President’s Awards for Diversity and Inclusion

The President’s Commission on Diversity and Inclusion is pleased to announce the development of two new President’s Awards for Diversity and Inclusion. Adding to the existing award, which is for faculty/exempt staff, the two new awards are for non-exempt staff and students. The purpose of these awards is to recognize institutional change agents who foster success for historically underrepresented populations, work through a lens of appreciation for diversity and advance an inclusive community for all at MSU. The guidelines are available on the PCDI website at http://www.murraystate.edu/HeaderMenu/Administration/PresidentsOffice/PresidentsCommissions/PresidentsCommissionDiversityInclusion.aspx. Please note the nomination deadline February 18, 2014. For additional information contact the PCDI at msu.pcdi@murraystate.edu.

BFSA Football Outing

BFSA members met on Saturday, October 5, 2013, to attend the MSU-Tennessee Tech football game. The game was attended by Greg Gierhart and daughter, Crystal Coleman, Vanessa Davis, Algie Graves and Stephanie Obaibglena. Future plans include attending a basketball game together in the winter. Details will be forthcoming.
Dr. Sonya G. Baker, soprano & Dr. Meeyoun Park, piano

presented a recital of songs and spirituals including selections by Bach, Schubert, Strauss, Beach, Ian Gordon, Burleigh, Bonds, and Hogan. The recitals were held on September 22 in Murray and October 3rd in Madisonville.

Staff Spotlight

Vanessa Davis works on the Building Services Team with Facilities Management. She cleans classrooms and offices. Ms. Davis grew up in Flint, Michigan and she has a daughter. Her hobbies include watching football and basketball as well as playing bingo. For 20 years, Ms. Davis has also worked in various medical positions. She has been a nurse and an EMT.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Omer Yayenie is an Associate Professor in Mathematics and Science, where he has been teaching since 2003. He received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Mathematics from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He also has a Master of Science and Ph. D. in Mathematics from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Emerging Scholars Institute Nurses of Color Mentoring Program Fall Meet and Greet

Friday, October 25, 2013 4:30-6:30 pm

Marvin D. Mills Multicultural Center For more information call 270-809-6836
November Meeting Agenda

12:30 pm  Call to Order and Dining (August Moon)
12:45 pm  Brief Business Meeting
1:00 pm   Dr. Lou Davidson Tillson, Professor
          Organizational Communication
1:30 pm   Adjourn

Workshop Title: Career Promotion Tips
Guest Presenter: Dr. Lou Davidson Tillson

Tired of watching other workers advance with their careers as you continue to exceed expectations, without promotions you deserve? Successful workers create their own paths leading to promotions. Laying a foundation for your success is so important!

Dr. Lou Davidson Tillson is a full professor and member of the graduate faculty in the Department of Organizational Communication. She earned her Ph.D. in organizational communication from The Ohio University in 1992 and has taught at Murray State University for the past 21 years. Dr. Tillson has held multiple administrative positions during her tenure at MSU, including Basic Course Director, Assistant Dean for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, and Hart College Head. An award-winning professor, she regularly teaches Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace, Managing Public Speaking Anxiety, Health Communication, and the Senior Seminar in Organizational Communication, for which she’s supervised more than 750 undergraduate research projects. She has co-authored a public speaking textbook, published 29 articles, and delivered more than 70 formal presentations. Dr. Tillson has received the Murray State University Board of Regents Award for Teaching Excellence (twice), and the Omicron Delta Kappa Advisor of the Year award for her work with the national communication honor society (Lambda Pi Eta). She has been named Communication Professional of the Year by the Kentucky Communication Association.

Employee Accomplishments

Dr. Brian Clardy has been reappointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to a third term to serve on the Board of the Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship. Congratulations!

Dr. Cory Brown, assistant professor in the department of early childhood and elementary education, has been selected to receive the Ashland Inc. Endowed Professorship in the College of Education. The Ashland Inc. Endowed Professorship was established at Murray State University in 1999 by Ashland Oil Inc. along with matching funds from the state of Kentucky for the purpose of establishing partnerships with public elementary, middle and/or high schools to enhance teacher training quality. Congratulations!
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Black Student Council

Black Student Council President Ms. Courtney Brasher recently met with BFSA President, Dr. Crystal Coleman, to discuss partnerships between BSC and the BFSA. Potential partnerships include mentoring students with special needs and BFSA attendance at BSC events.

Black Student Council is an organization designed to cover on campus issues concerning students and the community and to uplift all African Americans. Active members of the council include peer advocates and Marvin Mills Scholars. For More Information Contact: Black Student Council, 110 Curris Center, Murray, Ky 42071, Tel: 270-809-6836, Fax: 270-809-3075, E-mail: multicultural.affairs@murraystate.edu.

MSU Alumni Local Book Signing Event

In an age of online dating sites one would think that the dating life as we know it, would not be difficult. *When Stranger’s Meet*, by Vanessa Harris, is a fictional story following the lives of two strangers. Both of them struggled on the dating scene until a chance encounter on the internet changed both of their lives forever. Ms. Harris graduated from MSU in May 2000 and as a native of Earlington. She began her writing journey at the age of 10. Starting with poetry and short stories in high school, she received accolades: “the most-improved student award” and 2nd Place in a Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest. Her journey continued with the release of her first novel, *At Last* in 2007. This novel won the “Bethel Outreach Ministries of Visionary Award.” Since then, she has published four other books including her latest, *When Stranger’s Meet*. Ms. Harris will be attending tent city at Homecoming 2013 as well as other festivities around campus that weekend.
Membership Application

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Department Unit/Name __________________________ Status (circle one) ___ Faculty ___ Staff

Events of Interest ________________________________

Annual Membership Dues are $25.00. They are due at the beginning of the fall semester of the academic year. Please make checks payable to Murray State University, put BFSA in the “memo” and forward to Donald Adongo, BFSA Treasurer at 6-A7 Faculty Hall.