



GENEVA COLLEGE

Multicultural Student Services

Minority Student Services was established in 1998 to help students foster skills and encourage participation in campus life. The office also serves as a liaison between students and faculty by seeking to assist in the academic progress of students. Additionally, it provides programs that will educate and minister to the needs, the uniqueness and the God-given potential of each student and to enhance minority student retention. The name was later changed to the Multicultural Student Services Office with the intention of including more students who come to Geneva College from diverse ethnic communities. The Multicultural Student Services Office is one facet of the multicultural department of Geneva. The other is our International Student Services, which supports all of our overseas and missionary students.

We welcome all students, parents, faculty and staff to stop by the office for a visit. We want to embrace ethnic diversity together as we learn to live in a multicultural society.

OUR MISSION

The Multicultural Student Services' mission is to educate and develop student leaders for the future of a multicultural society by providing diversity through educational programs and to support students who are African American, Bi-Racial, Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islanders and Native American.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The campus provides many opportunities for students to get involved including:

BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATION (BSO) is a student-led club where students can get together and share their unique thoughts, ideas and problems. The group also seeks to acknowledge and initiate the biblical mandate of reconciliation. Each year, the BSO hosts the annual Christmas Dinner Celebration.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (ISO) is a student led club that seeks to honor God and to benefit international students by helping them to adjust to American culture, and encourage students in their studies and to build relationships within the campus community.

MENTORING is a student leadership opportunity where upperclass students represent the Student Development Office by mentoring incoming freshman. The mentors listen as well as offer advice and encouragement throughout the year.

FACULTY/STAFF MENTORING is designed for the faculty and staff to get involved with the students by helping them with academic advising, leadership opportunities, gender issues and providing a support person for success.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MULTICULTURAL STUDENT LEADERS CONFERENCE (NCMSLC) At this annual conference, students are encouraged to learn and see what a multicultural society looks like and how we all represent the kingdom of God. They have opportunities to hear educational speakers from various arenas in life talk about issues related to being on predominately white campuses and still making a difference. The conference began in 1987 and is attended by more than 400 students from around the country. This conference is held each year in November at different Christian college campuses.

CELEBRATED PROGRAMS

DR. MARTIN L. KING JR. DAY The life of Dr. King is celebrated with a speaker and panel discussion followed by an inspirational Chapel/Convocation message.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH offers a time when the students can display and celebrate the history of African Americans.

WOMEN'S MONTH is celebrated for women to become more aware of the opportunities that they have in society and the accomplishments that have been made by women in the past.

SOUL FOOD DINNER provides an opportunity for the campus community to experience ethnic cuisine each spring. Each year more and more students are taking part in Bible Studies, Discipleship Groups, Homecoming and Student Government.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MULTICULTURAL AMBASSADOR is a leadership opportunity for students to bring awareness of culture and ethnic diversity to the campus. Students live and learn together in the residence halls through active and social programs to help educate the campus community.

RESOURCE LIBRARY The Multicultural Student Services Office offers a selection of materials on diversity and multicultural issues.

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