

AFRO FIESTA DESI SOUL 2017

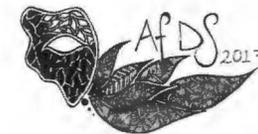
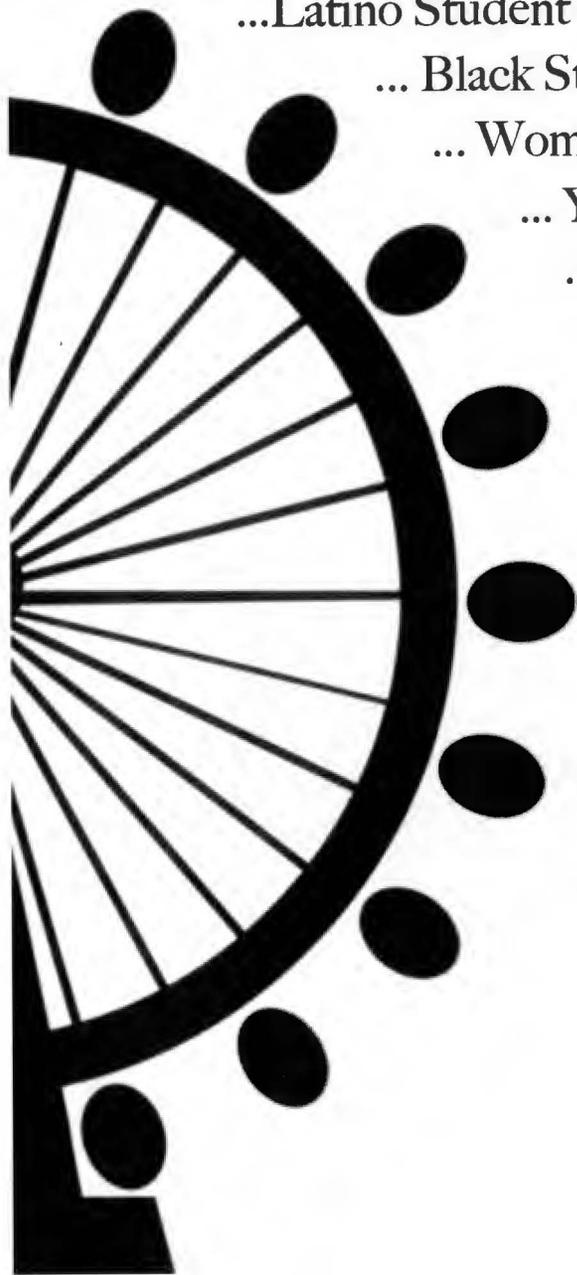
CARNIVAL



KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

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Greetings!.

Afro Fiesta Desi Soul (AFDS) is an annual event that was first started in Fall 2008 as La Fiesta Desi Soul. It was a collaboration between the Black Student Organization, the Latino Student Organization, K Desi, and OSI. In the years since then, it has grown to include many other organizations including KalamaAfrica, Caribbean Society, the Muslim Student Association, the Arabic Club, the Women of Color Alliance, and the Young Men of Color. Due to the increasing participation of other student organizations, the name was changed to Afro Fiesta Desi Soul to reflect this change. This year is the 7th year AFDS has been hosted on this campus and the theme is Carnival.

AFDS gives the different ethnic identity-based organizations at K an opportunity to come together to celebrate their respective cultures in a safe space. This allows members from each organization to learn about other cultures and how, despite the differences, we are all in this together. AFDS creates an atmosphere of acceptance and gives the members of these organizations a feeling of belonging as they see their cultures being celebrated and embraced by others on this campus.

This year's theme of Carnival stems from this idea of celebration of culture and AFDS achieves this celebration of cultures through food, performances, dancing, and other traditions that are shared with the campus.

On behalf of the planning committee, we invite you to share in and enjoy this unique and awe-inspiring experience!

- Alejandro Alaniz and Lizbeth Mendoza Pineda



REGION OF REPRESENTATION

Indonesia, Pakistan,
India, Bangladesh, Egypt,
Nigeria, Iran, Turkey, Algeria,
Morocco, Iraq, Saudi Arabia,
Sudan, etc

OTHER INFORMATION

We are a part of AFDS because we believe it is a great medium by which we can share our culture while simultaneously learning about the cultures of our fellow peers.



MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Muslim Student Association is to promote community among Muslim students on campus, and to act as a resource for others who may be curious about Islam. Countries in region your StuOrg represents.

MSA E-BOARD

Sundas Sohail
Azra Ahmad
Faizan Mohammed

POPULAR EVENTS

Dearborn trip with
Arabic Club in the Spring
and fishbowl event in the Fall.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETS
THURSDAY AT 7PM IN UPJOHN LIBRARY BY THE COFFEE SHOP

BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATION



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Black Student Organization of Kalamazoo College is to provide an atmosphere that is culturally conducive for increasing awareness regarding African-American culture as an organization. We seek to expand the experiences of both B.S.O. members and the Kalamazoo College community as a whole to achieve this goal. We develop activities and programs which will facilitate educating the entire campus.

BSO E-BOARD

Tricia LaCaze
Madison Triplet
Randi Fisher

POPULAR EVENTS

Black Excellence Dinner
Cultural Awareness Troupe (CAT)
Escape the Hive: D.C. Trip

BSO MEETS EVERY TUESDAY
AT 9 PM IN HICKS IIIA AND B

YOUNG MEN OF COLOR



MISSION STATEMENT

The Young Men of Color (YMC) at Kalamazoo College empowers young men to strive for success by cultivating and enriching relationships with the campus community and greater Kalamazoo.

