

# MultiCultural Student Services Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to Salisbury University for the Spring Semester !

Throughout our lives, change is imminent in all things that we do. The Office of Multiethnic Student Services has been an ever-changing entity on the Salisbury University Campus. As of this semester, we will be identified as the Office of MultiCultural Student Services. This is a change which reflects the increasing diversity of cultural groups on our great campus. It is very evident that over the many years of our existence, within the Student Affairs Division, our major goal has been to promote a campus community that supports and fosters a holistic development of multicultural students. As we continue to foster cultural pride and academic achievement, we will seek to advocate for all students and make sure that all university resources are used to make your university experience the best that it can possibly be. A change in name only, does not affect the positive nurturing, the open door policy, nor the search for new ideas and new solutions to age-old problems that we have instilled to many alumni and current students of our university. We are a wonderful resource to students who are interested in getting involved in campus life and contributing to our campus community. Come and visit us as we go forward into another level of excellence at Salisbury University.

*Vaughn P. White* Director, MultiCultural Student Services

### Events of Interest

- February African American History Month Activities
- Feb 7 Annual Soul Food Dinner
- Feb 10 Savion Glover Trip
- Feb 17 SU SOUP Day
- Mar 9-10 MultiCultural Student Visitation Weekend
- Mar 10 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MultiCultural Leadership Summit 2007
- Apr 30- May 4 MultiCultural Festival

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## Celebrating African American History Month 2007

The national theme for African-American History Month is "From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas". The activities are centered on the work and scholarship of Dr. John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus at Duke University and the author of the seminal work, "Up From Slavery".

Events scheduled by the planning committee for this months activities start with the Keynote address from Dr. Michael L. Blakey, National Endowment for the Humanities Professor at William and Mary College on Monday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the University Center. . Dr. Blakey's lecture topic, "New York's African Burial Ground: From National Secret to National Monument", will present his fascinating anthropological findings in the Slave Burial Ground unearthed in Manhattan, New York during construction. You should not miss this informative historical presentation. It is one that will be etched in your mind for years to come.

The Annual Soul Food Dinner on February 7th in the Bistro of the Commons is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jazz entertainment will be provided. On February 13th, K. J. James, noted Blues man will be performing in the Gulls Nest for your listening pleasure. Our own Dr. Clara Small, Professor of History at Salisbury University will speak on "Blacks and the Underground Railroad and the Eastern Shore" on February 15th at 3:30 p.m. in the Nabb Research Center.

From February 15th until February 22nd, there will be a series of programs which will focus on the Crisis in Darfur sponsored by Amnesty International . February 15th, Focus on Darfur Open Mic Night and Music in the Gulls Nest at 8:00 p.m.; February 20th, Darfur Faculty Discussion featuring Dr. Phil Bosserman, Dr. Kwaku Nuamah, Darrell Newton, and Katherine Barrett Gaines. February 20th and 22nd Darfur Film, Discussion and Write-A-Thon in Fulton Hall 111. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, A Darfur Write-A-Thon will be held in the Fireside Lounge of the Guerrieri University Center.

To culminate the activities of the month there will be a musical presentation directed by Professor John Wesley Wright of the Music Department entitled, " The Journey of African American Song Tradition: From Slavery to the Sanctuary". The SU Gospel Choir, Liturgical Dance Ensemble, members of the SU Chamber Choir and University Chorale will be in performance on February 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.



*21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Black Student  
Leadership Conference Participants  
2007*

*“We are the voices  
of today and  
tomorrow and the  
problem solvers for  
the coming  
generations”*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MultiCultural Leadership Summit, March 10, 2007

The Theme for the 2007 Multicultural Leadership Summit is “Think like a leader, Act like a leader, Be a leader: You were born to lead”. Our objective is to provide you with leadership and networking skills that will help you succeed in life, and to provide you with knowledge that you can pass on to others. On Saturday, March 10, 2007, you will be exposed to new ideas, network with students from many colleges and universities, and have the opportunity to mentor a student who is considering Salisbury University as their college home. Registration is **FREE** for Salisbury University Students who have a meal plan. Please enter your SU Student ID on the registration form. In order to register for the Summit, please go to the Multicultural Homepage and click on the link to the 2007 Leadership Summit. Workshop schedules, topics and Speaker Bio’s are available at the Homepage. If you have questions please contact Andrea Wheatley at 410-548-4503 or Vaughn White at 410-548-5300. Registration deadline is March 7, 2007. The Planning committee and the Office of Multicultural Student Services are excited about this weekend. Please place this date on your calendar.

