welcome to another exciting year with the hedgeman center!

although it’s only october, a great deal has already happened at hamline and in the hedgeman center, including retreats, hispanic heritage month, coming out week, welcome back events, and the multicultural mosaic, and a move to our new home in the anderson center. the “this is my story” and the student success series have also begun. we’ve also welcomed new student staff including, beza guadu, esha seth, and juan puente with bri brown returning.

our new home in the anderson center allows us to offer exciting new initiatives, while still providing the programs and activities many of you have come to look forward to year after year. as in our old home, students and guests will find a warm, welcoming environment with supportive staff, solid programs, lively discussions, countless meetings, and even an occasional potluck or reception. you also find all of the staff in one location for the first time in seven years. keisha blackman, bao thao, steph wilenchek and i are all looking forward to seeing and be of assistance to you throughout the year.

with so much behind us already, but so much ahead of us this semester also, i invite you to start or continue joining us for the many upcoming programs, activities and initiatives we have in store to complement your academic experience. continue to read our “hedgeman happenings” notices, email, flyers, calendars, website and facebook account for all the information about what’s happening. our student organizations, safe zone network, ncore network and staff are all busy putting the finishing touches on academic, cultural, social, political and personally enriching events for you.

and, as always, please let us know if there’s anything we can do to support your success and experience at hamline. call, email or stop by the office anytime. we’d love to see and hear from you.

- carlos d. sneed, director
  hedgeman center for student diversity initiatives and programs

hispanic heritage month events

the hispanic and latino organization (halo) will be sponsoring events during this time to celebration of history, culture, achievements and contributions made by latinos. halo kicked off hispanic heritage month with a very successful latino karaoke night. they will also have the fiesta latina, which people will experience different type of foods, and performances and many more noted below. please see below for event dates, locations and times.

september 20 - karaoke night
bush student center lobby; 6:30 pm
come sing along with their annual karaoke night! they will have music in both english and spanish.

september 26 - film & discussion
304 anderson center; 7:00 pm
movie screening and discussion. “precious knowledge”, a documentary film about the ethnic ban in tucson, az. discussion to follow the film, and snacks will be provided.

october 3 - luz maria frias
east hall 106; 6:00 pm
hispanic heritage month keynote speaker, frias is the vice president of community philanthropy at the minneapolis foundation. she is a top aide and advocate for latino rights. she was previously the executive director of central legal, a st. paul based latino advocacy group.

october 6 - “this is my story” - hispanic-latino/a community
100e giddens learning center; 11:20 am

october 10 - fiesta latina
heights quad; 4:30 pm
come celebrate the culmination of hispanic heritage month with halo’s annual fiesta. there will be amazing authentic hispanic food and many games!
Hedgeman Center’s first initiative of the year, a pre-orientation program, is the Multicultural Mosaic. This program is one of the most important programs to helping new students transition to Hamline University. Held from August 29–September 1, thirty-nine new Hamline students from diverse racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation participated in this program. Many upper-class students who participated in their first year also volunteered to help make this program successful.

During the course of three and a half days, new students participated in sessions focused on culture and identity, gender and sexuality, race, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic class. Participants also learned about themselves and their multiple identities, as well as other diverse identities and communities. In addition, they learned about what it means to be an informed, engaged and empowered student committed to dismantling various forms of discrimination and oppression. Keyonis Johnson (’14) who returned as upper-class volunteer, recalled her experience during her first year, “in the Multicultural Mosaic, the sessions ignited a flame inside of me to continue promoting diversity, social and racial justice work here on campus.”

Other sessions, such as Academics @HU, upper-class student panel, and the Personality Inventory, aimed to helped students get a head-start at Hamline. They addressed transition to college and accessing university resources, Nuuria Osman, one of this year’s participants said, “It (The Multicultural Mosaic) was a great way to meet new people who I could definitely relate to. We all got along great and most of the people who were there will be my friends for a long time.”

Participants not only established connections with each other, they also were able to meet Hamline faculty/staff and upper class students. Many upper-class students volunteered during the program to assist with the sessions, and connect and help participants with their transition in Hamline. Keyonis described her experience as “beyond amazing.” She adds, “I built a lot of great friendships with the first years and look forward to another amazing year.”

A special THANK YOU to faculty, staff and the upper-class volunteers who are so essential in the success of this program. Your time and presence is so appreciated!

