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### The 24th Annual Multicultural Fair



The James Farmer Multicultural Center hosted the 24th annual Multicultural Fair on April 12, 2014. Over five thousand people from surrounding communities along with UMW students, faculty and staff came together to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism. Vendors from all over the U.S. and the world displayed and sold a wide variety of ethnic clothing, jewelry, and accessories as well as pottery, artwork, and other unique items. Food vendors set-up in Ball Circle served up delicious international cuisines, while four stages showcased a diversity of talent and cultural artistry throughout the day. Performances featured a wide range of styles and musical genres from Bluegrass to Reggae, reflecting the multicultural focus. UMW student groups Alter Egos, Bell A Cappella, Eagle Bhangra, Korean Pop Dance, Praise Dance Team, Save the Arcadian, UMW Breakers, and Voices of Praise performed throughout the day in front of hundreds of fair attendees.



Many students volunteered from the early morning and stayed until late afternoon to help with setting up and breaking down the different stages of the Fair. Additionally, many students also enjoyed spending quality time with friends, families and helping with the community. Participants had the most amazing time meeting new people while watching performances, shopping, eating, and learning about different cultures.



### Senior Recognition Program



The Senior Recognition Program is an awards ceremony created to recognize seniors at the University of Mary Washington and their achievements in the promotion of diversity throughout the UMW community. For the 2014 Senior Recognition Ceremony, 20 seniors were recognized. The seniors who were recognized included Shanice Black, Jasmine Cook, Feben Desta, Ayida Getachew, Jeneka Holmes, Upma Kapoor, Valerie Lewitus, Kevin Lopez, Stephanie Martinez, Maggie McGraw, Mohamed Moaz, Gina Noh, Sun Park, Holly Perucci, Jessica Robinson, Meliza Rubinos, Emily Scheuer, Kaci Sutton, Mary Ellen Wendt, and Thikiri Yee. Each of the students listed have uniquely contributed to the promotion of diversity at the University of Mary Washington by leading and participating in different clubs, cultural events, and workshops.





## 2013-2014 RISE Year-End Review

Resources Inspiring Student Excellence or RISE is a year-long peer mentoring program designed to connect a first-year student with an upperclassman. This year, RISE mentors and mentees participated in numerous social and campus related events, academic and personal development workshops, teambuilding activities, and cultural field trips.

Events included campus-wide activities like the Cross Cultural Barbeque, where student members from different cultural clubs gave an overview of their student organization and performances representing their respective culture. Other events included Taste of Asia, Kwanzaa, and the Multicultural Fair.

Social events included a bowling outing, game day and a trip to Golden Skate World, which offered skating, indoor trampoline, basketball, volleyball, and soccer, among other fun activities.

The academic and personal development workshops encompassed topics such as time management, choosing a major, internships and study abroad opportunities, and the importance of networking.

During some of the workshops, mentors and mentees participated in teambuilding exercises that helped them learn more things about each other.

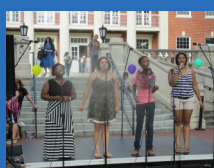
Finally, there were the cultural field trips. This year, RISE participants went on a walking tour in Washington D.C.,

where they toured the African Art Museum, the Asian Art Museum, Freer-Sackler Museum, and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Participants also visited the different monuments, e.g., the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument.



### Upcoming Events

- Cross Cultural Barbeque, Thursday, August 28, 2014, Ball Circle, 4 pm



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