Welcome 2023

This will be a good year!

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NOTE FROM THE CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

STUDENT/STAFF/FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE UPDATES & EVENTS

WHAT'S POPPIN'? ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

MEDIA RECOMMENDATION
In remembrance and celebration of Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy – We remember that he was a man of faith, peace, and love. Dr. King’s speeches carried a thread of redemptive love and restorative action. Dr. King’s ideas and sentiments align remarkably well with the bible’s vision of a new humanity. His understanding of this new humanity implies a love for far more than simply alleviating the social discomforts of desegregation. According to Dr. King, this love achieves something decidedly more glorious: it forms oneness in place of thriving divisions. Dr. King said that the only way to redeem racial injustice in the world was to build a new societal structure providing a shared and open relational experience. Dr. King asked us to move towards intercultural competence - belonging, and social justice. – He was talking about being one for one another.

Dr. King asserted that true integration isn’t achievable through laws only but also through "willing hearts." His conviction was that integration is the unique province of the spiritual - The Power of Love, spiritual love.

Dr. King believed in accordance with his Christian faith - in the unity of gospel integration, or “the beloved community.” His Beloved Community is a vision in which people can share the earth’s wealth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger, and homelessness will not be tolerated because of the standards set for human dignity. An all-inclusive spirit of humanity will replace racism and all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace and justice will prevail over war and violence. Love and faith will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace and justice will prevail over war and violence.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let’s pursue reconciliation by confronting inequalities and the realities that led to them. Let’s see the spiritual urgency in the relationship between redemptive love and restorative action.
JANUARY

AWARENESS MONTH:

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH
“President Biden has proclaimed January 2023 as “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month,” reaffirming his Administration's commitment to protect and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking, to prosecute traffickers, and to bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and around the world.”
RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

LINKS:
https://hopeforjustice.org/spot-the-signs/
https://www.watraffickinghelp.org/

WHILE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN AFFECT ANYONE, IT IS SEEN DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES - ESPECIALLY NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

INFORMATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPECIFICALLY IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/toolkit/native-communities
WATCH FOR THE RELEASE OF OUR OFFICE’S INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE STRATEGIC PLAN!
Keep an eye out for new releases from the Office of Inclusive Excellence:

- Our **Annual Report** will be released at the end of this year! It will cover things accomplished by our office around campus and in the community for 2020-2022, as well as upcoming programs and exciting plans for 2023-2024.

- Look for the release of our **Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan** later this year!
For this edition of Diversity Digest, we interviewed Dr. Shawn Washington, Assistant Chief Diversity Officer and the newest member of the OIE office here at GU! You can view his full introduction HERE!
What's poppin?
FEB 1 -- **DANCING WITH LIFE: MEXICAN MASKS**
NORTHWEST MUSEUM OF ARTS AND CULTURE
2316 W 1ST AVE, SPOKANE
TICKETS: $7-$12
TUESDAYS-SUNDAYS
TIME: 10:00AM-5:00PM

FEB 1 -- **SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE**
WOMENS CLUB OF SPOKANE
1428 W 9TH AVE, SPOKANE
TICKETS: $10
TIME: 7:30-9:00PM

FEB 2 -- **FACING FIRE: ART, WILDFIRE, AND THE END OF NATURE IN THE NEW WEST**
JUNDT ART MUSEUM
200 E DESMET AVE
MONDAY-SATURDAY
TIME: 10:00AM-4:00PM
FEB-MARCH - - MARDI BRAS FUNDRAISER
HOPE HOUSE SHELTER
DROP OFF COLLECTED ITEMS MARCH 3
TIME: 2:00-4:00PM

FEB 3 -- SWEENEY TODD: DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET
STAGE LEFT
108 W 3RD, SPOKANE
TICKETS: $25-30
TIME: 7:00PM

FEB 12 -- BOLLYWOOD DANCING
SHADLE PARK LIBRARY
2111 W WELLESLEY AVE, SPOKANE
FREE
TIME: 3:30-4:30PM
FEB 2 -- LEADING AGAINST HATE: COUNTERING WHITE NATIONALISM
HEMMINGSON - LOWER LEVEL AUDITORIUM (HEMM 004)
FREE
TIME: 4:00-5:30PM

FEB 7 -- CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE
CATALDO GLOBE ROOM
FREE
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

FEB 9 -- LEADING AGAINST HATE: RECOGNIZING, REPORTING, AND THWARTING HATE AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM
HEMMINGSON - LOWER LEVEL AUDITORIUM (HEMM 004)
FREE
TIME: 3:00-4:30PM
FEB 11 -- CELEBRATE EVERYBODY
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
DONATIONS ENCOURAGED
TIME: 12:00AM

FEB 12 -- LINCOLN LGBTQ CENTER AND GU OUTDOORS
SNOWSHOE TREK
MT SPOKANE
TIME: ALL DAY EVENT

FEB 15 -- THE INEQUALITY MACHINE: HOW COLLEGE DIVIDES US
HEMMINGSON BALLROOM
TIME: 5:00-6:30PM
BOOK RECOMMENDATION

“My Grandmother’s Hands will change the direction of the movement for racial justice.”— Robin DiAngelo, New York Times bestselling author of White Fragility

Purchase or read more about it [here](#)
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