Identity and Inclusion: When Difference Makes the Difference

This year all five of DePaul’s affinity groups came together to host the inaugural “Identity and Inclusion: When Difference Makes the Difference” diversity forum. Hosted by the President’s Diversity Council and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity, this was a collaborative engagement, historic event, and great way for the university’s faculty and staff network with each other.

The diversity forum was attended by Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., Elizabeth Ortiz, vice president for Institutional Diversity and Equity, and Dr. Patricia Arredondo, president of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Arredondo served as the opening keynote for the event. Rev. Holtschneider and Elizabeth Ortiz both welcomed the attendees to the day’s activities and remarked how diversity and inclusion have made an impact on their personal and professional lives.

DPUBLIC members who supported the event, “Thank You” for coming out and showing your support. We look forward to seeing you at more of our events!

Sending out an S.O.S call….

DPUBLIC 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 DPUBLIC. Donor names will be included in the event program. To make a donation, send an email to DPUBLIC@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.