BLACK RESOURCE CENTER

INCLUSION, COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Black Legacy Mural and Seating Area Dedication

This event was the culmination of approximately 6 months of collaborations between Student Life, the Black Student Union and the Black Resource Center. More than 100 community, faculty, students and staff members attended the historic event. This was the second of 2 events to dedicate the installation of art which reflects and celebrates the Black/African American experience on our campus within a 3 week period. The Black Resource Center worked very closely with Student Life, University Centers’ graphic designers and the Black Student Union to develop the content and layout for the table-tops and the Black Legacy Mural commemorative booklet.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Center Office Hours with AEP and Career Services

Liaisons from Career Services and Academic Enrichment Programs (AEP) maintain weekly hours in the Black Resource Center. Their presence is intended to encourage students who frequent the Black Resource Center to become aware of and/or further explore opportunities available through both Career Services and AEP. Staff members from both units are available to talk to students by appointment and on a walk-in basis. To date, both units have enjoyed an increase in the number of students utilizing their services as a result of their presence in the Black Resource Center.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

Campus Black Forum

The Campus Black Forum (CBF) is a collaboration with Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). The year-long discussion series, led by Dr. Doriane Besson (Black Resource Center’s CAPS liaison), highlights relevant topics for college-aged students through the lens of the Black experience. Two discussions are held each quarter. Winter Quarter topics included: (1) a critical discussion on racial identity, diversity and culture around the African diaspora and exploring what it means to be “Black” and communication within the community and (2) a lively discussion about romantic relationships and Black Love. The CBF provides a safe space for students to air concerns and access professional advice relative to their psychosocial well-being.

BRC Winter Quarter Snapshot:
20 Total Programs
~1900 Visits to the Center
25 Departmental/College Collaborations
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TEACHING/TRAINING/CONSULTING

Campus Community Centers Intern Course Development

Historically, the Campus Community Centers have included a course component within the internship experience for undergraduate student staff members. With the establishment of the Raza Resource Centro and Black Resource Center, it was necessary to re-evaluate and re-design the course content in order to include interns from these two centers in the course structure. Black Resource Center professional staff collaborated with staff in the LGBT Resource Center and Raza Resource Center to create the new course and select the content which will be taught beginning Spring 2015.

OUTREACH/YIELD/RETENTION

Overnight Program Preparation and Black Life Publication Revision

In partnership with University Admissions and SPACES, the Black Resource Center works diligently during Winter Quarter to prepare for Spring Quarter’s yield activities & events. The Overnight Program and Black Life Publication are two ever-evolving initiatives with which the Black Resource Center is deeply involved. For the Overnight Program, time is devoted to developing the program components, creating and distributing the applications for participants and selecting/training the hosts for the overnight program. Content for the Black Life publication is also updated and revised during this time to offer an up-to-date and accurate representation of UC San Diego for newly admitted students.