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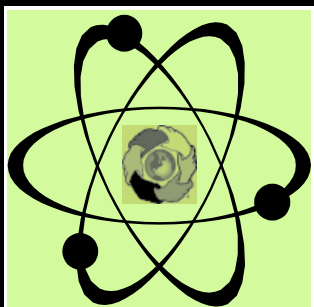
NEWSLETTER

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17TH ANNUAL ETHNIC STUDENT CENTER CONFERENCE

GENERATIONS 17

CONTINUING A CULTURE OF CONSCIOUS COMMUNITY



Fall Quarter 2007 Events

- Sept. 23 ESC Open House, 2-4pm, VU420, drop in and meet ESC staff and students– families welcome!
- Sept. 24-25 Info Fair, 11am-3pm Red Square [check out the ESC clubs!]
- Sept. 29 ESC Kickoff BBQ, 11am-2pm, VU Plaza, join us for friends fun & food- learn about the ESC and meet other students!
- Oct. 6 ESC Building Unity Leadership Workshop, call 650-7613
- Oct. 9 First ESC Steering Committee meeting for 2007-08, 5pm in VU420
- Oct. 18 Priority deadline registration for ESC club members to register for the ESC conference
- Nov. 2-4 ESC Conference!

Also, monthly community service opportunities

ESC Conference, November 2-4, 2007

Our vision this year is to focus inward on the ESC organizations with the intention to create a strong organizational base at the beginning of the year. We will continue to develop strong leadership amongst students of color and a resonating presence across the WWU campus and greater community by focused in-depth training:

- o Leadership
- o Professional communication, group development
- o Social/civic activism
- o Academic support strategies
- o Major event programming
- o Media and representation

Who should attend

- o ESC club members interested in cultural program planning
- o ESC club members who want to strengthen their leadership skills
- o WWU students wanting to be involved with the ESC clubs

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Ho <small>Hispanic/Latino Student Association</small>	Fa <small>Native American Student Association</small>									LS <small>Latin Student Association</small>	Ac <small>African Caribbean Club</small>	Na <small>Native American Student Union</small>	Mi <small>Midwest Student Association</small>			
Me <small>Middle Eastern Student Union of Arabians</small>	Bu <small>Black Student Union</small>									Sa <small>South Asian Student Association</small>	Va <small>Vietnamese Student Association</small>	Me <small>Middle Eastern Student Organization</small>	Bp <small>Brown People</small>			
In <small>Indonesian</small>	Le <small>Lebanese</small>	Co <small>Chinese</small>	Av <small>American</small>	Gr <small>Greek</small>	Ev <small>Evangelical</small>	Re <small>Religious</small>	Nw <small>Norwegian</small>	Cd <small>Canadian</small>	Cg <small>Czech</small>	Pr <small>Polish</small>	Te ² <small>Taiwanese</small>	Bo <small>Burmese</small>	Gp <small>German</small>	Fr <small>French</small>	Ne <small>Norwegian</small>	Fu <small>Filipino</small>

Other Conference highlights include: Bonfire, Cultural sharing, Group photo, 5 meals, lodging, T-shirt, ...and more!

Registration required. For more information, visit the office, VU420, or our website, www.esc.as.wvu.edu/

Thank You!

ESC Honor Roll of Private Support 2006/07

The ESC and WWU Foundation are pleased to recognize the generous support of donors. Gifts to the ESC and its scholarship funds received from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 totaled nearly \$9,000 from individuals and corporations. On behalf of all who benefit, thank you!

Associated Students*
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Martin and Sonja Chorba*
Mariko Churchill
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*Indicates membership in the University's President's Club. President's Club membership begins with cumulative gifts of \$1000 or more to the University within the fiscal year. The names listed above reflect the names of individuals, corporations and foundations giving during the July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 fiscal year. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the list. Please contact Pam Gibson at (360) 650-6101 or Pam.Gibson@wwu.edu to let us know of any changes or corrections.

Welcome to Fall Quarter 2007!

I have a feeling we'll have big things for this coming year. I look forward to your participation and all your contributions! The following is a few of the major things that we will need the help of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Please feel free to contact me to discuss how you might help (michael.vendiola@wwu.edu).

Completion of ESC "3-to-1 Match" Scholarship Drive

Ending July 01, 2008, each ESC Club is raising funds to complete at least a \$20,000.00 endowment fund for five scholarships. In 2006 the AS not-for-profit Board approved a 3-to-1 match to go toward the five ESC scholarships:

- API Academic & Leadership Scholarship: Fund to go to Asian/Pacific Islander student who exhibits a collaborative academic and leadership ethic.
- ESC Academic & Leadership Scholarship: This scholarship shall be awarded to a student who, through their work, studies or volunteerism assist ethnic students, students of color and/or traditionally under-represented students in transitioning to Western, developing cultural identity, providing a sense of community, and being active in social justice.
- Latina/o Academic & Leadership Scholarship: Fund to go to Latina/o student who exhibits a collaborative academic and leadership ethic.
- MLK Academic & Leadership Scholarship: Fund to go to African American and/or African student who exhibits a collaborative academic and leadership ethic.
- Native Academic & Leadership Scholarship: Fund to go to Indigenous, First Nations, Native American, and/or Alaskan Native student who exhibits collaborative academic and leadership skills.

