We are thankful for the many blessings we received this past year. The support from students, staff and faculty was truly amazing which helped us to achieve many goals we had set within our strategic plan. Moving the office from the third to the first floor of Harper Center has turned out to be for the greater good as we have created a new space that is welcoming to all. We are extremely excited about both past accomplishments and upcoming activities. Here are a few that we want to share...

**Still Moving and Shaking on the 1st floor of Harper!**

*Fall 2012-Spring 2013 – we recorded 4,379 student visits*

*675 individual students were served finding a home away from home!*

*Commuter students find the many resources most helpful*

Type of visit: Study 1,559, Technology 926, Organization support 324, Social 245, Personal Staff 705, Groups 219 and Other 401

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**Markoe Leadership Scholars reach new heights! Freshman Audel Salazar takes the challenge on the high ropes course at the retreat last Fall. We challenged the students to work hard academically and they responded by earning a semester average GPA = 3.259 and the average CUM GPA = 3.233**

*Highest Achievement in the program’s history!*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARKOE SENIORS!**

We wish them success with their future plans...

Willie White ~ Raven Charles ~ Mariah Collins ~ Nhu Le ~ Liz Lassiter ~ Amy Lien ~ Shelagh Hardrich ~ Robert Talcott

Not pictured: Amor Habbab ~ Mikaela Casey ~ Emina Becirovic
Division of Student Life Award Ceremony

We are extremely proud of these wonderful student leaders:

- Outstanding Leadership in Multicultural Communities Award - Joseph Burgess
- OMA Volunteer of the Year - Jessica Rangel
- Community Service Award - Lauren Murphy-Moore
- Rising Star Award - Ozioma Aloziem
- OMA Academic Award - Mariah Collins

Reflections from Migrant Journey Service Learning in San Juan, Texas

“I have learned more than immigration and the problems but have grown as a person…”

“This was not just a trip, but a start to being a part of advocating for immigrants and their rights.”

“God definitely had his mysterious ways and was able to transform us individually in this journey.”

Supported by the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network

NOTE OF DISTINCTION!

The U.S. Department of Education recently approved the Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs application for designation As An Eligible Institution Under Title III and Title V programs of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 making them eligible to apply for Asian / Asian Pacific Island initiatives to improve recruitment and retention initiatives. A site visit and consultation have been scheduled for the University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) in the month of June. The UIC Asian / Asian Pacific Resource and Cultural Center are a current recipient of a grant and program that is making incredible progress. The Creighton delegation participating will be Dr. Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Becky Nickerson, Assistant Director of Retention and Leadership, and Ricardo Ariza, Director of Office of Multicultural Affairs.
SAVE Executive Director, Kevin Melchor is pleased with the outcomes of this year’s mentoring program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Coach Len Gordy serves on the SAVE Board of Directors and trains Creighton Students to mentor children ages 8-16 years.

*Lessons that make a difference!*

Records indicate participants of SAVE had a 62.5% decrease in unexcused absences

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This is a great accomplishment - all of the participants improved academically. Much thanks to all the CU Student Volunteers and Work-Study Students who shared of themselves.

**COMING SOON!...**

**CHINA**

Coming soon to the Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs Art Gallery...local artist and Creighton Student Alicia Sancho Sherich will be exhibiting her new piece entitled “China”. Please watch for an announcement opening and the “Meet the Artist” reception.

We invite you to visit during our normal hours to view the wonderful pieces that are showcased each semester from local artists. Our summer hours are Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm and we are located in Harper 1109 - next to the Billy Blues Alumni Grill. Information, please call 402.280.2459
Multicultural Enrichment Institute – hosted by OMA and Welcome Week

Thursday, August 22, 2013  5-8:00pm

The Multicultural Enrichment Institute is aimed at empowering incoming freshmen students of color to become informed and successful Creighton students. Freshman students from diverse backgrounds will receive access to multiple resources as well as hear from current students, ask questions, and learn how to balance life as a Creighton student. It also provides an opportunity for students to interact with each other and the staff of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

There will be presentations, a student panel, dinner, and prizes. Following the program, students will visit the Office of Multicultural Affairs for an ice cream social and have the opportunity to meet representatives from the various Multicultural Student Organizations and Multicultural Greek Organizations.

Questions, please call 402.280.2459