A reunion is set for Monday, November 12th at 4 pm, Student center HUB. During the reunion participants will be able to reconnect, discuss their transition and experience thus far as well as continue to learn about a social justice topic. We will first watch a theater performance, THEORY OF MIND. The production is about Asberger’s Syndrome, then have dinner and conversation after the performance. Please RSVP at 523-2423.

PICTURED: 2012 Multicultural Mosaic participants and upper class volunteers
The 2012 Horizons Student Empowerment Retreat provided opportunities for new and returning students to get acquainted, build stronger support systems, learn about our diverse communities and discuss issues of importance to diverse communities. In addition to team building activities, networking, interactive sessions on important college and campus issues, students participate in a bonfire and other fun activities. This year the retreat was held September 28-29 at Camp Friendship, a 90-minute drive northwest of Saint Paul.

The theme of the retreat this year was ‘Walk a Mile in My Shoes.’ A diverse group of 62 first-year, sophomore, junior and senior students participated. Many of the students have participated in this retreat more than once over the last few years and continued to come to make lasting friendships and learn more and more about campus diversity issues.

Pa Xiong Vang, a freshman and first time participant, said, “I did not only learn more about myself and others but I also learn how I can be apart of an understanding community and how we should work together.”

Most of the retreat activities were centered on the theme to help participants learn about the diverse backgrounds present in the group. Activities ranged from learning about different identities and communities, including religions, gender and sexual orientation identities.

In the team competition, participants were divided into eight teams and participated in three activities, Religious Life Jeopardy, Retreat Olympics and Life at Hamline, which was a informational fair focused on helping students become acquainted with university resources.

The retreat culminated with the annual closing activity which made all the students feel rejuvenated, appreciated and ready to take on the rest of the semester with much more confidence, while also helping students feel connected each other.

Top 5 Reasons Student Participated in the Retreat:

- To meet, network and/or interact with new students;
- Attended the retreat in the past;
- To learn about specific issues affecting diverse communities;
- To build bridges between and network with different Hamline communities;
- Thought the retreat programs and sessions would be beneficial.

“The retreat was just as fun to attend and to participate as it was to coordinate. It’s an unforgettable experience that has had an everlasting impression of the students and to me as the coordinator. I now feel more confident in m ability to plan and organize events, and I feel more confident and better prepared for future events. The Olympics was my favorite session. It was exciting to see that many people wanting to have their faces covered in pie! - Juan Puentes ('13)
This is My Story
11:20 AM—12:45 PM
100E Giddens Learning Center

The monthly discussion series, This Is My Story, invites members of the university and local communities to share personal stories about their racial and cultural identities and journeys.

October 6: Hispanic/Latino Community Members

Robert Rivera is Assistant Director of Hamline’s Center for Excellence in Urban Teaching. He received a two-year degree from the Air Force Community College, his bachelors in History from Augsburg College and is currently working on his Master’s degree in Education at Hamline. His experience as a first generation urban student in Los Angeles, CA gives him great insight into the plight of urban students in the Twin Cities.

Kristina Perez is a first-year student at Hamline Law School. She has Caucasian and Mexican ancestry. Kristina is also a first generation college graduate who attended Hamline for three semester before finishing her bachelor’s degree from Winona State University. She is from Winona, Minnesota and is the daughter of a single mother. She would like to share with students concept of "you don't have to leave behind who you are to create who you want to be."

Louis Mendoza is a faculty member at the University of Minnesota in the Chicano and American Studies programs. In addition to his department duties, Mendoza is also an Associate Vice Provost in the Office for Equity and Diversity. He was the Chair of the Department of Chicano Studies (2004-07) at the University of Minnesota. His research interests include Chicana/o Literary and Cultural Studies, U.S. immigration, prison literature, and oral histories.

FALL 2012 SCHEDULE

November 1: GLBTQ Parents and Families
December 6: Religious Identities

SPRING 2013 SCHEDULE

February 7: Black Community Members
March 7: White American Community Members
April 4: Community Activists
Becky Kaarbo is the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. The Office of Student Activities is responsible for coordinating a variety of campus programs including: Homecoming Week, Family Weekend, Intramural Events, and Weekend and Late Night Programs.

Becky also supervises the Hamline Programming Board which organizes a variety of social, entertaining and educational programs for the Hamline community. In this role, Becky gets a chance to work directly with students and members of the Hamline community. Becky says, “I supervise some of the most amazing student workers on campus. They are such hard workers and really value making sure their programs are enhancing the overall student experience on campus.”

