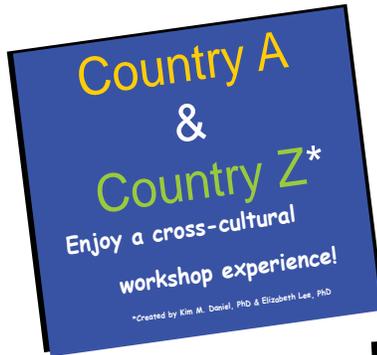




Attention First-year Students!



Canisius College co-facilitators:
Ms. Esther Northman (IPP)
Mr. Sababu Norris (OMP)

- Experience cultural & ethnic diversity in a non-threatening environment.
- Increase your awareness of cultural/ethnic bias.
- Practice cultural/ethnic understanding & communication.

Door Prizes!

Reserve your spot TODAY (or by October 6) in the Office of International Programs & Partnerships (IPP) x 2785, located in Horan O'Donnell 014, or the Office of Multicultural Programs (OMP) x2787, located in the Frisch Tunnel

**Tuesday,
October 26
4pm-6pm
Grupp Lounge**
(Student Center, 2nd Floor)
Refreshments Provided!
Due to a LIMITED number of spots available, this program is for first-year students only.

Congratulations to The Afro-American Society and its New Advisor!

Dr. Devonya Havis, assistant professor in the Philosophy Department, has been selected as the new Advisor to the Afro-American Society. OMP wishes the Society and Dr. Havis a successful and productive academic year!



New OMP Graduate Assistant

My name is Tishana Daniel '12, and I am the new graduate assistant in the Office of Multicultural Programs (OMP). I was born on the beautiful twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago, but grew up and spent the majority of my life in Bronx, New York.



I earned my bachelor's degree in anthropology and social science interdisciplinary program with a concentration in mental health and a minor in African and African American studies from the University at Buffalo, SUNY. My interaction with and dedication to students at the undergraduate level has led me to pursue a master's degree in college student personnel administration at Canisius College.

I am only a walk away, so please stop by OMP and introduce yourself. OMP is here for you!

Upcoming ALANA Retreat

I hope everyone has had a fun, enjoyable, and relaxing summer. I am co-chairing the ALANA retreat with Alejandro Nunez '11 that is set to take place in the spring of 2011.



Alejandro Nunez

The retreat will be split into two parts. In part one, we are going to have different faculty, alumni, and respected community members talk to the group about a variety of topics (for example: how to network, how to get acclimated to a Jesuit college, women and men of color health issues, etc). Part two will be a ropes course. It will help the group work on communication and team building. Lunch will also be provided free-of-charge.

If you have any questions or want to get involved as a committee member, you can email me at radneyj@canisius.edu, or Alejandro at nuneza@canisius.edu or stop in OMP and ask to see Sababu.

We, along with 20 or more members of the college serving on the committee, are putting this retreat together for the students. We are going to have a lot of fun. Hope you will join us!



Julian Radney

Sincerely, Julian Radney '11, Co-Chair, ALANA Retreat

Note: AHANA stands for African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, and Native American. Canisius College substitutes "Latino/a" for "Hispanic," and uses the acronym, ALANA.

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities-- Conference on Multicultural Affairs (AJCU-CMA)

OMP's director received recognition as one of the recipients of a new honor called the "CMA Legend Award" at this past June's AJCU-CMA conference at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Sababu received this Certificate of Recognition for "more than 20 years of dedicated service, leadership to the organization, and sustaining the mission."

Among the recipients, Dr. Donald Brown, former director of the Office of AHANA Student Programs at Boston College, is credited with nationally promoting the AHANA* acronym.



Institutions represented in the group of recipients: Boston College, Canisius College, College of the Holy Cross, Fairfield University, Fordham University, Le Moyne College, Loyola University Maryland, and St. Saint Joseph's University. (Dr. Brown, fourth from right; Sababu, last on right) Photo courtesy of AJCU-CMA.

[*See AHANA note on bottom of next column.]

**ALANA Students at Canisius
Fall 2010**

Grad/Under Grad	GR	UG	Total	
Native American	4	12	16	
Asian American	22	62	84	
African American	111	192	303	
Latino/a American	27	74	101	
Total	164	340	504	

Gender	F	M	N*	Total
Native American	7	8	1	16
Asian American	45	39	----	84
African American	190	112	1	303
Latino/a American	48	53	----	101
Total	290	212	2	504

*Indicates not reported

Recent OMP Presentations

Over the summer, OMP's director, Sababu, OMP's new graduate assistant, Tishana Daniel '12, OMP's Administrative Associate, Tori Brady '06, and Mike Slish '11, former CEEP and Student Coordinator in OMP, gave presentations about OMP and its services to Canisius students. Presentations were given to incoming COPE/HEOP and Urban Learning Leadership Community students, residence assistants, and the Undergraduate Student Association. Overall, approximately 114 students heard these presentations.

Meeting President Obama

by Mike Slish '11

At a spring family gathering my brother informed me that President Obama would be visiting his company when he came to Buffalo on May 13, 2010. Jokingly, I asked if I could stop by that day and meet the President. He said he'd look into it. Four days later I was clearing Secret Service and on the way to Obama's town meeting on May 13, 2010!



President Obama



Mike Slish with President Obama in the background (OMP's former CEEP student)

There was great excitement in the room as he talked to the group. He gave off a very genuine, caring feeling as he delivered his message to the small crowd of about 125 people. He spoke personally to us about issues that matter in Buffalo such as the economy, job creation, education, and health care. He addressed issues that people in towns like Buffalo face: a shrinking

population, a decline in available jobs, and increasing taxes.

President Obama was very warm and personable as he spoke with the crowd and greeted them at the end of the event, taking time to shake hands and speak one-on-one with some of the guests. The day became even more memorable as I had the chance to greet the President myself and shake his hand!



President Obama speaking to the crowd

Photos courtesy of Mike Slish '11

Alums in Focus

**“Hooks, Lines, Sinkers, Oh My....
Strikes, Spares, Gutter Balls, Oh My...
Friendships Everlasting...
Oh Yes!”**

by Earl Farber-BS '97, MS '99



Earl (center) and friends!

To say that the OMP has affected my life would be a monumental understatement. OMP has worked with me since 1992 as I grew and continue to grow. As a young Caucasian male with minimal experience with folks from differing backgrounds and ethnicities, OMP was able to open my eyes to the wonderful world of diversity. I was able to begin to see all that I had missed before attending Canisius College.

As I continued to grow up and made the commitment to marry my wife Lora, OMP and Sababu Norris were there to support and mentor me. Being a good husband knows no skin color or ethnic group; thus the guidance I received from Sababu was inspirational to say the least.

Since moving on from my days at Canisius College I've had many great opportunities to repay my alma mater and cherished mentor by sharing some of my greatest passions. I began a short while ago introducing Sababu to the world of bowling. We've seen improvement along the way; more graceful approaches and pins actually falling (I think I still owe him one more lesson). On another occasion, I opened up my home in the country and hosted Sababu and three students (one from China and two from Japan). My wife, kids and I thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent sharing stories with our new friends. During this gathering I also brought my new friends to the shores of Lake Ontario. We spent a few hours catching MANY LARGE fish (hey, it's my story).

Through my adult life, and certainly with respect to my professional life as a school principal, the lessons that OMP taught me, and has continued to teach me through my communication with Sababu, are something I will always cherish.

Earl is currently the school principal at Hillside Children's Center, Andrews-Trahey Campus School, Rochester, NY.

**Kind words can be short
and easy to speak,
But their echoes are truly endless.**

Mother Teresa

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