## MultiCultural Student Visitation Weekend, March 9-10, 2007

In conjunction with the Multicultural Leadership Summit, the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Office of Admissions have decided to combine our annual Student Visitation Weekend with the Multicultural Leadership Summit. In order to have a successful weekend, we are asking that you serve as a mentor to a prospective student who is considering Salisbury University as their college home. We would like for you to sponsor a student for the weekend in addition to supporting the Multicultural Leadership Summit. On Friday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup>, we have scheduled a presentation, “Hip Hop, Education and Empowerment” by Dr. Derrick Greenfield, Professor of Sociology at St. Augustine College. Dr. Greenfield comes highly recommended by delegates to the National Black Student Leadership Conference recently held in Washington, D. C. An application to be a Mentor of an incoming student can be found on our webpage or by stopping by the Office of Multicultural Student Services before February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call 410-548-4503 for further information. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## APIC

**Asian Pacific Islanders Club**  
Meets every Monday at 8pm  
in the Fireside Lounge.

Upcoming Events:  
~Relay for Life  
~Hip Hop Show  
~Poker Tournament  
~Comedy Central's Elliott  
Chang

Visit  
<http://orgs.salisbury.edu/apic>  
for more information



## Gospel Choir

Meets every Wednesday at  
Fulton Hall Room 130  
8:15PM

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall  
renew their strength; they shall mount up  
with wings as eagles; they shall run and not  
be weary; they shall walk and not faint"  
Isaiah 40:31

## UAS

Meets Every Other Monday at  
8PM, Pocomoke Room-GUC

Upcoming Events  
~"Life, What's Up With Yours"  
Feb. 7  
~Savion Glover, Feb. 9  
(Trip to Wash., D.C.)  
~Relay for Life, April 07

## P4FM

Meets Monday and Wednesdays,  
7p-9p  
Place: TBA

Contact:  
Makeda Nanton-President  
Mn20031@students.salisbury.edu  
for more information



## MSA

Islam/Arabic Discussion Circle  
Every Monday, 5:30p-7p  
Caruthers Hall, Room 109

Thinking Man Series  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5p-6:30p  
Henson Hall, Room 107

Upcoming Events  
~Open Mic Poetry Reading for peace  
and justice in the world.  
Screening/Presentation of Invisible  
Children, April 12, Fulton Hall, Room  
111  
~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Building Bridges: Islam  
Awareness Week April 16-20  
<https://orgs.salisbury.edu/sumsa/>



## NAACP

Meets Every Other  
Monday at 8PM,  
Pocomoke Room-  
GUC



## Step Squad

Meets Monday's - 8p-9p,  
Wednesday's - 9p-10p &  
Thursdays - 8p-10p  
In the \_\_\_\_\_



## CASP

### Comprehensive Academic Success Program Study Sessions

Study sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the  
MultiCultural Resource Room (GC-226) on the following dates:

**February** 13, 15, 20, 22, 27  
**March** 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 27, 29  
**April** 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26  
**May** 1, 3, 8, 10

Contact the Office of MultiCultural Student Services at  
410-548-4503 for more information.

*Do you think you have what it takes to be a  
Resident Assistant (RA) on campus?  
Want to learn more about the job?*

*Think this would be a great leadership opportunity?  
Well, then come to an RA interest meeting to learn about  
these things and so much more. Interest meetings are 8pm  
on Monday, Feb. 5th in the Leadership House, Wednesday,  
Feb. 7th in Chester Hall and Tuesday, Feb. 13th in  
Choptank Hall. Visit our website to fill out the application  
or to learn more. See you there!*

[www.salisbury.edu/housing/residentasst](http://www.salisbury.edu/housing/residentasst)

# Savion Glover



Savion Glover  
 Saturday, February 10, 2007  
 Showtime 7:00pm  
 The Warner Theatre  
 Washington, DC  
 Limited Tickets ~ \$15.00 each  
 Sponsored by  
 MultiCultural Student Services  
 For more information, call 410-548-4503

