First Peoples Advising Services Winter Newsletter

Hello All,
We hope you are having a fun and relaxing break. To find out more information about any of the events or activities listed below please contact our office or our website: www.evergreen.edu/multicultural.

We hope to continue to stay in contact with students from previous years, this year's scholars, and connect with prospective students. Please pass this information on to anyone who may need it.

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Who we are and what we do...

Just a reminder about who we are and what we do....We are here to connect you to resources, people, places and information to help you be a successful student.

We are here for any academic, personal or financial advising that you may need.

We liaison with the student of color groups on campus and host a variety of community-building and educational events as well.

We are open to all students on campus. We also offer a study lounge/meeting room and information on workshops, speakers and other events on and off-campus.

If you have any questions or need any kind of assistance or just want to share your good ideas about how to connect with other community members or just have fun, please don't hesitate to contact us.

I'm not afraid of tomorrow

because I've seen yesterday,

and today is beautiful.

~Janet Harmon Bragg

Weekly programming

First Peoples at Primetime

Location: L2147, "Unity Lounge"

Date: Every Thurs. in the Winter

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

First Peoples Advising Services are available to all students and are designed to support a multicultural campus. As a means to accomplish this goal, First Peoples uses Primetime to host a variety of events sponsored by various student groups of color on Thursday nights. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend these events. Most events take place in our Unity Lounge.

Fabulous evening workshops with snacks on the side...This is a chance to get together to study, eat snacks, drink a nice cup of tea or hot chocolate, get help with your assignments, or just chat with fellow students and the Coordinator of FPAS.

Tea...have a cup of tea on us

Location: L2147, "Unity Lounge"

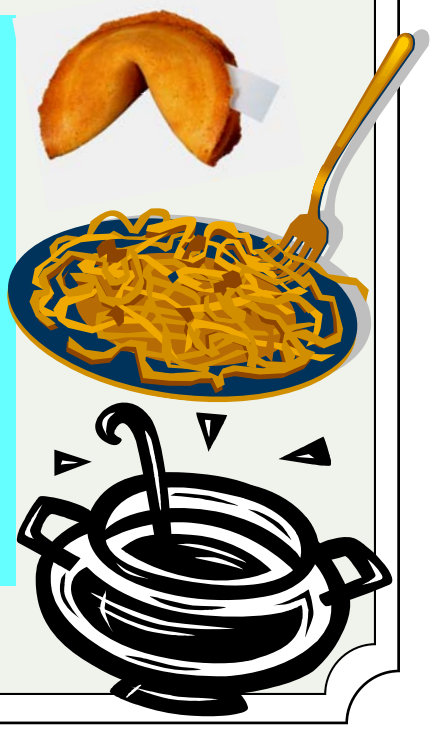
Date: Every Wednesday of Fall qtr.

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Come and visit our lounge and have a warm cup of soup or other snacks and meet other staff and students. You may also bring your sack lunch.

Our lunches are so much fun, sometimes we have soups, sometimes noodles and homemade hot chocolate or chili... and always we have tea. Come on by and meet old friends or make new ones.

Every Wednesday at noon in the Unity Lounge Lib 2147



Scholarship time !

Come to the Scholarship Jam to polish up your scholarship apps!

- Tuesday, Jan.22nd from 6 to 10pm – Career Library
- Wed., Jan 23rd from 6pm to 10pm – Career Library
- Thursday, Jan 24th from 6pm to 10pm – Career Library

If only money grew on trees.

Right?

But there is money out there for you to apply for…not everyone will receive a scholarship but a lot of students do and it could be you maybe….

This is just a reminder for you to start the scholarship process for next year if you have not already.

You can log onto The Evergreen State College site and go to the financial aid site and see their links and the ones offered by Evergreen directly and you can download some tips from the First Peoples Advising Services Website as well. Our TESC scholarships that will be available next year have been posted.

If you are applying for scholarships from TESC you also need to turn in your FAFSA on time. Have you asked for your awesome letters of recommendation yet? You should be asking for them a month or two before they are due.

Link to our site: http://www.evergreen.edu/multicultural/finaidscholarshipinfo.htm

Link to the TESC financial aid site: http://www.evergreen.edu/financialaid/

Good luck with your search and call or email us if you want any help.