So, if you haven't heard about this excellent opportunity to match every dollar raised with an additional three dollars, please consider helping out our effort with a contribution or organizing an event to raise these funds!

ESC Helping Hands Project

As a way to get all of the ESC organizations to support the greater community with service, the ESC is creating the ESC Helping Hands Project. In every month throughout the academic year the ESC will host a community service project in the greater Bellingham area. This will allow current ESC leaders to put their skills to work while helping community agencies in need. We will form a group of dedicated volunteers who will convene once a month to attend a service project. Please see Cicero Delfin, ESC Graduate Assistant if you'd like to be a part of the team!

ESC Program Revision

The ESC puts on many impressive events every year. This year we will strive to make the events run smoothly and sound. I am challenging each organization to dedicate themselves to bring the highest programming standards possible. As part of this revision we are adding an additional staff position that will assist each of the ESC organizations with their program planning. In addition, we have developed a program planning book that will keep each ESC organization informed on program/event planning. If you are planning a big event this year please come by my office early to talk about it!

These are only some of the great things the ESC will put forth this year. Please take the opportunity to get involved!
Michael Vendiola, ESC Coordinator/Activities Advisor

ESC Graduate Assistant

Greetings! I am completing my M.Ed. degree in the Student Affairs Administration program. I received my bachelor's degree in Music Business & Marketing at Cal Poly Pomona. It's my 2nd year here and I think I'm adjusting pretty well from California's climate to Washington. I'm glad to be working with all the returning students for another year, and I'm excited to see what our awesome student center and clubs have this year to put our campus in awe. I'm proud of the accomplishments we made last year, and I challenge everyone to get psyched to find innovative ways to make our awesome events even better! If you are new to the ESC, I welcome you and know you'll find a home away from home with us, develop valuable friendships and experience. I coordinate the Martin Luther King Jr., International Women's Day, Malcolm X and the International Night celebrations, and invite you to get involved. The ESC is a rich and valuable place; don't let the experience pass you by! -Cicero Delfin, 360 650-7613, AS.ESC.Grad.Assistant@wwu.edu

Focus on Alumni

Jesse Moore received his WWU degree in Political Science with a minor in English. He was highly active as a student leader where he was proud to serve as Vice President to the Black Student Union, and later to be elected two consecutive years as the student body Vice President for Diversity. For his multiple ground-breaking initiatives and unique style of management, Jesse was voted by the student body as 2004's Leader of the Year, and in 2005 he became the first student to be awarded a Presidential Achievement Award. Jesse works at Western's Office of Admissions as the lead Multicultural Outreach Counselor and Marketing Specialist, traveling throughout the state to help build positive paths to college. His passion is to work with students and policy makers to ensure access, empowerment, and positive futures.



Mixed Identity Student Organization



MISO incorporates all identities including race, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientations, and multiple backgrounds. MISO is a club for socialization, community involvement, education and self-empowerment. MISO's past events include a Mixer Dance and Panel Discussion on the Dimensions of Mixed Identity, showing the film "Chasing Daybreak", a monologue performance by Maya Lilly, Fund-raising, softball team, bowling, and Retreat/Conference. Our first club meeting will be October 4 in the ESC at 5:00pm.

Mission Statement

We seek to form an alliance of students who desire ownership over their own identities while respecting the identities of others. We seek to function as a social support and resource promoting identity exploration and cross cultural understanding. As students whose own identities continually cross boundaries that historically have divided populations and cultural groups and whose intersections of identity are often not reflected by the dominant society, we seek to create a safe space to explore the politics of identity and race as social construction in both a private and public atmosphere. We seek to educate ourselves and our community.

SASA



The South Asian Student Association (SASA) purpose is to increase awareness and educate the community about South Asian culture and heritage through potlucks, movie nights, discussions, dance, as well as various events and fund-raisers. We plan on encouraging social interaction among South Asian students within the ESC and throughout WWU. We will kick off the year with a social to meet other students and will be full of flavor (South Asian sweets) on October 3 in the VU at 6pm (room TBA). We encourage incoming students to come out to the Info Fair to find out more about SASA! To become a part of our mailing list, email us at sasa_wwu@yahoo.com.

Promoting Multicultural Leadership & Achievement at WWU, A Partnership between the ESC and the Associated Students

The Associated Students (AS) has agreed to help the Ethnic Student Center establish five endowed scholarships to support students involved in multi-cultural activities. The AS will match each dollar raised on behalf of the Ethnic Student Center Clubs for scholarships with \$3.

