



Office of Multicultural Affairs

Fall 2014

COME AND ENJOY OUR FACILITIES

IN THIS ISSUE

Fresh New Start to the Year!!

Meet Our New OMA Additions

Joining the Office of Multicultural Affairs are three brand new Lawrence students. We welcome them to the OMA family with open arms. All three students have filled the Student Desk worker positions. Meet them here!

Stephon C. Berry

Major/Minors: Physics or Math (3-2 engineering track)

My Favorite OMA event: Ise Lyfe

What diversity means: Diversity is synonymous with progress.

Random Facts: I'm double jointed in the shoulders.

YeeLeng Lang

Major: Biology

Favorite OMA event: Ise Lyfe

What diversity means: Being a part of a community that enjoys and empowers all cultures

Random Fact: Kuv nyaam koj!

Sam Bader

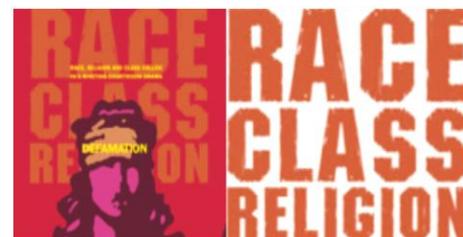
Major: Anthropology/Ethnic Studies

Favorite OMA event: Ice Cream Socials!

What diversity means: Every single person has a different background and story, one that makes him or her unique. Diversity, to me, is all of these unique people, representing their cultures and backgrounds, coexisting and thriving together.

Random Fact: I have a scar on my right calf from a freak toaster oven accident when I was two years old! Sounds painful I know, but the scar kind of looks like a tattoo. Go figure!

Please visit the staff during our work hours of **Monday—Friday 9am- 5pm**. We are located in the Basement of Memorial Hall. Enjoy candy, coffee and a relaxing atmosphere here in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.



Past Events

Our events from the past term and more to come.

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Black Alumni Reunion

The 1st Annual Black Affinity Alumni Reunion makes history

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New Incoming Class Breakdown

Key: Freshman= FR

Transfer: TR

❖ **Female:**

- FR: 54%
- TR: 48%

❖ **Male:**

- 46%
- 52%

❖ **First Generation:**

- FR: 63 (16%)
- TR: 3 (10%)

❖ **States**

Represented:

- FR: 35+DC+US
Virgin Islands
- TR: 7

❖ **Countries (other than US):**

- FR: 19
- TR: 4

❖ **International:**

- FR: 40 (10%)
- TR: 4

❖ **Hispanic:**

- FR: 11 (3%)
- TR: 1

❖ **Multiracial/multi-ethnic:**

- FR: 43 (11%)
- TR: 4

❖ **Black:**

- FR: 23 (6%)
- TR: 0

❖ **Asian:**

- FR: 18 (5%)
- TR: 1

❖ **Native American:**

- FR: 1 (0.3%)
- TR: 0

❖ **White:**

- FR: 240 (62%)
- TR: 19

❖ **Not reporting race/ ethnicity**

- FR: 9 (2%)
- TR: 0

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Tatanka Means



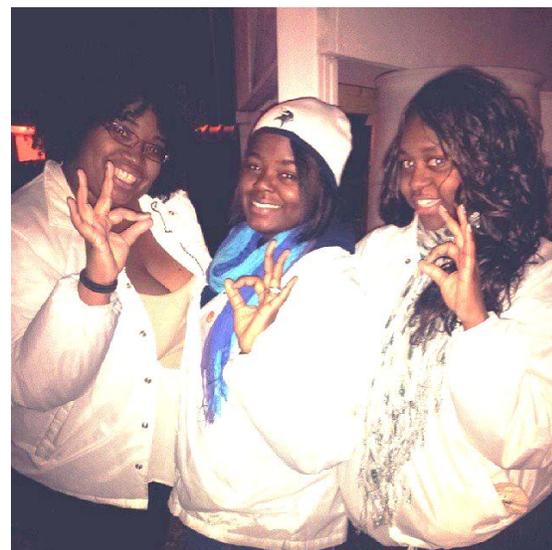
“Native Americans: Past, Present, and Future.” From our creation as a people to fighting for our lives, we exist in a pop culture with the last of our elders

Means explores a reality of living in two worlds while preserving life and culture.

Thursday, November 6
7pm

Warch Campus Center

Campus Welcomes New Local Sorority



Beta Psi Nu is the name of Lawrence's first local sorority. The sorority was established in 2009 and has had Lawrence students since then. This sorority makes a point to direct its recruitment efforts towards low income women of color.