A word from the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention

The Evergreen State College, Office of Sexual Assault Prevention was created to provide culturally sensitive and appropriate services, and support, to survivors of sexual assault.

Services:

The Evergreen State College, Office of Sexual Assault Prevention was created to provide culturally sensitive and appropriate services and support to survivors of sexual assault.

Some of the services include:

- Information about reporting procedures and what to expect;
- Accompaniment to any/all campus appointments associated with reporting or resources.
- Legal advocacy, assistance with protective orders;
- Emergency crisis intervention, counseling and referrals;
- Counseling for the victim's partner, spouse or family;
- Assistance in accessing community resources;
- Services specific to traditionally under-served groups;
- Information about sexually transmitted diseases , HIV and pregnancy testing.
- Medical advocacy
- Education and prevention programs designed to increase awareness and reduce risk.

Survivor support groups.

Cultural Competency:

- OSAP is committed to being a culturally competent space and provides services sensitive to the unique needs of all students particularly those whom are members of groups disproportionately affected by sexual violence.

- OSAP collaborates with community agencies and student activities groups to provide advocacy and services relevant to each individual.

- If you would like to request an educational program from the Office, please contact the Coordinator at (360) 867-5221.

The office is located in SEM 1, room 4121 and is part of the Health and Counseling Department.

If you would like to request services from the Office,

Please contact Office Coordinator: at (360) 867-5221.

Office hours are listed on the door and more information about the Office can be found at: http://www.evergreen.edu/health/osap/home.htm

News from The Care Network

- **Who Are We?**

The CARE Network is a community of peers, faculty and staff dedicated to supporting the Evergreen campus in conflict resolution!

- **What do we Do?**

We are a first step for any issue you may be facing...

Trouble with your roommate? Uncomfortable approaching your professor with an academic concern? Unable to confront an awkward situation at work? Feeling down and don't know where to start? Frustrated in a relationship?

- **Among our many resources:**

-We provide one on one and group mediation

-We are a listening ear

-We are a first step to resolving conflict &

-We bring engaging, relevant workshops & trainings to campus

Our office hours:

SEM II E 2129 - Public Services Center

Mondays: 11-2pm

Wednesdays: 2-4pm

Thursday: 12-2pm

Friday: 2-4pm

If you can't make it in, call or email us at:

(360)867-5291

carenetwork@evergreen.edu

Identity Projects for Winter and Spring

We are collecting pieces and will do so all quarter long.

Every year for the last few years

we have put on an art show that has as a theme of identity.

People submit pics, poems, collages or whatever. The subject is you..

Self

community

Identity

Questions

Examining Stereotypes

Family

We often have workshops or prompts that we put out as well to help folks think about ideas about what to write about or what art pieces to make .

Well we will be doing this again this year.

So if you have any ideas laying around….

We will have a show in April for Day of Absence and Day of Presence

Contact Raquel Salinas

Salinasr@evergreen.edu

867-6462

for help with this process.

We will begin collecting pieces as soon as Winter quarter begins

23RD ANNUAL STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE

"Awakening Your Inner Scholar: Legacy, Resilience, Action"

Thursday – Saturday, April 11 through April 13, 2013

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

This is an invitation to attend a fantastic educational conference in WA state.

This conference brings together students of color who attend higher education institutions in Washington State. It provides opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and strategies to empower themselves personally, culturally, and academically. There will be workshops, speakers, & other leadership opportunities for multicultural students.

At this time students from APIC are currently trying to secure funds to attend this conference (which may include some fund-raising). In order to make the timeline of deadlines we have to send out this application very early. If you are chosen to attend and are offered S and A funds to attend, all meals, lodging and conference registration will be covered except for a 25 dollar fee from each student which will go to travel.

This conference is sponsored by the Washington State Multicultural Services Directors' Council and is supported by APIC, S & A, KEY and First Peoples Advising Services

Registration Information:

Before you apply, PLEASE BE AWARE that:

The conference takes place during the week and the weekend of April 11 through the 13th in Spring. This means that you need to check your program schedule and make sure you can attend. If you do not know what that schedule is then you need to be sure you make arrangements for letting your instructor know as soon as possible about your plans to attend the conference.

