

VOICE AND VISION

THE HEDGEMAN CENTER FOR STUDENT DIVERSITY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS - NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Hedgeman Center!

Statement of Purpose:

Named in honor of Hamline University's first graduate of color, Anna Arnold Hedgeman (1922), the Hedgeman Center for Student Diversity Initiatives and Programs helps create and sustain an inclusive community that appreciates, celebrates, and advances student and campus diversity at Hamline University.

The Hedgeman Center helps create and sustain a welcoming and supportive community that appreciates, celebrates, and advances culture and identity at Hamline University. We support and promote the success of all students, including college students seeking assistance with navigating campus life and students adjusting to being away from home. In partnership with other university departments, our staff and initiatives help prepare all students to live, serve, and succeed in a global environment.



**Anna Arnold
Hedgeman**

Hamline University
Class of 1922



Dr. Kareem Watts

Director of Hedgeman
Center for Student
Diversity Programs &
Initiatives



Dear Hamline Community,

I know many of you are in the midst of midterms or preparing for them in the coming weeks. Wishing you success—whether you're studying in groups or flying solo. When you can, take a break and pull up to the Hedgeman Center for one of our engaging programs. Stay focused—you got this!

Peace & Blessings,

Dr. Kareem Watts
Director of The Hedgeman Center

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Student Organizations

Multicultural Alliance

The Hedgeman Center is proud to support and advise the following student organizations that celebrate diversity, leadership, and advocacy:

Asian Pacific American Coalition

- *The Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC) strives to provide a support group for Asian-American students and to educate about Asian cultures through programs and guest speakers. APAC's main events are Asian Heritage Month, the Asian Dance Festival, and the Chinese New Year Celebration.*

Black Student Collective

- *Since 1969, the Black Student Collective (BSC) has been a student organization that serves as a support system for student members as well as an educational tool for the campus and community. Although membership is diverse, BSC's main focus is on African-American issues.*

East African Student Union

- *East African Student Union (EASU) connects and strengthens individuals within our united Ethiopian and Eritrean communities here at Hamline while working with other local colleges, universities, and other community organizations.*

First Generation Scholars

- *First Generation Scholars is a dynamic organization dedicated to supporting first-generation college students throughout their academic careers. Our community offers a wealth of resources, including personalized guidance, mentorship programs, and networking events.*

Global Student Society

- *The Global Student Society (GSS) welcomes both international and domestic students. We are an organization that aims to connect domestic students with international students, and ultimately promote diversity.*

Hamline African Student Association

- *The Hamline African Student Association (HASA) is committed to nourishing cultural, intellectual, political, and economic awareness of the African continent. It seeks to create a forum where Africans and others can come together and openly discuss issues concerning Africans while educating the university and community at large about Africa and its rich cultures and values.*

Hamline Indigenous Peoples Society

- *The Hamline Indigenous Peoples Society (HIPS) provides students of Native American descent with an organization that helps them connect with their heritage while empowering them. Through events and activities, HIPS also educates the larger Hamline University community about Native American issues, whether cultural or political.*

Hmong Student Association

- *The Hmong Student Association (HSA) is an extension of APAC. Hmong students wish to share their culture with other students and the campus community through dialogue, events, and activities. Also active in planning Asian Heritage Month, HSA's biggest event is the Hmong New Year Celebration.*

Hamline Unidos

- *The goal of Hamline Unidos is to provide culturally enriching experiences for members and the campus community while establishing professional networks with community organizations and corporate Hispanic groups.*

Hamline Spectrum

- *The purpose of Spectrum is to provide awareness and a community of inclusivity about and for LGBTQ+ people, as well as those with related identities and allies. They encourage understanding, tolerance, and self pride by having meetings at least every other week that reflect these values as well as creating social events with the same mentality in mind.*

Upcoming Programs & Events

Resume & Interview Workshop

STEPS Session

Student Transition Empowerment Programs for Success



This session is designed to help you build a strong, professional resume and sharpen your interview skills. Learn what employers look for and how to effectively showcase your experience and strengths. Leave feeling confident and prepared for internships, part-time jobs, and post-graduation opportunities.

★ Date: : March 4, 2026

★ Time: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Location: Anderson 319

JAE LOUWAGIE

Career Development
Specialist

Food and raffle Prizes!

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STEPS: Resume Builder & Interview

Wednesday, March 4th 4:30-5:30pm

Anderson 319

Hello Pipers are you ready to build a strong professional resume and improve your interview skills? Join us for this informative workshop, presented by **Jae Louwagie** (Career Development Specialist) in collaboration with the Hedgeman Center.

The STEPs sessions are designed to assist students in successfully navigating their university journey. **Food & raffle prizes** at the event.



Hedgeman Center Karaoke Night

HEDGEMAN CENTER KARAOKE NIGHT



MONDAY, MARCH 16TH
6:00-8:30 PM
ANDERSON CENTER 112

Pull up for an exciting Karaoke Competition!

There will be the Student Organization Karaoke Contest and a competition for individual singers with prizes. There will also be an open mic session for everyone else who wants to sing. Refreshments provided as well.

Stop by the Hedgeman Center to sign-up and select your song in advance.

The Hedgeman Center
Anderson Center 319
hedgemancenter@hamline.edu



Karaoke Night

Monday, March 16th 6:00pm- 8:30pm

Anderson Center 112

Hedgeman Center Karaoke is back! Join us for a fun night of singing, open mic and competitions. Win **prizes**, and enjoy some **refreshments**. All are welcome!

Visit the www.miadorr.com website to look at the songbook.

New Resources

Join TRiO!

TRiO Student Support Services is a home for first-generation students, students from low-income households, and students with disabilities on the Hamline campus.

Apply today!



COMMUNITY

Through cohort advising, retreats, and social events, TRiO students build a community of peers to learn from and lean on as they navigate college.

HOLISTIC ADVISING

TRiO advisors provide academic advising, academic coaching, career counseling, and assistance with financial aid and scholarships.

OPPORTUNITY

TRiO helps students hone academic skills, prepare for early career success, develop financial literacy, visit grad schools, build a professional network, and enjoy free field trips.

Connect with TRiO

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TRiO

TRiO provides academic advising, career counseling, assistance with financial aid and scholarships, and more for first generation students, students from low-income households and students with disabilities. You can learn more by checking out the attached flyer or going to hamline.edu/trio.

If you are eligible for TRiO, we encourage you to apply. And if you have any questions, reach out to Katie Jumbe at kjumbe01@hamline.edu.

Highlights!



STEPS Study Abroad

Special thanks and a **BIG** shout out to **Leila DeVriese** (GEC Director & professor), **Suda Ishida** (Communication Studies professor), and **Zaid Alwaisi** (PAC Lead Mentor) for a wonderful Study Abroad presentation, featuring student testimonials from **Frog Tolstad** and **Ajani Rowland**.

Men of Color: Real Talk Hour



We had an excellent Real Talk session last month. One powerful takeaway was learning how to channel anger in a healthy, productive way—without causing harm.

A special thank you to **Hussein Rajput** - HU Director of C&HS and **Ignatius Pham** - Practicum Counselor,

Join us for the next Real Talk **Mar. 24th**
@ 11:30 at the **Hedgeman Center**.

Save The Date!

April 7 - 10	Social Justice Symposium
April 23 4 - 5:30pm	Hedgeman Honors & Awards

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