

James Farmer Multicultural Center

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CULTURAL AWARENESS SERIES

2020-2021 Calendar of Events

Sept. 15 – Oct. 15	<i>Latino Identities Month</i>
October 2020	<i>Disability Awareness Month</i>
Oct. 19 - Oct. 24	<i>Gender and Sexual Minorities and Allies Celebration</i>
Oct. 26 – Oct. 31	<i>Asian Cultural Celebration</i>
Nov. 2 – Nov. 6	<i>Jewish Cultural Celebration</i>
Nov. 9 – Nov. 13	<i>Native American Cultural Celebration</i>
December 1	<i>Kwanzaa</i>
Jan. 25 – Jan. 30	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration</i>
February 2021	<i>Black History Month</i>
March 2021	<i>Women's History Month</i>
March 30	<i>Passover Seder</i>
April 5 – April 8	<i>Islamic Cultural Celebration</i>
Saturday, April 10 10 am – 5 pm	<i>31st Annual Multicultural Fair</i>

For information about upcoming events and programs at the James Farmer Multicultural Center, visit our website at students.umw.edu/multicultural or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



#UMWRun4Justice

*UMW Women's Lacrosse,
Women of Color, and Black
Student Association*

Thank you to the hundreds of supporters, who ran, walked, rolled, and shared information about the #UMWRun4Justice on July 25-26. This event was cosponsored by the UMW Women's Lacrosse team, Black Student Association, and Women of Color, as well as Alumni Relations, who helped spread the word. We are pleased to share that over \$2900 was raised to support Black Lives Matter and social justice initiatives on campus and we are forever grateful for your generosity.

Stay informed through our website and social media for updates on future initiatives.



JFMC Hosts Summer Edition of Social Justice & Leadership Summit

Featuring social justice dialogues and screening of ACTIVIZED

Each year in March, the JFMC hosts the Social Justice and Leadership Summit for UMW students. The purpose of the Summit is to create a valuable and meaningful opportunity for UMW students to enhance their awareness of social justice issues and learn about strategies and resources to effectively address and respond to them. Additionally, the Summit provides 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 and in American society.

However, due to the onset of COVID-19 in this country and the transition to remote learning by the campus in mid-March, this event was postponed until the fall semester. When national protests and racial unrest this summer led to a global Black Lives Matter movement taking over the news cycle, we produced an abridged summer version of the Summit. Our focus was to achieve the same goals and to address what we are still dealing with regarding current social justice issues in this country.

The JFMC staff, led by Chris Williams, assistant director; Dr. Sabrina Johnson, vice president for equity and access/CDO; and Dr. Erin Devlin, associate professor in History and American Studies coordinated this abridged version of the Summit and scheduled it for Thursday, July 9, 2020. The original theme was “No Justice Without Action.” This theme was adopted for this summer event. There were 73 students who registered to participate in the Summit.



The Summit took place for three hours from 4 pm – 7 pm and included a screening of the documentary, ACTIVIZED, followed by a live question and answer period with two of the activists featured in the documentary, Vikiana Petit-Homme and Gerald Givens. Afterwards, the students participated in small group discussions focused on five different topics. The topics were: Building Coalitions, Direct Action and Street Demonstrations, Graphic and Creative Arts, Lobbying and Legislative Change, and Practical Assistance and Logistics. The Summit concluded with a summary report from each of the discussion groups. Many of the students who participated in the Summit stated that it motivated them to become more involved in social justice and civic engagement activities on campus and in the broader community, as well. Overall, this summer edition of the Summit was a huge success and provided an enriching experience for everyone.



**Academic Building
Renamed
James
Farmer Hall**

“I wanted you to be aware that the Board of Visitors made a momentous decision today. James Farmer Hall is the new name for 80-year-old Trinkle Hall. The unanimous vote is a long overdue recognition of the diversity of those who have made the University of Mary Washington a better place to live, work, and learn. Read about the change [here](#), and when you’re on campus, check out the new (temporary) sign.”

Troy Paino

Email to UMW Campus Community on July 24, 2020