## Tapping Into the Future

Savion Glover is the 1996 Tony Award Winner for his choreography in the Broadway smash hit *Bring in Da' Noise, Bring in Da' Funk*. He is the recipient of the 1996 Drama Desk Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award (Choreography), two Obie Awards, and two Fred Astaire Awards for his choreography in *Bring in Da' Noise, Bring in Da' Funk* as well as the 1996 Dance Magazine Choreographer of the Year Award. Mr. Glover made his Broadway debut at age 10, starring in the *Tap Dance Kid*. Additional Broadway credits include *Black and Blue* and *Jelly's Last Jam* co-starring Gregory Hines. Mr. Glover made his film debut at age 13 in "Tap" with Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis Jr. On TV, he was a series regular on "Sesame Street". In 1997, he created a dance company, NYOTs (Not Your Ordinary Tappers), with which he performed nationally and internationally. Mr. Glover performed for President Clinton in "Savion Glover's Stomp, Slide and Swing: In Performance at the White House". In 2001, he toured the nation with "Footnotes, The Concert" featuring tap legends Jimmy Slyde, Buster Brown and Diane Walker. In 2001 he created a new dance company, Ti Dii. He is the choreographer of the award winning Nike spots: "Free Style". Savion Glover is the recipient of the 2004 Capezio Award which was presented to him while performing at the Joyce Theater for a sold out series of his new show *Classical Savion* in January of 2005. Courtesy js-interactive.com

## MultiCultural Festival Week

MultiCultural Festival Week has been scheduled for the week of April 30, 2007 thru May 4, 2007. The planning phase for the festival is underway with our first meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in the MultiCultural Resource Room (GC-226) at 3pm. As such, we would like to take this opportunity to invite Student Organizations to participate in the MultiCultural Festival 2007.

If your organization is interested in participating or if you are interested in attending festival planning meetings, please contact the Office of MultiCultural Student Services at 410-548-4503 or [alwheatley@salisbury.edu](mailto:alwheatley@salisbury.edu).

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Black Student Leadership Conference 2007 ~ Reflection Essay

### *Let It Go... Building Bridges*

Attending the National Black Leadership Conference was a truly gratifying experience. This conference helped me to zone in on my leadership strengths and gave me tips on how to improve upon weaknesses. The information I received from this conference will enable me to become a more effective leader at my university and whatever I want to accomplish in life. From all of the workshops I attended at the conference, the session entitled *Let it go... Building Bridges* was the most memorable to me. I gained a lot of valuable information from this session and it made me take a better look at myself and analyze the negative influences on my life.

The workshop was headed by Dr. V. Cortez who is the director of the McNair Scholars Program at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and author of the book *Walking Tall & Leaving a Trail*. The first topic of the session was defining what it means to let go. From this part of the workshop I learned that letting go means turning disappointments into successes. At times you may be by yourself and as a strong leader one needs to learn how to stand alone. It is important to surround yourself with people that are going to support you. In addition, as a leader you need to have fortitude and always get what you set out to accomplish.

Dr. Cortez shared with the group her struggle to obtain her PhD and all the bridges she built with people to help her get to where she is today in her life. Her book talks about the struggle of African-American females to obtain their PhDs and how they overcame their obstacles. It is a very inspirational work to me because I want to obtain a doctorate degree as well. During the workshop Dr. Cortez gave us three philosophies for life. The three are: "Chase the fat rabbit, Don't sweat the small stuff, and Learn to rush it or flush it." Chasing the fat rabbit means that you want to go after things with the most meaning and leave the little things alone. Not sweating the small stuff means that you cannot let every little thing hinder you from making progress in the things you want to achieve. Learn to rush it or flush it means that you should not procrastinate on things that are important to you because if you do not they will dwindle and then you will might as well flush them. Also I learned that is okay to reinvent yourself and it is okay to start over.

From this workshop I also learned to stop trying to plan out everything in your life because it will probably not go the way you want it to go. "It's not your plan, it's God plan," a quote that has stuck with me from that session. I have to learn how to live for the moment and also to seize the day. I also learned that what is for you, nobody can take it away from you. The most important thing I learned is that we must listen, support, encourage, defend, and conquer our dreams. I really took a lot away from this session and will definitely apply it to my life. I will always work hard for what I want and never give up. If something knocks me down, I will get up and keep stepping. I also learned that who you know can pave the way for opportunities in your life. I would recommend this workshop to other people especially to young black women who may need a boost in their self confidence. I am glad that I could attend.

Candace James

"Every society needs educated people, but the primary responsibility of educated people is to bring wisdom back into the community and make it available to others so that the lives they are leading make sense." ~Vine Deloriqu