Becky has a master’s degree in Leadership and Student Affairs from the University of St. Thomas in which she was required to hold at least two assistantships, one of which she completed while working with the Student Activities Office at Hamline.

After graduating with her Masters’ degree, Becky worked with University of Wisconsin-Stout where she gained professional experience in managing events, leadership and student organizations for three years. After moving back to the Twin Cities, she jumped at the opportunity for applying for her current position.

Apart from her busy life at Hamline, Becky likes being in the company of her friends and family, enjoying a food meal or playing volleyball in the summer.

Becky’s advice to students is to get involved as much as possible because “(Hamline) is home and not just where you go to classes; so take advantage of it now while you still have the ability to take naps between classes.”

Becky’s office is in 319 Anderson Center. Rkaarbo01@hamline.edu is her email address or you may call her at 651-523-2638.
As a new student at Hamline, Kenny Ngo, has already has already started to make his mark on campus.

Kenny chose to come to Hamline because he “wanted not only an expansive education, but also one that will improve me as a person.” In addition to Hamline’s education standards and values, his friends and also high school English teacher, who is an alum of Hamline, were also big factors in his decision to come to Hamline.

Before coming to Hamline, Kenny was worried that he would not make any friends so he decided to participated in the Multicultural Mosaic. Kenny stated, “During the Multicultural Mosaic and Piper Passages, I felt embraced by the Hamline community. I also met many people who would help me through my college life.” The Multicultural Mosaic also gave him an opportunity to interact with many new with similar feelings which helped him overcome his fears and now he can hardly manage his time.

Kenny initially considered majoring in Philosophy but now wants to major in Women’s Studies and Creative Writing. “The topics of equality and diversity fascinate me because I hope to make a change in the world. Plus, Creative Writing gives me an outlet in which I can express my views.” he added.

Voice and Vision Newsletter Editor: Esha Seth

Hello! Welcome to another exciting academic year! I am an international student from India. I am currently a junior and I am the new Publications Program Assistant this year at the Hedgeman Center. I will be responsible for writing and editing Voice and Vision, Hedgeman Center's quarterly newsletter, which will provide you with a glance of what the Hedgeman Center will be up to this year. Hopefully you will take advantage of the opportunities to get involved with our community, meet new people, learn about diversity and university issues, and see what the Hedgeman Center has to offer for you.
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**Upcoming events:**

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305 Anderson Center
6:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 16**
**Tabling: Games and Trivia**
Anderson Center Lobby
11:30 AM
Stop at the table to play games and test your knowledge of Africa’s culture and history

In recognition of National Coming Out Week, Spectrum will host various events through the week.

**Monday, October 8**
**Selling Spectrum T-Shirt**
Anderson Center, First Floor
11:30 am - 1:00 pm & 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 9**
**FILM Screening: ”But I’m A Cheerleader”**
Bush Student Center, HUB
6:00 - 9:00 pm
FREE pizza and discussion to follow

**Wednesday, October 10**
**Ice Cream and Kickball**
Old Main Mall (Rain Site Walker Field House)
4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Thursday, October 11**
**Coming Out Vigil**
Bush Student Center Chapel
8:00 - 10:00 pm

**Friday, October 12**
**Professional Drag Show**
Bush Student Center Ballroom
7:00 - 10:00 pm

Rachael Mills (’15) and Bri Brown (’15) at the 2012 Human Rights Campaign Dinner in Minneapolis.

**SPECTRUM is Hamline’s all-inclusive LGBTQIA organization, run by students, for students. Spectrum seeks to promote diversity, education and dialogue concerning a range of queer and allied identities and issues through regular meetings and events. Above all, their goal is to provide a safe space for building a community for all Hamline students.**

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October 15 - 19

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**Wednesday, October 17**
**Keynote Speaker Jesse Mongrue:**
“Liberia: American’s Footprint in Africa”
111 Anderson Center
4:00 PM
Jesse Mongrue is an education and historian on relations between United States and Liberia. Among the many other awards and accomplishments

**Thursday, October 18**
**Tabling: Games and Trivia**
Anderson Center Lobby
11:30 AM
Stop at the table to play games and test your knowledge of Africa’s culture and history

**Friday, October 19**
**Pamoja African Night**
Kay Fredericks Room, Klas Center
7:00 PM
Come and celebrate African's rich culture featuring dance drumming, poetry, art and fashion!
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