Goal: Raise \$20,000 for each scholarship by utilizing 3 to 1 match granted by the AS to fully endow the following scholarships and provide much needed support for students at WWU.

ESC Academic and Leadership Scholarship Accounts

	Current Balance	Public Funding Needed
Native American Scholarship	\$18,300	\$425
Martin Luther King Scholarship	\$22,200	Fully Endowed!
Latino/a Scholarship	\$4,680	\$3,830
*Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship	\$9,925	\$2,518.75
*Ethnic Student Center	\$4725	\$3,818.75

*Indicates new scholarships

About the Scholarships:

The Ethnic Student Center would like to award these scholarships in the near future and appreciates the inspiration of the AS in providing this incentive to ESC clubs to begin fund-raising to empower and diversify our pool of leaders here at Western. This is, in all reality, the spirit in which the ESC was born, and indeed, the spirit with which we hope to move forward.

This is a fabulous chance to help fund and propel the academic careers and leadership development of some of Western's brightest stars. Additionally the skills and experience to be gained by Ethnic Student Center students as they become seasoned fund-raisers will certainly benefit them in their educational and professional futures, as well as benefit the AS and broader university, as we work to enrich an environment geared toward altruistic and active learning.

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Please help us meet our goal by making a gift to any of the Ethnic Student Center Scholarship Funds today. Gifts can be made online at www.wwu.edu/give or by sending a check made payable to the WWU Foundation (write the scholarship name(s) on the memo line) and send to Angie Vandenhaak in the WWU Foundation (see address below).

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African Caribbean Club

A support group for Africans and Caribbeans who are attending Western. The purpose of the group is to bond together with the traditions that come from our various countries. Contact: Marta Kidane; 360-650-7577; kidanem2@cc.wvu.edu

Black Student Union

The BSU is a social club for African American students. Goals are to provide ethnic minority students as well as majority students with a sense of community and education about African American culture and history. Contact: Dennis Williams; 360-650-7277; bsuwvu@hotmail.com

Brown Pride

To promote awareness for the need of a more cohesive, diverse community and demonstrate that there are queer people of color on campus and allies who support us. To establish a connection between the LGBTA and ESC clubs. Contact: 360-650-7575; wwubrownpride@gmail.com

Filipino American Student Association

To educate and explore Filipino heritage and culture. Contact: Anthony Maratas; 360-650-7576; wwufasa@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.fasawvu.org>

Hui 'O Hawaii

We invite all students who are interested in the Hawaiian traditions and culture to get involved and socialize. Our major event is the very successful, fun annual luau. Stop by and say hi. Contact: Kuulei Mawae; 360-650-7573; hohwestern@hotmail.com

Mixed Identity Student Organization

See article inside newsletter. Contact: 360-650-7276; MISO_WWU@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.wvu.edu/~miso>

Latino Student Union

The Latino Student Union promotes the unity, education, heritage and culture of the Latino community. We are a resource for Latino students and allies alike. LSU advocates awareness on social, cultural and identity issues faced by the Latino population, both within the US and in Latin America. We embrace all those who embrace us and wish to celebrate and recognize Latino culture. Contact: 360-650-7275; lsuwvu@yahoo.com Website: www.lsuwvu.org

MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan)

To promote an educational, cultural and supportive atmosphere for Chicano/Latinos students on Western's campus. Contact: Maribel Galvan; 630-650-7275; wwumecha@yahoo.com Website: <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~esc/clubs/mecha/>

Native American Student Union

To provide programming related to Native American issues on campus and to provide a sense of community for Native American and Native Alaskan students. Contact: Elizabeth Johnstone; 630-650-7273; NASUWWU@hotmail.com

South Asian Student Association

See article inside newsletter. Contact: Huma Memon; 360-650-7274; sasa_wwu@yahoogroups.com

Vietnamese Student Association

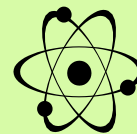
We promote unity among Vietnamese students within and outside WWU, and help them to adapt to college life, maintain cultural awareness, build communication and leadership skills through teamwork, and maintain public relations through community and school services. Contact: Vinh D. Huynh; 360-650-7274; vsa_wwu@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.wvu.edu/~vsa/>

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Mission Statement:

The Ethnic Student Center strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for historically underrepresented ethnic groups and allies while providing cultural and educational programs.

Revised October 25, 2001

The Ethnic Student Center is a student-run organization within the Associated Students of WWU. We provide several resources and a safe environment where students can work on event programming, do homework, or just hang out. There are many ethnic clubs that assist students in transitioning to Western, developing cultural identity, providing a sense of community, gaining useful skills, and being active in social justice. As always, we are open to all students.

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