

Dr. Devonya N. Havis is MLK Speaker



On Wednesday, February 6, 2013, join Canisius College in celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) with food for the body and nourishment for the heart and mind. The guest speaker will be Canisius College Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Devonya N. Havis, PhD. This free program, which is part of the *Soup With Substance* series, and is open to the public, will take place in Regis South on the second floor of the Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center from 12:00-12:30 p.m. A 15-minute Q & A session will follow the talk.

Dr. Havis will speak on "Civil Rights/Human Rights: Reflections on King's Philosophical Connection with Malcolm X." Her goal is to introduce the more radical Dr. King to contrast with a sanitized version of Dr. King to further explain her contention that Dr. King and Malcolm X were not so far apart in their conceptions of Black Liberation.

The MLK program will open and close with prayer from Campus Ministry and will feature a performance by celebrated gospel singer, Ms. Bessie Patterson, who coordinates Buffalo's Annual MLK Celebration at Kleinhans Music Hall. Her performance will include a selection of her choice and "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Canisius' Undergraduate Student Association and the Afro American Society will also participate.

Free soup and a beverage will be provided by Chartwells Dining Services. In addition to ASC and Chartwells, sponsors of the annual program are Canisius' MLK Awards Committee, Campus Ministry, and the Andrew L. Bouwhuis Library.

Native American Fireart Workshop

To celebrate national Native American Heritage Month, which is in November, Mr. Earl Dionne from Woodland Visions Native Arts of Ontario, Canada, will present an interactive program known as

fireart, where tools are used to burn designs onto slabs of wood. Open to the Canisius community as a *Soup With Substance* program on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, this is sponsored by ASC and Chartwells Dining Services, which will provide free "Three Sisters Soup" and a beverage. The Fireart Workshop will take place in the Steffan Faculty Dining Room (FDR) near the cafeteria in the Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will be able to make and keep the wood projects as they also learn about aspects of Native American traditions.



ALANA Student Center and Chartwells Dining Services present

Breaking Boundaries Workshop Unites Students

Sean Santiago '13



On Saturday, November 3, 2012, I had the pleasure of attending the Breaking Boundaries workshop that was organized by Eliza Fields '13 and sponsored by Afro American Society. In collaboration with Canisius College graduate and Fulbright scholar Kouliga Koala '12 from Burkina Faso, and his association, AFAMCulture-Light, this workshop sought to increase cultural awareness between Americans and West Africans alike through the discussion of commonly held stereotypes, misconceptions and controversial issues.

Beginning with an overview of the various West African countries, along with their prevalent languages, customs and leaders, we proceeded to talk about the common stereotypes we had encountered regarding West Africa/Africans or Africa/Africans in general. This conversation was made all the more interesting by the fact that several individuals who participated in the workshop are of African descent and brought a new perspective to many of the topics. After a short lunch break, that featured homemade Senegalese pastries prepared by Ndeye Aissatou Ndiaye '13, a current MBA graduate student from Senegal, we



Young people from Burkina Faso in West Africa Skype with students from Canisius College during the Breaking Boundaries Workshop.

arrived at the part we had all been waiting for: the Skype conference with AFAMCulture-Light in Burkina Faso. This was my favorite part of the workshop because it provoked a lot of discussion about some controversial yet important cultural issues. It was a wonderful experience of learning and sharing across all boundaries.

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Next ASC Event:

December 1: Chill Out, 90s-themed recreation for students, 7:30 p.m.—10 p.m. in Grupp Fireside Lounge. Games, snacks provided. For more information, contact hemminga@canisius.edu.

"To come to know the world is to be wise. To come to know oneself is to be enlightened. To come to know the Universe is to be one with all." From "The Healing Drum" by Blackwolf Jones, MS, CAS & Gina Jones

Alums in Focus

Jacob Harris III '07



During my undergraduate stay at Canisius, I dedicated most of my time to my studies, but I also found the time to explore various extracurricular activities. I was privileged to be a member of the Urban Leadership Learning Community. I took great pride in being a part of such a prestigious group of ALANA scholars. Within the ULLC, I received constant encouragement from my peers and countless learning experiences made possible by the staff. Of the many clubs I joined, some of my fondest memories are from my involvement with the Afro American Society, the Gospel Ensemble, and ALANA Student Center's Poetry Ensemble.

My coursework fully prepared me to enter into the "work world" right after graduation. I was blessed to find employment in Atlanta, Georgia as an Elementary School Teacher. I taught 4th grade for four years before being offered a new position. I currently teach Science Lab to kindergarten through 5th grade students.

As an African American male, I am no stranger to the adversities we as people of color are faced with on a daily basis. At times, it may seem as if the odds are against us, and in some cases they very well may be. However, it is at those times where we must put forth the extra effort to be successful. It is very hard to make it on your own. We as people of color should feel obligated to not only work toward achieving our own goals, but to help our counterparts along the way. A strong sense of community can go a long way. I am reminded of an adage that remains true, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" -- such a simple phrase, yet so powerful. The future of the City of Buffalo and our Nation is in your hands. Take pride in everything that you do because your work may very well be encouragement for someone else.

Bill Davis Scholarship Offers \$500 Awards

Undergraduate students have the opportunity to win a \$500 award! The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Conference on Multicultural Affairs (AJCU-CMA) again is offering the "Bill Davis Scholarship" in honor of the late Mr. Bill Davis, the director of the project Upward Bound, Loyola University of Chicago, 1969-1990, and one of the founding members of AJCU-CMA. Another founding member, Ms. Lilly Adams-Dudley, serves as Associate Dean/Director of Canisius' Opportunity Programs in Education (COPE). The Bill Davis Scholarship is open to students from all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities of the AJCU, and it commemorates his commitment to education, public image and youth motivation.

There are two \$500 awards available. To be eligible, you must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, attending a Jesuit College or University, and you must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Winners will be selected from four regions: Northeast Region, Southeast Region, Midwest Region and West Region. Canisius College has been fortunate to have had winning candidates in the past. ASC is available to assist students interested in applying this academic year. ASC will help you with the application and will submit the material for you, including covering the mailing cost. Contact ASC at Frisch Hall 008, or by phone at 716-888-2787, and be prepared to submit all materials, including the application, by **Monday, April 15, 2013**. ASC will proofread for you and then forward all materials to the AJCU-CMA.

Students Benefit from Heritage Quizzes

Maria Linares '15



ASC recently announced the winners of its Latino/a Heritage Quiz for national Latino/a Heritage Month, celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15. We send a special thanks to Michael Odojewski, event management coordinator, for drawing our quiz winners. We also thank the 30 students who participated. Cultural heritage quizzes give students a chance to inform themselves through questions about the histories, traditions, and contributions of a culture; in this case it is Hispanic American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America or the Caribbean. The first place prize, a \$50.00 Master Card gift card, went to Arian Johnson '14. The second prize recipient, Christine Frank '14, received a \$25.00 Master Card gift card. Third place award winner Amman West '15 received two movie tickets to the Regal Cinemas.

Both undergraduate and graduate students can enter another heritage quiz this November focusing on the rich and diverse cultures, histories, traditions, and important contributions of Native American peoples.

A Jesuit's Perspective

Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J.
Director, Mission & Identity



November is one hopping month! Try one of these three things each day to keep you in tune with the season: First, recall a friend, family member, or ancestor who has gone before you. What in particular about this person do you wish to emulate? Second, give thanks each day for an experience of grace from this particular day. Three, dive deeper into your Canisius education and grow in wisdom!

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