



James Farmer Multicultural Center

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UMW STUDENT LEADERS ATTEND ANNUAL AASLE CONFERENCE IN D.C.



Over the Winter Break, 14 Mary Washington students, representing seven multicultural and social justice clubs, traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 7th Annual African-American Student Leadership Experience (AASLE). These experiential workshops took place from January 4 - 7, 2018, and hosted attendees from colleges and universities throughout the east coast and as far west as Illinois. This is the second year that these workshops included the Asian American, Pacific Islander and the Chicano, Hispanic, Latino Leadership tracks, which greatly expanded opportunities for participation for diverse groups, and richly contributed to the intercultural dialogues for all participants throughout the conference.

The theme was "Nexus: What it Looks Like, What it Sounds Like, What it is!" Ms. Zephia Bryant, founder and CEO of the Bryant Educational Leadership Group, LLC, which sponsors these experiences, stated, "These Experiences have been designed to equip you with what is needed to define, galvanize, and activate the next generation." She further stated that they "...are intended to be immersion experiences rooted in the historical, cultural, and spiritual tenants of our communities."

As the students reflected on their time there, they all remarked how impacted they were by engaging in the workshops, attending the keynote addresses, and collaborating with their peers on the various group presentations. One of our students pronounced, "As I attended each workshop, I felt as if I came out as a renewed person." Another student stated, "...The knowledge given to me during the experience has given me more confidence ... to implement more leadership roles within my clubs and daily." It truly was a rewarding experience for all!

2018 BLACK HISTORY MONTH: STILL FIGHTING

BLACK MINDS MATTER

Thursday, Feb. 15 | 6 p.m.
Colonnade Room 315, University Center

The topic of mental health has always been taboo in the black community. Those who have struggled with a mental health issue usually have had to fight to be heard and understood. Join us for information and interactive presentations on the subject.

ODYSSEY OF SOUL

Monday, Feb. 19 | 7 p.m.
University Center, Chandler Ballroom C

A concert and presentation exploring the influence of African and African-American music traditions on today's musical landscape. The concert traces the evolution of popular music styles with traditional African songs, spirituals, rhythm and blues, gospel and much more.

STEP SHOW & COMPETITION

Saturday, Feb. 24 | 7 p.m.
Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall

Join regional college and universities' Greek step teams as they engage in a high-energy, entertaining competition.

UMW Faculty, Staff & Students: \$5
General Public: \$7



For more information about the Black History Month schedule:
students.umw.edu/multicultural/programs/black-history-month-celebration/



2ND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AT UMW

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, the James Farmer Multicultural Center will be hosting its second annual Social Justice & Leadership Summit. The purpose of the Summit is to create an opportunity for UMW students to develop a theoretical framework and applicable understanding of leadership, social justice, and allyship. Additionally, this summit will provide attendees with an opportunity to build coalitions across cultural barriers, strengthen advocacy, and support the promotion of an equal, equitable campus culture and climate at UMW. We will have the participation of faculty members from the American Studies, History, English, Historic Preservation, and Psychological Science departments and student leaders representing the various organizations on our campus. Our university president, Dr. Troy Paino, along with Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Juliette Landphair, will provide opening remarks to the attendees. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided to all participants. During the lunch session at the Summit, a famous Civil Rights activist will be delivering a keynote address about the importance of social justice, inclusion, and direct action. The Summit will begin at 9 am in the Hurley Convergence Center's Digital Auditorium and end at 5 pm. Students can register for the Summit on Org Sync.

2018 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

NEVERTHELESS, SHE PERSISTED:

HONORING THE COURAGE OF WOMEN

2018 Women's History Month Keynote Speaker

THE HONORABLE MEGAN L. CLARK

Monday, March 19 | 7 p.m.

Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center



In 2016 Megan L. Clark made history as the first African-American and first woman to become commonwealth's attorney of Prince Edward County, with the endorsement of Attorney General Mark Herring. A 2001 graduate of Prince Edward County High School, Clark graduated summa cum laude from Longwood University. She taught high school Spanish in Prince Edward before earning a juris doctor from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary. Clark has been a prosecutor since being admitted to practice law in Virginia.

For more information about the Women's History Month schedule:
students.umw.edu/multicultural/programs/womens-history-month/

UMW HOSTS NOTED JOURNALIST, APRIL RYAN, FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

April Ryan gave a rousing and inspirational address as the keynote speaker for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Her charge to UMW students, faculty, staff, and the community was to live life by asking "What would Dr. King do?"

To see pictures and read more about April Ryan's visit to UMW, please visit www.umw.edu/news/2018/01/25/journalists-challenge-keep-kings-legacy-alive/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 19 | 7 p.m.

Odyssey of Soul

University Center, Chandler
Ballroom C

Feb. 21 | 6 p.m.

Parallels Past and Present

Chandler Ballroom, UC

Feb 24 | 6 p.m.

**Annual Step Show &
Competition**

Dodd Auditorium, George
Washington Hall

Mar. 19 | 7 p.m.

**Women's History Month
Keynote: Hon. Megan
Clark**

George Washington Hall,
Dodd Auditorium

April 14 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**28th Annual Multicultural Fair
UMW Fredericksburg Campus**

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University Center, Room 319

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