Program Description

The Office of Multicultural Programs provides academic and social support services, counseling, advising and advocacy to the University of Maine’s students of color. The office views its role in facilitating multicultural education for all students as an integral component of the educational process. Diverse educators who provide multicultural programs that enhance learning are necessary and welcomed additions to the UMaine community as our society becomes increasingly diverse and global. The Office of Multicultural Programs assumes responsibility in providing campus programs in celebration of ethnic diversity, gender differences and sexual orientation.

The Office of Multicultural Programs is located in the Multicultural Center, founded in 1999 by then students Shontay Delalue, Vesnier Lugo and Wesley Petteway. The center provides space for students, faculty and staff to use for public/educational functions, meetings and social gatherings. Most importantly, the Multicultural Center is a place where multiculturalism is front and center.

Multicultural Student Organizations

Student of color organizations create an atmosphere of support, encouragement and empowerment. Organizations plan and organize programs and events that educate, enhance and celebrate the traditions, customs and cultural significance of ethnic peoples, in addition to supporting the university’s commitment to creating a campus community of respect and appreciation for everyone.

Student Heritage Alliance Council – Located in the Wade Center, Memorial Union

The Student Heritage Alliance Council, formerly known as the Student Heritage Alliance Center, was founded in 1997 by then UMaine students Ramone Jones, Vesnier Lugo, Bryan “Mike” Long and their adviser, Sean Frazier. The goal of SHAC was to create a space where ALL students could feel welcome and appreciated, and, through a sense of community, encourage and educate others about the significance and contributions of everyone, regardless of heritage.

With the evolution of the Multicultural Center, formerly known as the ALANA Center, founded in 1999 by then students Shontay Delalue, Vesnier Lugo and Wesley Petteway, SHAC has taken on more of a leadership role for the UMaine student of color organizations. While SHAC operates as the “voice” for all student of color organizations by advocating on a student government level, the other organizations function as the major programming board (be it social, academic and/or cultural).

- Asian Student Association
- Japanese Speaking Club
- African Student Association
- Latin American Student Organization
- Black Student Union
- Sisters Supporting Sisters
- Capoeira Club

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