



Multicultural Leadership Council

The University of Mary Washington has over 100 clubs and organizations, but highlighted here are some that deal specifically with multicultural and diversity issues. All of Mary Washington's recognized student organizations welcome students of all genders, identities, and backgrounds. Interest is the only requirement.

African Student Union (ASU)

We are an organization dedicated to cultivating Africa-centered dialogue and creativity. This year, we plan to hold celebratory events for the campus as well as productive dialogues during club meetings. If you enjoy intellectual gymnastics and different cultures, this is the club for you.

Alter Egos Step Team

Welcome to the Alter Egos Page! We are the step team on campus and we are guaranteed to shut it down! We use our hands and feet to make a step and coordinate dances in our performances as well. So check out the Alter Egos on campus. AE! Step Team!

Arab Culture Club

Ahlan wa Sahlan! The Arab Culture Club (ACC) aims to promote study of the Arabic language and raise awareness of Arab customs and culture in the campus community. The club will pursue these goals through bi-weekly meetings that will include interesting presentations, Arab movies, fun games and bonding time!

Asian Student Association (ASA)

The goal of the Asian Student Association of the University of Mary Washington is to promote the appreciation and understanding of Asia through social, educational, and cultural activities. The ASA consists of members with Asian and non-Asian nationalities who wish to embrace and share the Asian culture.

Belly Dance Team

This performance team is dedicated to empowering dancers who share interest and enthusiasm for Belly Dance, creativity and camaraderie. We spend each semester performing a new piece and learning about the various forms of oriental dance.

Black Student Association (BSA)

An active organization that serves to create a forum for students of all races to learn about the cultures and history of African-Americans. Educate and address contemporary issues affecting the African-American community and Black people throughout the diaspora.

Brothers of a New Direction (BOND)

Brothers of a New Direction (BOND) operates under the slogan "May we keep his flame burning; for we can form a community in which we can hear his story." We provide a support system and serve as an outlet and forum for the discussion of political as well as personal problems affecting men of color as a whole. Through instilling a sense of brotherhood in our members, we strive to increase pride in our community while strengthening the presence and participation of men of color within every level of our community.

Comb As You Are

Comb As You Are is a natural club intended to educate members of the community about naturally styling and caring for the body. The primary focus of the club will be natural hair, but lessons will extend through skin, nails, health, beauty, and sustainability in the natural community.

Delta Alpha Pi

Delta Alpha Pi is an academic honor society founded to recognize high-achieving students with disabilities who are attending colleges (including community colleges) and universities as undergraduate or graduate students. This dynamic organization celebrates and supports academic achievement, leadership and advocacy for post-secondary students with disabilities.

DiversAbility

DiversAbility is a club at UMW dedicated to creating an understanding and supportive environment for students with disabilities. All students are welcome to join. The mission of our club is to increase awareness about disabilities and disorders, thus contributing to a more understanding Mary Washington community.

Eagle Bhangra

Eagle Bhangra contributes meaningfully to the diversity of experience at the University of Mary Washington. This organization is a performance team that appeals to students of all cultures that are interested in the dance, dress of Bhangra's South Asian and Central Asian roots.

Jewish Student Association (JSA)

Jewish Student Association (JSA) is an educational club celebrating cultural diversity, but concentrates on Jewish culture. JSA spreads awareness of Jewish culture to the UMW community through various educational events, and by working with other organizations.

Latino Student Association (LSA)

This club is to celebrate, enhance, and create more awareness of Latin-American culture at The University of Mary Washington. This is done by celebration, volunteerism, and support for students and residents alike from every other background, ethnicity and age. Please come join and see what we're all about!

Muslim Student Association (MSA)

The purpose of this club is to increase the understanding of Islam and Islamic culture, traditions and people through open dialogue, weekly bonding events, campus-wide fundraisers & festive celebrations! MSA is open to any and all who are interested in learning more about Islamic practice throughout the world and the uniqueness of this culture! (Formerly Islamic Student Association)

Native American Student Association (NASA)

As an organized body of student advocates and allies, the mission of The Native American Student Association is to support the development of an inclusive culturally pluralistic campus environment, where Native American heritage is accepted and celebrated. Also, to bring a diverse community of students together that educates others on the different aspects of Native American cultures while serving as a platform and support system for those who share an interest and/or a background of Native American culture.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) College Chapter

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of ALL people in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM)

This is a come-as-you-are club. It doesn't matter what gender or sexuality you identify with, you are welcome here! PRISM is an education-based club focusing on issues and information that pertains to gender and sexual minorities. Don't worry about it being an "educational" club because we have a lot of fun and hope you will too. We know that the last thing you want to do is go to a lecture when you've spent all day in class. We are going to hang out and have a good time in a safe and welcoming environment, and if you learn something new along the way — that's great!

Praise Dance Team

UMW Praise Dance is a liturgical dance group that incorporates music and movement as a form of worship and an expression of art. Our group embraces dancers with all levels of ability and is dedicated to bringing a powerful praise atmosphere to the UMW community. Anyone who feels spiritual joy and wants to express it through dance can join in and are encouraged to do so.

Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity (SEED)

The purpose of Students Education and Empowering Diversity (SEED) is to raise awareness on campus about diversity and other cultures through dynamic workshops and residential facilitations.

Talk to the Hands

Hello! Welcome to Talk To The Hands. Here, we learn about American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture. We learn signs in all different categories, such as the alphabet, numbers, basic greetings, family members and friends, descriptions, nature, education, and much more! Follow us on Instagram @umwsign!

Voices of Praise (VOP)

Voices of Praise is the UMW Gospel Ensemble on campus. We come together to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through worship. We have a lot of exciting things happening this semester including Gospelfest and Multicultural Fair! We are excited for what God is doing on campus and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Women of Color (WOC)

Women of Color (WOC) is comprised of women and men of various backgrounds and races. As a campus organization, we add to the awareness of all minority women, and also function as a support group that helps students feel comfortable on our campus. Throughout the academic year, we sponsor popular events such as the Step Show, and seek to increase the consciousness of our organization and the issues that we support. Come join us, and experience diversity.