Beta Psi Nu's mission encompasses the mission to help people of color have a voice on campus and to empower women. Their sisterhood binds them together as they face social justice issues. Their vision is to reach out to more schools like Lawrence and spread their message of sister to more students who need it.

Beta Psi Nu's recognition first began in Spring term last year when they were invited to the Spring Term Greek Week. This year, they started the year with a joint Fall Greek Week event and recruitment information sessions. Beta Psi Nu hopes to become an associate member of Panhellenic Council and hopes to promote philanthropy along with the other sororities!

If you are interested in joining Beta Psi Nu, or would like to contact them, please email Najja Gay (current president) najja.r.gay@lawrence.edu. Or Pa Lee Moua (Advisor) palee.moua@lawrence.edu.



MINGLING IN SANKOFA



Alumni visit Sankofa house



Black Affinity Reunion Visits Sankofa House

Lawrence University held its first Black Affinity Reunion September 25-27, 2014. Multiple activities were held during the weekend both on and off campus. Black Alumni, came from all over to attend and met to speak about their time at Lawrence, but also had a chance to speak with current Lawrence students to be updated about what was happening now.

until many alumni heard of the Sankofa house and with migrated to the house to see it for themselves.

The Black alumni came to visit the house after their first day on campus and were met with open arms. Refreshments were provided and students put on an impromptu presentation of the things that they accomplished on campus. Tours were given and the house stood as a beacon of communication between the current students and alumni.

FAST FACTS

Approx. 40

Alumni visited during the 1st Black Affinity Alumni Reunion.

1st

Black Affinity Alumni Reunion was influenced by Black Alumni and President Mark Burstein

FORGOTTEN HISTORY

In case you missed Zach Ben-Amots' film check it out on the Lawrence University's Youtube,com account. Or click this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fErz4EpyXFE&list=UUXKAqeCwma2R7CMq8a5zSiw>

This movie describes the accounts of Black students attending Lawrence University. It provides the perspective of being Black on the Lawrence campus.

Sankofa house is a formal group house located at the 726 East Boldt Way, Appleton, WI 54911. Sankofa house is the name that the Black Student Union chose because it has the loose translation of "to look back and bring forward."



Over the next two days the alumni were constant visitors in the house and some late comers didn't have the opportunity to view the house the first night. The current students of Sankofa never ceased to show

Sankofa house was established this year and will stay for three years and then be put through the re-application process.

Many members from the Black Student Union went to support and meet the alumni the Friday that they got on campus. It was eagerness in the air to sit down and have a conversation. Some Alumni went to classrooms and met current students in the academic setting. Current students who they didn't meet in the classroom came to the Alumni dinner to socialize. It wasn't soon,

stump their excitement. In between watching Zach Ben-Amots' film, *Forgotten History*, and attending OMA's diversity circles, alumni found themselves in Sankofa time and time again. The weekend held many great conversations. Dark memories were overwritten with prosperous hope.

New Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

- College Possible

College Possible is currently recruiting to fill AmeriCorps and VISTA positions for Fall 2015. By serving with College Possible, Service Corps members assist low-income high school students earn admission into college and then succeed while they work towards a degree!

Over 160 new AmeriCorps and VISTA members will be selected to start in the fall in the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Omaha, Portland and Philadelphia! The Priority Application Deadline is November 3, 2014 and the Regular Application Deadline is March 4, 2015. For more information and application instructions, please visit our [AmeriCorps page](#).



Clubs Meeting in the Diversity Center

All Is One: Empowering Young Women of Color • Tuesday 9:10pm

VIVA • Wednesday 7pm

Committee on Diversity Affairs • Wednesday 9pm

Black Student Union • Thursday 7pm

To learn about these clubs and more, contact them directly or visit the OMA webpage

Announcement: OMA has funds and are happy to purchase books for you and your clubs. Please contact the resource coordinator at lena.c.bixby@lawrence.edu

Reserve your event in the Diversity Center today!

FALL Facts

- ❖ Autumn has been called the “hectic beauty of death.”
- ❖ Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness
- ❖ Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday. Americans spent \$1.9 billion in 2013 according to Nielsen Company.
- ❖ The Ouija Board ended up outselling the game of Monopoly in its first full year at

What’s New in the Diversity Center Library

Online Database

- Go to <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/LuMA13>

Book of the Month

- Each Month OMA will highlight a book from the library, which will sit on the front desk of the Diversity Center. Drop by and see it

Magazines

- We subscribe to a diverse set of magazines! The Out and The Advocate, Asia Trend, National Geographics, Hmong Times, Ebony, Glamour Fashion