Welcome Back! by Ricardo Ariza, Director

This issue of the Fall 2011 Office of Multicultural Affairs newsletter, outlines an extraordinary line-up of art exhibits, cultural programs and activities. There is a good feeling in the air and we are anticipating a good year.

Taking just a moment to reflect on last year the total number of students served as well as the number of student visits to the Office of Multicultural Affairs was once again record-breaking! The number of students served equaled 462 which is an 87% increase over the previous overall average. And the total visits number of 5485 was a 26% increase over last year and a 66% increase over the previous 5-year average. This could have not been achieved without the energy and enthusiasm of an incredible staff of professionals and students.

I am delighted to announce new initiatives for 2011-2012; Coffee and Conversations, Skills Workshops, the Solidarity Lecture Series and Courageous Voices. Please visit our website at http://oma.creighton.edu for more details. Join us on Facebook for ongoing updates. Complete descriptions of each of these new initiatives and contact information on how to get involved is available online. We strongly recommend that all students visit the office often to study, to socialize, to build community and utilize the services that we provide.

Multicultural Enrichment Institute
by Shabd Hazim ’15 & Ozy Aloziem ’15

On Thursday, August 25, 2011 OMA hosted the Multicultural Enrichment Institute (MEI) for new members of the Creighton community. The new students were given the opportunity to get to know other multicultural students through fun ice breakers and were also informed about available resources on campus. Shabd Hazim, a new freshman, stated “It was wonderful to see how diverse of a community Creighton actually is.” Students were introduced to the OMA staff and also received helpful information from Dr. Ishii Jordan on how to be polite and professional to professors in the classroom.

After dinner and small table discussions, students were given the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of upperclassmen about what it was like to be a diverse student at Creighton. Another freshman, Ozy Aloziem, stated “My favorite part of the institute was meeting the upperclassmen because they were so helpful and funny!” The evening concluded with a brief open house where students were able to visit with representatives from various multicultural student organizations around campus. Overall, the MEI was very successful and a great kick-off for the new school year.
FALL EVENTS

September 10, 2011 Saturday- 14th Annual Welcome Back Social!
1:00pm-4:00pm Anderson Plaza
Come meet the staff of OMA while eating delicious ethnic cuisine and listening to the sweet sounds of Jazz by the Big Wade Trio. This event is sponsored by ConAgra!

September 15, 2011, Thursday- Solidarity Lecture Series "Immigration Changes and Nebraska"
5:30 pm Harper 3028
Professor David Weber is an Associate Professor at Creighton’s School of Law who teaches among many things Immigration law. He will be sharing how the current immigration changes have impacted immigration to Nebraska and Omaha.

September 16, 2011 Friday - Markoe Leadership Retreat
2:30-10:00pm Off Campus at Camp Carol Joy Holling
The Annual Freshman Markoe Retreat welcomes our new Markoe Scholars. This year’s retreat will take place at Camp Carol!

September 21, 2011 Wednesday- Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario
7pm-8:30 pm Harper Auditorium
Award-winning journalist Sonia Nazario will speak about her book Enrique's Journey. In this astonishing true story, she recounts the unforgettable odyssey of a Honduran boy who braves unimaginable hardship and peril to reach his mother in the United States. A brief book signing will follow the program.

October 3, 2011, Monday-"Grab" Documentary Presentation & Director Bill Luther
Noon-1:30pm Skutt 105
Director Bill Luther will present his documentary film “Grab.” This film is an intimate portrait of the little-documented Grab Day in the villages of the Laguna Pueblo tribe, who annually throw water and food items from the rooftop of a home to people standing below. A community-wide prayer of abundance, thanks, and renewal, Grab Day exists at the intersection of traditional Native and contemporary Western cultures.

October 6, 2011 Thursday- “Viva La Causa” Film & Discussion
7-8pm Harper 3006 OMA Suite
“Viva La Causa” focuses on one of the seminal events in the march for human rights - the grape strike and boycott led by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta in the 1960s. This film will show how thousands of people from across the nation joined in a struggle for justice for the most exploited people in our country - the workers who put food on our tables. After the film we will dialogue on how economic injustice impacts us all and what it means to be an ally for justice. Participants limited to 15 people, RSVP to lrodriguez@creighton.edu.

October 14, 2011 Friday Markoe Leadership Program Meeting
4:00pm-6:00pm Harper 3028
Markoe Leadership Program Meeting is an opportunity for scholars and coaches to participate in developmental leadership sessions.

November 1, 2011, Tuesday- “In Standing Bear's Footsteps” Documentary Screening with presentation by Princella Parker and Georgiana Lee
6:00 pm-9:00pm Harper 3023
“In Standing Bear's Footsteps” is a 60 minute high definition documentary that weaves interviews, re-creations and present-day scenes to tell a story about human rights--one that resonates powerfully in the present. The documentary will be presented by Princella Parker and Georgiana Lee Creighton University alums who worked on the documentary.

November 15, 2011 Tuesday-Solidarity Lecture Series “Haiti After the Earthquake: A Personal Report.”
5:30-6:30 pm Skutt 105
Professor Roger Bergman is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology and Director of Justice & Peace Studies Program. He will be sharing an overview of Haitian history and the highlights of his trip to Haiti with Fonkoze, Haiti’s Bank of the Poor, during the last week of September, 20 months after the earthquake. This will be his fourth trip to Haiti, but first since 1998.

More events to come!