

NIOT Weekly Digest: March 20, 2015

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DIVERSITY IN THE NEWS – CHALLENGES CONTINUE

We understand that each of us has a choice in how and where we get our news. Whether it is social media, radio, television or print. Over the last few days, more reports have surfaced of events that raise questions about the ongoing struggle with diversity-related issues and challenges. However, we understand that not all sources of media will cover some of these events, whether or not it happens here in the United States or abroad.

If you have not heard, we encourage to you to consider the following sample of recent headlines from this week:

- Black Student at the University of Virginia beaten by off-campus police
- Black man found hanging from a tree in Mississippi
- The Transgender Discrimination Bill (HB 383) continues to advance in the Florida legislature
- Ongoing challenges at the University of Oklahoma in the aftermath of the SAE video

Even though these events have not taken place here in Bowling Green, they still have an impact on our community. NIOT BG will continue to monitor current events and provide opportunities for awareness, dialogue and engagement as necessary.

SAVE THE DATE: PREMIERE OF “A BOWLING GREEN LEGACY” on April 14th

Mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, April 14th, as the NIOT produced film, “A Bowling Green Legacy” will be premiered in Bowling Green. The event will take place from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Clazel. The event will feature the film premiere as well as a discussion. More details to come.

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

The month of March is Women’s History Month throughout the country. The BGSU Women’s Center and the Women’s Gender & Sexuality Studies program has planned a variety of events throughout the month for the BGSU and BG community. A listing of the different programs can be found at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/womens-center/events-and-programs/womens-history-month.html>

NATIONAL CESAR E. CHAVEZ BLOOD DRIVE

The Latino Student Union (LSU) in partnership with the American Red Cross is hosting the annual National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive from March 24th to March 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, BTSU. Colleges from around the country are participating in this national competition in honor of Cesar E. Chavez. This past year, the LSU at BGSU placed 10th in the country out of 232 schools. To learn more, please contact Ashley Robinson at robcash@bgsu.edu. Follow on Twitter at #CCBD15, #VivaLaCausa

SAVE THE DATE: “The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” Performance on April 1st

“The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” by Karl Jenkins will be presented on April 1 at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall at the College of Musical Arts of Bowling Green State University. This multimedia production involves singers, instrumentalists and film footage, both historic and contemporary, in a one-hour event that will stir the emotions of anyone who hopes for or prays for peace in the world. College of Musical Arts voice faculty, the University Choral Society, members of the Wind Symphony, string players, and a student from the Muslim Student Association will perform this work, which is said to be one of the most frequently performed pieces written by a composer living today. Tickets are available at <https://itkt.choicecrm.net/templates/BGSU/index.php>

BG4Unity: LET’S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We invite YOU to take a stand against hate by supporting BG4Unity! BG4Unity is a community-based project that encourages people to use social media more responsibly to advocate against hate AND offer messages of hope to those affected by discrimination. Every day, thousands of hurtful and careless messages are shared on sites like Twitter, Yik Yak, and Facebook. BG4Unity strives to provide a contrast to this sea of negativity by spreading more positive, thoughtful, and constructive social media messages.

YOU can make a difference! Getting involved is FREE and easy:

1. Like them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BG4Unity
2. Follow them on Twitter (@BG4Unity)
3. Share YOUR Message by posting a BG4Snapshot:

- Write a message that challenges a stereotype or takes a stand against hate
- Take a selfie with the photo.
- Post it on their Facebook page and/or share it on Twitter with the hashtag #BG4Unity

NIOT BG ON FACEBOOK

NIOT BG is on Facebook. Follow us (by liking the page) at Not In Our Town Bowling Green for photos, latest news, and updates. Here is the direct link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Not-In-Our-Town-Bowling-Green/411179839042009>

iStand ADVOCACY TRAINING

The iSTAND Advocacy Training program was created by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Leadership to help teach participants practical skills for addressing micro aggressions in our society and to stand up and advocate for others. Upcoming iSTAND Advocacy Training dates include March 31st, and April 9th. Register here: <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127550> . For more information, please contact Claire Austin at clairea@bgsu.edu .

