

## Contact

### Office of Multicultural Programs

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## Multicultural Student Services

- ◆ Student Advocacy is a service provided for all students who have concerns, problems and/or seeking advice on a UMaine related matter.
- ◆ National scholarship and internship information specifically for students of color.
- ◆ *Forthcoming:* Student Mentoring Program matches new students from culturally diverse backgrounds with faculty, staff, alumni, current students, and/or community members having similar interests.
- ◆ Social Networking and College Success Planning

### Resource Library

The Multicultural Resource Library provides videos, books, magazines and articles related to cultural issues. The library houses computers and printers for student use (located on the 2nd floor). The Resource Library serves as a gathering site for students to enhance communication and the exchange of ideas within and across cultures. Materials regarding campus programs, services and resources are maintained in the Resource Library.

### Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

This fact sheet is intended for informational purposes only and is subject to change.

## University-Wide Programs

### Program Description

The Office of Multicultural Programs exists to provide academic and social support services to the University of Maine's students of color population. The office views its role in facilitating multicultural education for all students as an integral component of the educational process. Diverse educators who provide multicultural programs that enhance learning are necessary and welcomed additions to the University of Maine community as our society and local communities become increasingly diverse and global.

The Office of Multicultural Programs provides counseling, advising and advocacy for the students of color. The office assumes responsibility in providing campus programs in celebration of ethnic diversity, gender differences and sexual orientation.

## Multicultural Student Organizations

Student of color organizations create an atmosphere of support, encouragement and empowerment for minority students. Organizations plan and organize programs and events that educate, enhance and celebrate the traditions, customs and cultural significance of ethnic peoples; in addition to supporting the university's commitment to creating a campus community of respect and appreciation for everyone.

### Student Heritage Alliance Council – Located in the Multicultural Center

The Student Heritage Alliance Council, formerly known as the Student Heritage Alliance Center, was founded in 1997 by former Maine students Ramone Jones, Vesnier Lugo, Bryan "Mike" Long and their advisor Sean Frazier. The goal of SHAC was to create a space where ALL students could feel welcomed and appreciated and through a sense of community, encourage and educate others about the significance and contributions of everyone, regardless of heritage.

With the evolution of the Multicultural Center, formerly known as the ALANA Center, founded in 1999 by former students Shontay Delalue, Vesnier Lugo, and Wesley Petteway, SHAC has taken on more of a leadership role for the student of color organizations listed below. While SHAC operates as the "voice" for all student of color organizations by advocating on a student governmental level, the other organizations, with assistance from SHAC, functions as the major programming board (be it social, academic and/or cultural).

- Asian Student Association (ASA)
- African Student Association (AFSA)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Capoeira Club
- Japanese Speaking Club
- Latin American Student Organization (LASO)
- Sisters Supporting Sisters

## Multicultural Center

The Office of Multicultural Programs is located in the Multicultural Center. This center was founded in 1999 by former students Shontay Delalue, Vesnier Lugo, and Wesley Petteway. The purpose of this center is to provide a physical space available for students, faculty, and staff to use for public/educational functions, meetings, and social gatherings. Most importantly the Multicultural Center is a place where *Multiculturalism* is front and center. The Multicultural Center is a space where everyone can feel welcomed and appreciated and through a sense of community, encourage and educate others about the significance and contributions of everyone, regardless of heritage. Come and visit us!

Building resources include but are not limited to: Meeting Space & Programming Space, Kitchen facility, TV Lounge (cable TV, DVD), Computer Cluster, and Resource Library.