OGDIE programs and events coincide with our values: (1) Excellence- whatever we do, we do it to the best of our ability and set the standard, (2) Inclusion - we promote active, intentional, and ongoing engagement with diversity - in people, curriculum, research, and in the community we serve, (3) Learning - we embrace creativity, personal growth and new knowledge and (4) Collaboration - we work together to realize shared goals and objectives. With sincere gratitude and appreciation, the Office of Global Diversity & Inclusive Excellence (OGDIE) is excited to present the 2020 spring calendar of events. As we embark upon a new decade, OGDIE looks forward to celebrating cultures, honoring heritages and acknowledging individuals who made marks in history that cannot be erased. This semester OGDIE honors Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Carter G. Woodson (father of Black History), salutes Black History, Women’s History, observes International Holocaust Memorial Day, celebrates the Chinese New Year and much more.

Respectfully,
Dr. Wilma R. Jackson
Director of Diversity & Inclusive Excellence

Mission Statement
To provide university-wide leadership in developing, implementing and advancing initiatives that promote global diversity and inclusive excellence, by fostering a welcoming and conducive campus community. This community will recognize the immeasurable benefits of diversity and inclusion, while celebrating the rich diverse multicultural backgrounds of students, faculty and staff at Lamar University.
January 2020

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11. This observance was started in 2011 by Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In 2011 President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation, designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The anniversary of this proclamation became known as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Monday
January 20, 2020

Celebrate & Remember
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Day was founded as a holiday promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King’s death in 1968, Rep. John Conyers introduced a bill in Congress to make King’s birthday a national holiday. Highlighting King’s activism on behalf of trade unionists, unions did most of the promotion for the holiday throughout the 1970s. In 1976, trade unionists helped to elect Jimmy Carter, who endorsed the King Day Bill. After that endorsement, union influence in the King holiday campaign declined, and the King Center turned to support from the corporate community and the general public.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 • 4 PM
MLK DAY

A celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Plummer Room
Mary & John Gray Library 8th Floor

Chinese New Year 2020!

YEAR OF THE RAT

Celebrate Chinese New Year
January 25th through February 8th

International Holocaust Memorial Day Observance

Portraits of Survival Exhibit
January 27th through January 31st
Mary and John Gray Library- Lobby Area

For more information
email: sjeckson10@lamar.edu

LET FREEDOM RING

The Office of Global Diversity and Inclusive Excellence is pleased to host this event in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy for inclusive global excellence.

Date:
Tuesday January 28, 2020

Location:
Read Administration Building #120

Time:
9:00 A.M.

For More Information email:
sjackson10@lamar.edu

Visionary Leader Scholarship Breakfast

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Office of Global Diversity & Inclusive Excellence

IHE Institute for Holocaust Education

DIVISION OF GLOBAL DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

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February is Black History Month

Carter G. Woodson
“Father of Black History”

Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” a label applied by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson chose that week specifically because it covered the birthdays of Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12). The ensuing publicity led many mayors and college campuses to recognize the week; through the years, the groundswell of support allowed the occasion to stretch throughout the entire month. In 1976, President Gerald Ford made Black History Month official, saying that he was urging everyone to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

http://content.lib.wvu.edu/digitalcollections/ithistory/woodson.html

DINNER

Friday February 7, 2020

Setzer Ball Room

6:00 P.M.

For more information email:
ted.stuberfield@lamar.edu
March is Women’s History Month

Women’s History Month is a month-long celebration of women’s contributions to society and history that is observed during the month of March in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and is observed during the month of October in Canada. In the U.S., it’s been officially celebrated since March of 1987.

http://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/womens-history-month/

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Diversity & Employment Training

Wednesday March 11th
Galloway Business Building Room #101
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
For more information email: rwagner3@lamar.edu or kmutz@lamar.edu

Inspirational Women’s Reception

Wednesday March 25, 2020
Mary and John Gray Library 8th Floor Ballroom
2:00 P.M.
Theme: But Still I Rise
In tribute to Dr. Maya Angelou a Phenomenal Woman
For more information email: wjackson50@lamar.edu
LGBTQA+ Diversity Training

- Thursday April 16th
- Setzer Center Room TBA
- 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE
April 17, 2020

National Day of Silence is a student-led movement to protest bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students and those who support them. The Day of Silence brings illustrates to the schools and the colleges how the intimidation, name calling and general bullying has a silencing effect. Participating students take a day-long vow of silence.

https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-silence-changes-annually/
The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks on the project were Chinese immigrants.

http://www.diversitybestpractices.com/2016-diversity-holidays

Celebrate Diversity

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May is also Older Americans Month, established in 1963 to honor the legacies and contributions of older Americans and to support them as they enter their next stage of life.

