SAVE THE DATE
This year’s 17th annual Celebration of the Graduation of Students of African Descent will be held on Friday, May 9th at 5:30pm in the Student Center 120AB.

This year’s theme will be Kujichagulia (koo-jee-cha-goo-LEE-ah), which means “self-determination” and is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. This is the second year we have used one of the Kwanzaa principles as the theme. Last year we celebrated Nia, which means “purpose.”

We are excited to welcome Mr. Bertram Scott, DePaul University Trustee, to deliver the keynote remarks this year. In addition, Fr. Holtschneider will also be in attendance. We hope that you will be able to join us as well. Please be on the lookout for future emails regarding event registration, opportunities to volunteer, or how DPUBLC may use your help.

We hope to see you all on May 9th!

Sending out an S.O.S call….

DPUBLC is requesting the assistance of all faculty and staff members of DePaul University as we prepare for our 17th annual Graduation Celebration for Students of African Descent on Friday, May 9th, 2014. All of the graduates participating in the program receive a kinte stole including students graduating in the School for New Learning B.A. Programme in Kenya. The stoles are made in Africa and cost $20 each. We are asking you to consider sponsoring a stole for one of the graduating students or making a donation of any amount towards that end. This is an excellent way to support our students, the program and DPUBLC. Donor names will be included in the event program. To make a donation, send an email to DPUBLC@depaul.edu and we will arrange a convenient time to pickup or receive your payment.

2nd Annual Sankofa Black Student Leadership Retreat
DePaul University is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Sankofa Black Student Leadership Retreat for 2014. During April 2nd – 4th, fifty of DePaul’s most dynamic student leaders of color will venture to beautiful George Williams College for a powerful weekend of unity, culture and leadership development. During the Sankofa Retreat, key student leaders are invited to experience a series of sessions highlighting important areas of leadership growth for today’s world. Under the leadership of University Ministry and key student Affairs professionals, students will explore the dynamics of Conflict Resolution, Group Unity, Cross-Cultural Communication and the role of Race Identity curriculum. The Sankofa retreat provides a safe space for black students to observe, discuss and engage in critical thinking exercises that emphasis the need for spiritual development, self-awareness, cultural recognition and community unity.

Annual King Worship Celebration. Tuesday, January 21, 6pm. Student Center - MPR 120
The King Worship Celebration is a full-on gospel music and preaching service rooted in the black church tradition. This service brings together all students, staff and faculty of faith to praise and worship God for the work, and legacy of Rev. Dr. King. Attendees will hear the University Ministry Choir as well a powerful sermon from one of Chicago’s most prominent preachers and religious leaders. For more information please contact Pastor Keith Baltimore at kbaltimo@depaul.edu

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