There is a nominal fee to attend the conference. Students are responsible for paying this when they are notified that their application has been selected. If students do not hand in their fee by the deadline, an alternate student will be given that space.

There is a required Orientation meeting which you must attend. This will be held on April 3rd from 3pm to 4:30pm.

You will be sharing a room with up to 3 other students, 2 students per bed. Room assignments are given at the required Orientation meeting. When possible, we give students choices about whom they will room with.

Application Directions:

Complete the following application and submit to Raquel at FPAS (L 2135). Make sure you answer each question fully and clearly. A committee of staff and students will review and select 25 students to go based on the quality of the responses given. Preferences will be given to students who are willing to help develop and present workshops at the conference.

Deadline:

When your application is complete, please submit for processing NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at noon.

Fee:

If selected to attend the conference a $25 deposit is due Monday, February 18. Disclaimer: Deposit is non-refundable and will be used to help pay for travel expenses. *(Continued on next page)*

Student Of Color Conference Application

Name: _____

A#: _____

Address: _____

City Zip Code

Cell #: _____ Home#:_____

Email Address:_____

Race/Ethnic background: _____ Gender:_____ Age:_____

Emergency contact name and number: _____

T-Shirt Size: (S-5XL) _____

Dietary Needs/food allergies: Vegetarian?_____ Vegan?_____ Other:_____

Special Accommodations:

_____

(If you are a person with disabilities and you would like more information about any accommodations you may need please call or email us at First Peoples Advising Services (360)867-6462 or ***at salinasr@evergreen.edu***)

Please fully answer the following essay questions:

1. **Tell us what diversity and multiculturalism mean to you?**
2. **Why do you want to attend this conference? Name and discuss at least two of your goals for attending the 2013 Students of Color Conference.**
3. **Are you willing to help develop and present a Conference workshop? What Ideas do you have for a workshop?**

Your responses should be at least one typed full page. Remember, you will be selected based on the content of your responses and willingness to co-present a workshop at the conference or as part of Day of Absence and Day of Presence activities.

E-mail inquiries and/or completed applications can be sent to Raquel Salinas in the First Peoples Advising Services Office (Library 2135 in the Student Academic Support Service Offices) or by email at salinasr@evergreen.edu

Quotes we like

You don't fight racism with
racism, the best way to fight racism is with solidarity.

-Bobby Seale

Standing still is never an option so long as inequities remain embedded in the very fabric of the culture.

~ Tim Wise

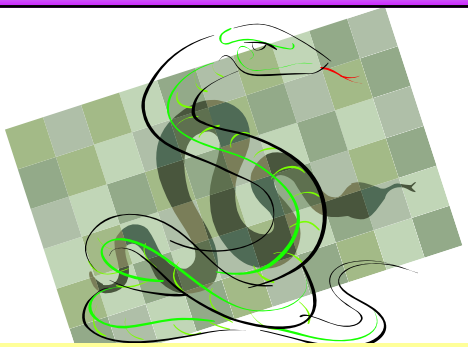
America is woven of many strands. I would recognize them and let it so remain. Our fate is to become one, and yet many. This is not prophecy, but description.

~ Ralph Ellison

When times get tough, rejoice in the knowledge that you are one in a long line of proud, courageous people who have a history of surviving.

~ Denise L. Stinson

Year of The Snake



Lunar New Year, also known as LNY, Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is a traditional festival to celebrate the beginning of the year in lunar calendar. It is considered one of the most important festivals for Chinese and Chinese descendants around the world. This festival is celebrated from the first day until the fifteenth day of the first month in Chinese lunar calendar.

Since Lunar New Year is determined by using lunar calendar, the date of the festival varies from year to year in Gregorian calendar. Some Asian countries celebrate Lunar New Year as a public holiday, yet, the period of holidays varies in each country.

Different countries recognize different names of Lunar New Year. It is known as Chinese New Year and Spring Festival in China, Japanese New Year in Japan, Korean New Year or Seollal (Seolnal) in Korea, Vietnamese New Year or Tet in Vietnam, Losar in Tibet, Tsagaan Sar in Mongol, Imlek in Indonesia, and many other names in different countries.