In addition, May is Jewish American Heritage month, which recognizes the diverse contributions of the Jewish people to American culture.

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CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING

Students, Faculty & Staff

Learn ways you can better Lamar University thru diversity & inclusion by requesting a training for your student organization, department or group. At this training, you will learn about the power and influence of culture, the different dimensions of diversity, and acquire the necessary intercultural encounter to become a more culturally competent student, faculty or staff of Lamar University.

To request training please complete a request form at: http://www.lamar.edu/forms/diversity/speaker-request-form.html

THIS SEMESTER:

Scan Below to Volunteer with OGDIE!
### UNIDAD Meetings **

**January**
- Jan 28: The Importance of Culturally Relevant Curriculum (4 PM - 5 PM)

**February**
- Feb 11: The Impact of Childhood Trauma & the Trauma of Harvey (4 PM-5 PM)
- Feb 25: How to Effectively Communicate with Professors and Advisors (4 PM-5 PM)

**March**
- Mar 10: The Importance of Life-Long Learning (4 PM- 5 PM)
- Mar 24: Mapping Your Study Abroad Experience (4 PM-5 PM)

**April**
- Apr 7: Identity Theft Protection & Building a Basic Budget (4 PM-5 PM)

### Men of Excellence Meetings **

**January**
- Jan 30: The Racial Wage Gap & Discussing the Motivation to Overcome it (4 PM- 5 PM)

**February**
- Feb 13: Building Character: Campus Leadership & the Difference You Make! (4 PM-5 PM)
- Feb 27: Social Stressors on Young Black Men and Relevant Experience (4 PM-5 PM)

**March**
- Mar 12: Black Leadership on Campus (4 PM- 5 PM)
- Mar 26: How to Effectively Communicate with Professors and Advisors (4 PM-5 PM)

**April**
- Apr 9: Dressing for Success & Building a Basic Budget (4 PM-5 PM)

**UNIDAD and Men of Excellence - The Let Out**
- April 23rd: (4 PM - 5 PM)

**FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: LAMAR.EDU/UNIDAD OR LAMAR.EDU/MOX**
LU DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

Muskaan Ali
McNair Scholar Recipient
Topic: Burnout Among College Students

Hometown: Nederland, TX
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology

"Being a McNair Scholar has been one of my best experiences at Lamar. The program and my mentor have helped me develop new skills and allowed me to participate in a research study. For my summer fellowship, I researched burnout among college students. Also, I completed the program with the Symposium, where I presented the research. I was able to gain new experiences and explore different fields of research by attending research conferences. I can’t thank Mrs. Comer enough for the wonderful opportunity as well as many others for always supporting me."

Aurora Maldonado
McNair Scholar Recipient
2019 - 2020

Hometown: Beaumont, TX
Classification: Junior
Major: Social Work

"I am extremely excited and grateful for the opportunity to participate in the McNair Scholars Program. I aspire to go to graduate school after finishing my Bachelor's in Social Work at Lamar, and I know that I also want to be involved in research. I hope to one day conduct research that will inform best practices and effective policy making/implementation in the social work field. As a first-generation student, I am glad that I have the support and guidance of the McNair Scholars Program in exploring the daunting field of research."
Meet The Staff

Dr. Wilma Jackson
Director of Diversity, Inclusive Excellence & Training

Dr. Ted Stuberfield
Director of Multicultural Student Retention Programs and Services

Ashley Iwunwanne
Coordinator (Student Retention)

Reality Boutte
Administrative Assistant

Justin Norris
Student Worker

Aurora Maldonado
Student Worker
Fall Highlights 2019

Hispanic Excellence Banquet

Disability Awareness Month

Veterans Day

Native American History Month

Dia de Los Muertos