MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The mission of Multicultural Student Affairs is to enhance the student experience by creating diverse programming, nurturing relationships across campus and in the community, and addressing academic and social needs in an effort to provide an inclusive campus environment that supports students of color. Our mission is accomplished by:

• Maintaining an open door policy; constantly striving to place students at the center and supporting student success.
• Providing a comfortable, resourceful, and safe space for students to utilize in the Student Union.
• Interacting with and assisting students through formal and informal mentoring and coaching. Part of these interactions involves encouraging and supporting students to participate in campus activities and organizations and to take advantage of the many leadership opportunities available to them. We also assist students in locating and utilizing resources on campus and in the community.
• Planning a variety of activities and events throughout the academic year that stimulate educational, cultural and social growth. These activities include interactive discussions, community outreach programs, traditional events during African American History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Multicultural Graduation Reception.
• Supporting and advising multicultural student organizations including the Multicultural Student Organization Council (MSOC), TAASU (the African American Student Union), ALAS (Association of Latin American Students), NAACP (the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority (Latina/Multicultural Based), Sister Circle National Pan-Hellenic Council (Black Greek Letter Organizations) and many more.
• Collaborating with other departments, academic units and student organizations to further enhance our programs so that we can adequately meet the needs of students of color at UMKC.

Through these services and programs, we assist students of color to become integrated into the academic and social systems of campus life. Our office serves to complement the classroom experience of students at UMKC.

Multicultural Student Affairs also directs the activities of the African American History and Culture House (affectionately known as the Culture House). The mission of the Culture House is to increase and enrich the general understanding of African American history and culture. The Culture House serves as a place for students to study, hang out, attend events and meetings, and meet other students. The Culture House has study and meeting areas, an art gallery, a computer lab and a TV lounge.