Welcome to Winter 2016!

EvCC Diversity & Equity (Financial Services Specialist- DSHS) Louis Harris leads students in the Youth Development Program through an exercise.

Youth Development Program

The Youth Development Program (YDP) is focused on equipping students of African descent with the tools needed for college and career readiness. Students age 15-22 years old who are enrolled in a Snohomish County school are eligible to participate.

Students commit to eight Saturday meetings hosted at Everett Community College. The program is co-sponsored by EvCC and the Snohomish County NAACP. For more information about the program, please read The Herald’s article covering a past YDP Graduation!

On December 12, 2015, 21 students graduated from the Fall YDP program and each received a $200 scholarship. Congratulations to all of you! We wish you continued success and offer full support in your endeavors!

The Winter cohort will launch on Saturday, January 23 and we are currently recruiting student participants.

To participate in YDP or for more information, contact:
Blake Nakatsu: bnakatsu@everettcc.edu
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Real Talk Wednesdays, Jan. 20 – March 2

Real Talk Wednesday is an open forum where students, staff, faculty and community members engage in meaningful and courageous conversations about social justice issues and topics that impact our community. Join us Wednesdays from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Rainier BRIDGES Center (first floor), beginning Jan. 20.

Real Talk Topic for Jan. 20: Are we post-racial?

With the election of our first Black president, many felt that we were finally making a move towards being a post-racial society. Yet with everything we are seeing on the news, including rhetoric from presidential candidates, does it seem like we are moving in the wrong direction? What are people doing to help or hurt the situation?

Join the discussion! For more information, contact:
Diversity and Equity Center: diversity@everettcc.edu

Queer Questions, Straight Talk

Queer Questions, Straight Talk is a weekly open conversation to demystify, educate, advocate and move toward creating the change we envision: a culture that is safe, welcoming, accepting, and fair for all, including those who are LGBTQIA+. Join us every Tuesday from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Pride Center, Parks 221B (next to the cafeteria)!

For more information please contact:
Karl Ritter: kritter@everettcc.edu

3rd Annual R.I.S.E. Conference, Saturday, February 20

Resilient Individuals Seeking Equity (R.I.S.E.) is a day-long conference for students by students. R.I.S.E. explores identity, celebrates diversity, and brings awareness to issues faced by underrepresented groups. This unique experience gathers 300 students from higher education institutions across Washington state.

There will be workshops, keynote speakers, lunch, entertainment, and leadership opportunities throughout the day. Students will also be able to network with each other and community members.

The event will be Saturday, Feb. 20. It is free for current EvCC students. Community members pay a $20 registration fee. Registration will open on Friday, January 15 and will run through February 15. Registration is on a first come first serve basis, so register early! Go to the D&E Website to register.

For more information, contact:
Sufayatu Issaka: sxissaka@students.everettcc.edu

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MLK Clean-up Day

Monday, January 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Everett High School
Come volunteer! Let us all come together and make our local high school cleaner and safer for everybody. Students, staff, faculty, and community members of all ages are welcome. This is a great way to network with new people and honor the values of Martin Luther King Jr.

For more information, contact:
Abraham Landa: alanda@everettcc.edu

Diversity and Equity Center Open House!!

Wednesday, January 20, 12-1:30 p.m. in Parks 308
Everyone is welcome! Come see the expanded Diversity & Equity Center, meet new staff, learn about our programs, and enjoy light refreshments!

For more information, contact:
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College Goal Washington – Get Help Applying for Financial Aid

East County Campus: Wednesday, January 27, 6 p.m. at 14090 Fryelands Blvd SE, Monroe

Everett Campus: Saturday, January 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the main campus in Everett, Shuksan Hall, Room 141

Do you or anybody you know need money for college? Come to College Goal Washington, a free event that helps families complete their FAFSA or WASFA in order to potentially get money for college. Check the EvCC College Goal Washington website for details on what to bring to complete your application.

For more information, contact:
Liz Henry: ehenry@everettcc.edu (Everett event)
Cathy May: cmay@everettcc.edu (East County event)

Get involved!

Contact the Diversity & Equity Center:
Parks 308
425-388-9306
diversity@everettcc.edu

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