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The Center for Leadership is continuing with the Inclusive Leadership Certificate (ILC) that was first done in Fall 2014. It is now a partnership with the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The ILC is six-part program that will help you develop the attitudes, knowledge, and skills for inclusive leadership in an increasingly diverse world. Employers are looking for leaders who value and develop inclusive leadership skills. The ILC is the perfect way to incorporate that competency into your leadership toolkit, meet people who share your interests, and contribute to making BGSU a more inclusive community. The first session started on Monday, February 23rd. Register at <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127305> For more information, please contact Claire Austin at clairea@bgsu.edu .

LGBTQ+ LEADERSHIP SERIES

The LGBTQ+ Leadership Series is a semester-long curriculum of six sessions, each detailing a different aspect of the intersection of leadership and the LGBTQ+ community. Sessions range from focusing on leadership styles, the history of the queer sexualities and gender identities, identification of racism within the LGBTQ+ community, fostering allyship, and more. For more information, please contact Vern Cooper at cooperv@bgsu.edu on attending.

GIVING TO NIOT BG

As NIOT BG prepares to mark its second anniversary this April 2015, one of our goals is to ensure that this effort remains sustainable and viable. In order to ensure this, we need to develop more steady streams of funding. NIOT BG does not get any formal funding from the University and the City. Nonetheless, we have been able to make things happen through the generous donations and contributions of different university/city offices and individuals, as well as the in-kind efforts of many campus and community volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that we can now accept tax-deductible donations and contributions. We have been able to open a formal account through the BGSU Foundation. This will allow individuals and others to donate and contribute funds specifically for NIOT BG initiatives. We also understand that some members of the community may feel uncomfortable in donating funds to a BGSU account. We are working on finalizing an account with the BG Community Foundation and hope to have those details available in the next few weeks.

Information about Giving to NIOT BG is now available on the website: www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown. Please

consider making a gift today.

#LIVENIOTBG

NIOT has introduced a new hashtag #LIVENIOTBG as a way to highlight strategies and other ways that individuals are living by the NIOT pledge. Join us in spreading the positive message of NIOT through this new hashtag.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NIOT has three working groups – Outreach Initiatives, Education & Programs and Marketing & Public Relations. We are looking for interested individuals to help with these efforts. If interested, please sign-up via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/lvexb9k>. The respective heads of the working groups on the next steps will contact you.

VIDEO LIBRARY

BGSU and BG now have a video library of NIOT films. A full listing can be found here: <http://www.bgsu.edu/not-in-our-town/video-library.html> These DVDs are available for check out and can be reserved by emailing rplaza@bgsu.edu.

UPCOMING DIVERSITY EVENTS

An added feature to the NIOT Weekly Digest will be a listing of diversity-related events in the BGSU & BG community for the upcoming week. If you have events that you would like listed, please contact Gary or myself (emails listed below).

Note: BTSU = The Bowen Thompson Student Union

Friday, March 20, 2015

Hillel's Murder Mystery Shabbat

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

BTSU 314

Screening of “Dear White People” and Discussion sponsored by ECCO

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

220 Math Sciences Building

Monday, March 23, 2015

Inclusive Excellence Certificate

Session 4: Social Norms and Microaggressions

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BTSU 315

Leaving a Legacy: Discussion and Screening of Cesar Chavez Film

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 24, 2015

National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, BTSU

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, BTSU

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series: “What Can We Learn from the University of Oklahoma?”

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., 318 B Math Sciences

Thursday, March 26, 2015

National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, BTSU

I.N.T.E.R.S.E.C.T.I.O.N.S.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 318 B Math Sciences

Israeli Cooking Class

6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Floor Kitchen, Kohl Hall

Erase the Stigma surrounding Mental Illness

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Friday, March 27, 2015

Becoming an Immigrant Friendly Community: Implications of Intentional Recognition in Dayton, Ohio

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.,

Wood County District Public Library

Downtown

VISION’s Halloween in March (Dance)

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, BTSU

If you have items that you wish to be included for future editions of the NIOT Weekly Digest, you can submit to: niot@bgsu.edu.
You can also contact the NIOT Co-Chairs, Ray Plaza (rplaza@bgsu.edu) or Rev. Gary Saunders (pastorgary@bgpresb.org)