



THE DRUM

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 21st, 2014
12:00pm—1:00pm
Lincoln Park: Student Center, 380

DPUBLIC ELECTIONS!!

Come and learn about those who are interested in continuing and leading our community for the 2014-2016 term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

17th Annual Celebration of the Graduation of Students of African Descent
May 9, 2014
4:30pm
LPC, Student Center, 120AB

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE:
Passport to DePaul: Black Global Village
Monday, September 15, 2014
10am-6pm, in the Cortelyou Commons

For more information about the event or to get involved, staff should to contact Juelle Daley, jdaley1@depaul.edu and faculty should contact Dr. Valerie Johnson, vjohnso5@depaul.edu

Are you a dedicated leader? DPUBLIC is looking for individuals who are interested in making an impact on the community and serve on the DPUBLIC Executive Committee. If interested email DPUBLIC@depaul.edu

Are you interested in sharing some helpful tips, promote an upcoming program, or provide some uplifting story for our community? Email DPUBLIC and your story may be added into one of the future issues of **The DRUM**.

2013 - 2014 Year In Review

The DPUBLIC Executive Council sought to provide a diverse offering of information, events and activities for our constituency in 2013 – 2014. Below is a recap of our efforts:

- *Key institutional leaders at monthly meetings including: Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz, VP of OIDE; Stephanie Smith, VP of Human Resources; and Dr. David Kalsbeek, Sr. VP of EM&M*
- *First multi-campus DPUBLIC meeting via the Polycom conferencing system.*
- *Networking socials on each campus*
- *The State of Black Males in America forum held on the Loop Campus*
- *Diversity Forum planned, presented and hosted in coalition with DePaul University recognized affinity groups and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity*
- *Co-sponsorship of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Brunch with the Center for Intercultural Programs and "I AM A MAN TOO" program with the Center for Black Diaspora*
- *DPUBLIC Theatre Night in support of our colleague Phyllis Griffin who directed "A Free Man of Color"*
- *Bi-monthly communications of The DRUM newsletter*
- *Email notifications of various events and opportunities contributed by our colleagues throughout the year*
- *The 17th Annual Graduation Celebration for Students of African Descent*

We hope that you found these offerings both helpful and interesting. We hope to see you continue your involvement with DPUBLIC at our future and ongoing events. Thank you for your support!

Thank You

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.

Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection

Did you know that the largest collection of African American history and literature in the Midwest resides within the Chicago Public Library's Vivian G. Harsh Collection? Vivian G. Harsh was the first African American librarian in the Chicago Public Library system. She began collecting books, photographs and clippings on the African American experience which today includes nearly 100,000 such items. The Harsh Collection resides within the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library on the South side.

In 1994 the Vivian G. Harsh Society, Inc. was formed to preserve and grow the Collection. In this the 20th anniversary of the Society, what better way to support the Vivian G. Harsh Collection and the work of the Society by becoming a Harsh Society member and supporting its events which help the Collection immensely?

On Saturday, June 28th, the Harsh Society Board will host its 17th Annual Black Music Month Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. Three-time Grammy Nominee, Billy Branch, will be the keynote speaker as we celebrate *Chicago Blues*. Tickets are \$40 and proceeds go to support the Collection. Contact Glenna Ousley for tickets and more information about the Vivian G. Harsh Society, Inc.

8th Annual President's Diversity Council Reception

The President's Diversity Council (PDC) is a presidential committee comprised of individuals from across the university who advise the president on matters of diversity and promote collaboration and communication to actualize DePaul's diversity goals and objectives. This year marks the 8th Annual PDC Reception which acknowledges the PDC members, achievements, university service and the BUILD Diversity Certificate Graduates. Come join the Office of Institutional Diversity & Equity and the President's Diversity Council on May 19, 2014 for a reception and to network with fellow colleagues. For more information visit: <https://pdcreception.eventbrite.com>

To learn more about DPUBLIC please visit:

<http://offices.depaul.edu/diversity/advocacy/diversity-partners/Pages/DPUBLIC.aspx>

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