Day of Absence and Day of Presence

CELEBRATING CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Day of Absence

Wednesday, April 24

2013

&

Day of Presence

Friday, April 26

2013

This year's theme is

RACE: TRUTH AND REALITY

DOA/DOP Planning Meetings

This series of events occur nationally only at Evergreen: **The Day of Absence** and **Day of Presence** programs. This year, the Day of Absence will take place on Wednesday, April 25th and Friday, April 27th. (For those of you who may be unfamiliar with this yearly observance, check our FPAS website and read a brief history of the ideas behind our tradition at the end of this newsletter.)

Day of Absence was founded by Dr. Maxine Mims and other African American faculty as a revolutionary act. It has been celebrated at Evergreen since the mid 70's. Since then it has grown to become an off-campus educational and rejuvenating retreat which all of Evergreen's students, staff and faculty of color are invited to attend. In addition, while the community of color is off-campus, white allies offer a full day of programming on campus around identity development and anti-oppression work. The concept has grown to include the Day of Presence programming which represents the reuniting of our entire community and an opportunity to share ideas with each other as allies around the issues of multiculturalism and community strength.

Although there have been many changes and additions over the years, the purpose of these Days is to invite the entire campus community to celebrate and to explore the richness of our diversity by participating in dialogue, activities, workshops, seminars, performances and perspectives. Every year new and different programming is developed by the Day of Absence and Day of Presence Planning Committee which is comprised of students, staff and faculty.

At present, the planning committee is open to new members and we would love for you to lend us your time and energy to help us plan great programs for the coming year.

If you would like to receive information regarding meetings or have any questions or comments, please email Norma Alicia Pino, Director of First People's Advising, at pinon@evergreen.edu

Invitation from CCBLA

(Center for Community-Based Learning and Action) The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action, established in 2004 links students and faculty at Evergreen with organizations working on a wide range of community issues. The Center for Community -Based Learning and Action (CCBLA) supports the partnership of academic programs, students, and faculty, with community organizations. We aim to meet mutually agreed upon community needs to strengthen and enhance student learning through critical engagement.

TESC Student Leaders, Please give us a hand in hosting Native Youth for a college visit on the Evergreen campus!

On January 18th, Join other student leaders in giving 5th-8th graders from Wa He Lut Indian School a meaningful Evergreen experience the Friday before Martin Luther King Day

Interested in Volunteering?: *Please Save These Dates:*

Monday January 14th 2013: 5-6:30PM in E2115:

mandatory cultural competency training for work with Native Youth.

Friday January 18th, 2013: 8AM-2:30PM: Day of the event

Some volunteer roles are an all-day commitment; others are partial-day commitments.

You're also invited to join us for our remaining planning meetings Mondays 1/7, & 1/14 1PM-2PM at the CCBLA lobby (E2115). Please contact the CCBLA at 360.867.6137 or ccbla@evergreen.edu to tell us if you'd like to volunteer. Let us know your contact info so we can be in touch with more information. Thanks!

Planning Committee includes: CCBLA, S&A Student Groups, Americorps Youth in Service, VISTA & Retention, Longhouse, and possibly you!

Cool New Resources

HEY,

Elizabeth Seibel has created a newly organized Zine and Resource Binder in the First Peoples Unity Lounge! This binder includes zines, articles, and resources, such as "Is Gay Marriage Anti-Black?" by Kenyon Farrow and Peggy McIntosh's article

"White Privilege:Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" and various other race and intersectionality related things! (Thank you Elizabeth)

Please see the First Peoples Library to check it out! Know of another cool zine or article that you'd like to see included? Email it to seieli04@gmail.com!

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We will be sending out regular emails and newsletters with reminders and updates about campus news, if you wish to be taken off of our mailing list please contact us.

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(360) 867-6394

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Gabrielle Taylor
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Tra Mouton
Noe Villareal
Le'Ecia Farmer
Favi Romero
Brit Reed

Library 2100Q (office cubicle)

Please contact these fabulous S & A Student Groups for information about their upcoming events and to be put on their mailing lists!

You can reach them by logging onto the Student Activities website on our TESC website: www.evergreen.edu/activities/

- **Black Student Union (BSU)...not currently active but will start soon**
- **Native Student Association (NSA)**
- **Women of Color Coalition (WOCC)**
- **Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA)**
- **QTPOC (Queer & Transgender People of Color)**
- **APIC (Asian Pacific Island Coalition)**