

GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Annual Report 2022-2023



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MISSION & VALUES

Mission

Our mission is to support diverse learners; to educate, engage and empower all learners to live in a multicultural world; and to advocate for a socially just campus environment.

Vision

By collaborating with campus and community partners, the Office of Multicultural Affairs will create an educational environment that cultivates the rich contributions of all cultures and also provides a place where learners can achieve academic, social, and cultural success.

Our New Fall 2023 Values

- Community
- Student Centered Empowerment
- Diversity
- Social Responsibility
- Inclusion
- Justice

MEET THE TEAM

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL STAFF



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**PHILLIP
TODD**

Assistant Director
He/Him/His

IMPACT

Our programming drives student success in their studies as well as in communities. Accomplishing this task requires the combined efforts of our staff, volunteer students, and departments within GV which are aligned with our mission. We hope to be able to serve many more in just as impactful ways for the 2023-2024.

100

Laker Connections Programs Offered

These programs align with the four pillars that are foundational to the LC programs.

3500

Student Visits for the 2022-2023 School Year

This is a measurement of the total student visits to the Office of Multicultural Affairs during the 2022-2023 school year

202

Students First Appointments Through Fall and Winter

This is a measurement of the amount of students who had their first ever appointment with our Laker Familia program director to aid their college experience.

270

Black Excellence 365 and Black Male Scholars Meetings

This is a measurement of the amount of students who met with the assistant director Philip Todd in association with Black Excellence 365 and Black Male Scholars program during the 2022-2023 school year.

PROGRAM AND EFFORTS

These programs foster an inclusive environment at GVSU where all students can reach their full potential while embracing their authentic selves, aligning with our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion and the Office of Multicultural Affairs' commitment to student success.



Asian American & Pacific Islander Student Engagement

- Asian Student Orientation
- Asian Student Achievement Program
- Asian Student Graduation Celebration
- Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration

Black/African American Student Engagement

- Black Excellence Orientation
- Black Excellence 365
- Black Male Scholars
- Black Graduation Celebration
- Black History Month Celebration



Latino/a/x Student Engagement

- Laker Familia Orientation
- Laker Familia
- Latino/a/x Student Graduation Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- César E. Chávez Celebration

Native American Student Engagement

- Anishinaabe Student Leadership Camp
- Maajtaadaa! Orientation
- Mno'Chigewin
- Nwiiikiwenh Mentorship program
- Native American Student Graduation Feast
- Native American Heritage Celebration



CONNECTIONS

The staff of the Office of Multicultural Affairs actively participate in various facets of the GVSU community, as well as on local, state, and national levels.

GVSU Committees & Campus Partnerships

- Activation and Accountability Team & DEI Learning Sub-Committee
- Advancing Student Health & Well-being Acceleration Team
- Black Boys and Men Symposium Committee
- DACA/Undocumented Student Services
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Nwijiwehn Mentorship Program
- Oliver Wilson Scholars Committee
- Advising Redesign Committee
- African American or Black SEMP Learners Group
- American Indian or Alaskan Native SEMP Learners Group
- Hispanic/Latinx SEMP Learners Group
- Undocumented/DACA SEMP Learners Group
- Student Academic Success Center & Housing and Residence Life
- President's Council

Local, State, and National Involvement

- Collaborative of Tribal and Higher Education in Michigan (CTHEM)
- Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments (CMTED)
- National Advisory Council NCORE
- National Native American Supplier Council - Board member
- Odawa Economic Development Management INC. for Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa
- Great Lakes Tribal Economic Summit
- African American Male Achievement Conference

The Office of Multicultural Affairs works to serve students, faculty, staff and community of all racial and cultural backgrounds.

In this this time of uncertainty and very precedented events OMA seeks to provide a safe and affirming environment for students to gather and thrive.

We deeply appreciate the collective effort, commitment, and the resilience of students navigating a challenging and evolving educational landscape.

DONATIONS

Give today to continue to support OMA



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