YMC E-BOARD

Marlon Gonzalez
Quincy Crosby
Aaron McKay
Shon Powell
Jonathan Aleman

POPULAR EVENTS

Super Bowl Watching Party
Think Tank
Block Party

OTHER INFORMATION

As an organization composed of people from all over the world, we appreciate having a night where the entire campus comes together to celebrate everyone and their culture. AFDS reminds us of the beauty in our differences and of coming together as one.

YMC MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
AT 9PM IN THE BASEMENT OF SEVERN

ARABIC CLUB



MISSION STATEMENT

Arabic Club is not only a communal space for Arab students on this campus, but also a place for anybody curious and interested in learning about Arab culture and tradition, as well as practicing the Arabic language.

E-BOARD

Mousa Ghannam
Bianca Delgado
Noura Khayat
Suma Alzouhayli

POPULAR EVENTS

Screening of the
film *Two Blue
Lines in the Spring*.

ARABIC CLUB MEETS
EVERY THURSDAY AT
6PM IN HICKS ROOM III B

REGIONS OF REPRESENTATION

The 22 Middle Eastern Countries

A.P.I.S.A.

REGIONS OF REPRESENTATION

Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, Hmong, the Philippines, and many more.

APISA E-BOARD

Sakada Phal
Kimberly Yang
Briann Millan
Eli Orenstein
Simon Li

POPULAR EVENTS

AsiaFest,
MAASU
Fall Leadership Retreat
and Spring Conference
World Night

OTHER INFORMATION

We are a part of AFDS in order to promote the beautiful diversity of our campus. AFDS showcases awesome food and performances from countries around the world, and we feel compelled to join this event to share our amazing culture. We believe that AFDS is important because it's a chance to introduce different traditions to the larger K community.

MISSION STATEMENT

APISA is dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of Asian Pacific Islander cultures and values. We work in order to develop and intercultural bridge within the Kalamazoo College community, in the Midwest, and beyond.



K-DESI



K-DESI E-BOARD

Arju Patel, Ansh Chaudhary, Shivani Rana,
Vishesh Saharan, Reesha Kesho

MISSION STATEMENT

K Desi strives to unite individuals from various backgrounds to preserve and promote South Asian cultures and religions. We thrive to create cultural awareness on the Kalamazoo College campus and throughout the surrounding community.

K-DESI
MEETS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM
IN HICKS ROOM IIIA AND B

REGIONS OF REPRESENTATION
India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan,
Bangladesh and Bhutan

OTHER INFORMATION

We're a part of AFDS because we feel it is important to embrace and show our culture to others. AFDS is an important event where everyone can get a feel for the vast and diverse cultures at K and in the world. It is also important that K-Desi represents the South Asian community here at K and are able to celebrate and commemorate our culture here on campus.

KALAMA-AFRICA

E-BOARD

Belinda Chipayi
Lionel Niyongabire
Tapiwa Chikungwa

POPULAR EVENTS

Africa Night
World Night
Yale African
Leadership Conference



KALAMA - AFRICA MEETS EVERY
SUNDAY AT 5PM IN THE INTERCULTURAL

REGIONS OF REPRESENTATION

The African countries are: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape (Cabo) Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

MISSION STATEMENT

Kalama-Africa is an African student organization that aims to create a sense of belonging for students who share an African heritage, as well as students interested in African culture on the Kalamazoo College campus. The organization strives to engage members of the larger K community in a dialogue towards a greater understanding of the multifaceted cultures found within the African continent.

WOMAN OF COLOR ALLIANCE



WOCA E-BOARD

Sarena Brown
Yuridia Gutierrez
Nkatha Mwenda
Karina Duarte
Daniela Rojas

WOCA MEETS EVERY THURSDAY
AT 6PM IN HICKS ROOM IIIA AND B

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Women of Color Alliance is to celebrate identity and sisterhood between women of color through an inclusive and empowering space propelled by the diversity we see in one another. We will amplify our narratives, cultivate creativity, establish mutual respect, and exemplify academic excellence as a collective force.

FACTS & OTHER INFORMATION

AFDS allows us to highlight our presence on campus. We work to create a space for ourselves at AFDS to celebrate our identities, our unique backgrounds. It's a night where everyone can begin to learn from one another while also appreciating our differences. AFDS allows us to engage and learn about each other's diverse backgrounds and therefore strengthening our sisterhood bond.

Our e-board structure follows
a horizontal leadership

Our started in the
spring of 2015.

LATINO STUDENT ORGANIZATION



MISSION STATEMENT

The Latino Student Organization (LSO) strives to create a sense of community within Kalamazoo College and the greater Kalamazoo area. In order to encourage the success and well being of each of its members, we aspire to provide opportunities for academic achievement, professional advancement, and leadership development. This community will provide a space for others to learn and celebrate Latino values, beliefs, and traditions by offering a positive and welcoming environment similar to that of a family.

LSO E-BOARD

Alejandro Jaramillo
Michelle Alba
Alejandro Alaniz
Ashley Santana
Gil Gonzalez

POPULAR EVENTS

K Desi & LSO Chicago Trip,
World Night,
Noche de Juegos (Fall 2017)

REGIONS OF REPRESENTATION

Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and more

LSO meets every Tuesday at 6pm in the Hicks Banquet Hall

To those who made this possible...



Thank
you

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- Lizbeth Mendoza Pineda

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