Welcome Back!

We hope you had a pleasant holiday break and are ready for the spring semester. We are proud of the success the Diversity Programs Office (DPO) had in 2013 and hope to continue to grow and learn in 2014. Please welcome the newest addition to DPO, Lachelle Marshall. She is an undergraduate student and will assist Carolina Camacho, DPO coordinator.

The DPO offers services and support to students. Helping them keep their day-to-day activities running smoothly, allows students to concentrate on academic and personal success. During the semester, we will distribute the *Diverse Tools to Success* newsletter with information on strategies to become a successful student, academic and extracurricular activities for leadership development, diversity workshop and training opportunities, and career opportunities.

In 2003, the College of Agriculture established the first and only Diversity Programs Office in the Big 12. Be sure to stop by the office and congratulate the DPO staff on a successful 10 years.

We are grateful for our corporate partners who recognize the need to recruit more multicultural students into agricultural studies, which leads them to create multicultural scholarships distributed through the DPO.

Go State!

Zelia Wiley, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity

We would like to thank all our faculty, staff, and students for their continued support of our diversity efforts. For continued success, we need you to be part of our team. Below, you will find diversity events for January and February.

**January 20–31**
Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Week 2014, The Dream Is Still Our Beacon

**January 21**
First day of spring semester

**January 27**
College of Agriculture Hot Chocolate Social, Throckmorton Hall Lounge, 6 p.m.

**January 28**
10th annual College of Agriculture Diversity Student Leader Luncheon, Cottonwood Room, K-State Student Union, 1:30 p.m.

**January 29**
The Agri-Industy Career Fair, Second Floor, K-State Student Union, 11 to 4 p.m.

**February 1**
Scholarship deadline

**February 10**
Harry Belafonte, Black History Month Keynote Speaker, McCain Auditorium, 4 p.m.
Navigation Difference Training Offered

The first of three Navigating Difference training sessions will be Feb. 25–26, 2014, in Wichita. The training is designed to help extension professionals expand their skills in working with diverse audiences. It will also provide a solid foundation in intercultural communications theory and practice as well as opportunities to apply new skills in the workplace.

Based on a set of cultural competencies, the training creates a safe and welcoming environment for all learners, with activities that respect and support individual learning styles. Participants’ life experiences are an important source of knowledge.

For more information, contact Zelia Wiley (zwiley@ksu.edu) or Charlotte Shoup Olsen (colsen@ksu.edu). To register, go to: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/employee_resources/p.aspx?tabid=206.

2014 Diverse Student Leader Luncheon

On Jan. 28, the College of Agriculture sponsored its 10th annual Diversity Student Leader Luncheon.

Eric Banks, Salina, Kan., spoke at the luncheon. He is the state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas. Before he accepted his current position, he worked in Phoenix, Ariz., where he was responsible for management of all farm bill programs.

Banks talked about what the dream has meant to his educational and professional journey.

The annual event is part of Martin Luther King Jr. Week. It provides the opportunity for students to learn about the civil rights movement and current diversity issues from those who have fought and overcome cultural challenges. Thank you to the Archer Daniels Midland Company and Ron Galle, director of quality assurance and food safety for ADM’s Milling Division, for supporting the luncheon.

Lachelle Marshall, from Honolulu, Hawai, joined DPO as a student assistant, helping Assistant Dean Zelia Wiley and coordinator Carolina Camacho. Marshall is a sophomore in agricultural communications and journalism with a minor in leadership studies.

Attending college in an entirely new place was difficult at first, but Marshall soon found a major where she feels she can make a positive contribution.

Marshall enjoys getting to know and help others. During her free time, she likes to read, shop, and spend time with her family. Whether you see her in the office, on campus, or working at Buffalo Wild Wings, wave and say hello.

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