paso, Texas, and raised in the barrios of East Los Angeles, Muñoz is the son of poor working class Mexican immigrants.

After 36 years of teaching in higher education at University of California, he

gained international prominence as political scientist, historian, journalist, and public intellectual. Muñoz has authored numerous works on the Mexican American political experience and on African



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MSS Ally Award

Student of Color Allies are University of St. Thomas students, staff and faculty who provide emotional support and encouragement to students of color. These individuals challenge students of color to be their best offering sound advice and holding them to high standards. Who inspires you to remain focused on your goals? Who do you see at events that acknowledge and celebrate students of color on campus? All UST employees and enrolled graduate and undergraduate students are eligible for nomination.

Please complete and return your nomination(s) via email to multicultural@stthomas.edu or send to the attention of Denise Dieffenbach at Mail #5006 by 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006. All nominations must include the name, campus mail and daytime phone number of per-

son making the nomination and a one page letter describing why the individual(s) nominee(s) should be recognized as the **2006 Multicultural Student Services Ally of the Year**.

Please note that some information from nomination letters may be read at the ceremony. All nominees will be recognized at the Annual Sprit of St. Thomas on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 in the O'Shaughnessy Education Center Auditorium.

Spirit of St. Thomas Award

Join Father Dease and other St. Thomas faculty in celebrating The Spirit of St. Thomas, which recognizes students or clubs that have demonstrated creative, inclusive, and visionary thinking in their programming during the academic year. The recognition event is being held Tuesday, May 9, 2006, from 4 – 5:30 p.m. in OEC Auditorium.

Following is the list of awards that will be given out:

-International Student Leadership Award

Commuter Allies

- William B. Malevich Leadership Scholarship
- Gregory Marzolf Jr. Commuter Award
- Multicultural Student Services Ally Award
- UST Community Partnership Award
- Wellness Center Award
- Club Advisor of the Year
- STARgazer
- Exemplary Student Organization Award
- ACColades
- William B. Malevich Award

Dr. Carlos Muñoz Jr. Continued...

American and Latino political coalitions. Muñoz is also an acknowledged expert on issues of ethnic and racial politics, multiculturalism, immigration, and affirmative action, and often appears on PBS, NBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, and other prominent television networks.

Muñoz is a prominent leader and founder of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement. Since then, he has worked with various multiracial coalitions, including the Faculty for Human Rights in Central America, Faculty

Against Apartheid in South Africa, and The Rainbow Coalition.

In addition to the numerous academic honors, in 1996, he received the University of Michigan's "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, and Rosa Parks Award." He has also received the Scholar of the Year Award and been honored for his contributions to the study of Mexican American and Latino politics.

Save the Date!

Linkages

"Self-fulfilling Prophecies"

April 6, Koch Fireside, 12–1:30 p.m.

How do students from diverse cultural backgrounds perceive their educational experiences in the classrooms of UST? How do students view the reactions of faculty and other students to their contributions in class (especially when addressing controversial issues such as religion and race?) How do these reactions influence students' beliefs about their potential for academic success?

Carlos Muñoz Jr. Lecture

April 19, OEC Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

MSS will be sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Muñoz, a professor of

Chicano Studies at Berkeley, as well as author and renown speaker. He is also well-known for his involvement in civil rights and equality movements.

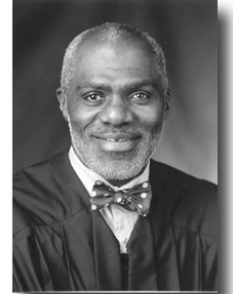
Mentor Network

Guest Speaker: Justice Alan Page
April 25, MHC Fireside, 12–1 p.m.

Join other students in meeting and networking with UST staff and faculty of color, and creating connections that can help foster your success.

MSS Reception for Graduating Seniors

April 28, Foley Plaza, 4:45 p.m.



Justice Alan Page

MSS FLASH CASH

Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students

This scholarship program provides awards of up to \$5,000 to outstanding minority students to encourage their selection of accounting as a major and their entry into the profession. All applications must be received by **June 1, 2006!** For more information visit:
www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/mini/smas.htm.

Actuary Scholarships for Minority Students

For students interested in pursuing actuarial careers. Scholarship is based on individual merit and financial need and is renewable upon re-application. **Deadline is April 15, 2006!** For more information about an actuarial career, or this scholarship visit:
www.beanactuary.org.

VISTA Position at Minneapolis Campus Contact

For students interested in a job that promotes diversity, leadership, and justice. Students would work in helping low-income students and student of color in thriving in higher education. **Deadline is April 17, 2006!** For more information about this job opportunity, visit:
www.mncampuscontact.org.

National Association of Black Journalists

To be considered and to receive a scholarship, all applicants must be a member of NABJ. The scholarship is worth up to \$5,000 and is open to any foreign or American born student currently attending an accredited four-year college.

For more information on membership or the scholarship visit:
www.nabj.org/programs/scholarships/index.html.

*Remember... you must complete a **FAFSA** each year that you plan to enroll in school. Make it a priority to fill out your **FAFSA- ASAP!!***

Visit Student Financial Services in FOL 100 if you have any questions!

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April Events

Free Legal Advice

Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19
from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Commuter Center

Multicultural Monday

Monday, April 3 from Noon -2 p.m.
MHC Commuter Center
Visit and enjoy tasty treats from MSS.

Linkages

"Self-fulfilling Prophecies"
Thursday, April 6 from 12-1:30
Koch Fireside

Campus Ministry

Thursday, April 13
From 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.
Commuter Center

Fruity Tuesday

Tuesday, April 11 from 10-11 a.m.
Wellness Center

Bagel Wednesday

Wednesday, April 19 from 8-10 a.m.
Commuter Center

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Culture Fest

April 18-22

Spring Fling Week

April 23-29

*Don't forget to support Dottie Cannon at
the Miss U.S.A. Pageant on NBC April 21st!

2006 Culture Fest and Spring Fling Calendar

Stir Fry Comedy Show

Tuesday, April 18 TIME LOCATION

Hispanic Mass

Wednesday, April 19 at 12:05 p.m.
Chapel of ST. Thomas Aquinas

Father Hugo Montero will preside. Readings and music will be
available in both Spanish and English.

MSS Lecture With Dr. Carlos Muñoz Jr.

Wednesday, April 19 at 4:30
OEC Auditorium

HANA's Latin Expression Night

Wednesday, April 19 TIME LOCATION

STAR's Taste of Nations

Thursday, April 20 TIME LOCATION

Cultural Show

Friday, April 21 TIME LOCATION

BESA's College Day and Ebony Mic Night

Friday, April 21 TIME LOCATION

Trip to Mercado

Saturday, April 22 TIME

Mu Daiko Japanese Drumming Ensemble

DATE TIME LOCATION??

South Campus BBQ

Wednesday, April 26, TIME LOCATION

Quad Festival

Friday, April 28, TIME LOCATION

Spring Fling Concert

Friday, April 28, TIME LOCATION

Spring Fling Dance

Saturday, April 29, TIME LOCATION

International Dinner

Saturday, April 29 TIME LOCATION