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A-State Multicultural Center Newsletter

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Events In The MC

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Non-Traditional Student

Lunch & Learn

11:00 a.m., Arkansas River Room, Student Union

The MC is helping the Writing Center advertise for their upcoming event MORTIFIED.

The organizers will be holding auditions October 10 and 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, stop by the Writing Center or email mortifiedatastate@gmail.com

Campus News

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

<u>A Talk on Early Country Music from</u> <u>Arkansas</u>

8:00pm-9:15pm, Humanities & Social Sciences

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

OPT workshop

11:00am-12:00pm, International Student Services

2017 Fall Proposal Development Series: Post Doc Mentoring Plans

12:00pm-1:00pm, Dean B. Ellis library

<u>Getting the Green: Small Business</u> Loans & Grants (Entrepreneurship & Innovation Speaker Series)

1:00pm-2:15pm, TBA

Thursday, October 12, 2017

<u>Alumnus Campus Visit: Special</u> <u>Invitation Research Talk with Mr.</u> <u>Gregory Phelps</u>

3:00 p.m., Library Room#338

In The Community

Craighead County Single Parent Scholarship Fund

October 14 and November 18

Representatives for the Single Parent Scholarship Fund will be working concession stands at A-State Football games. 10% of sales benefit the Craighead County Single Parent Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for single parents attending Arkansas State.

*In the past five years, this fund has awarded 360 scholarships which totals \$166,100, and the education completion rate of recipients is over 80%.

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Event Spotlight

On Tuesday, October 3rd the MC, in partnership with Global Initiatives, held a forum addressing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The purpose of the program was to inform students, faculty, and staff about the changes to the executive order, and educate them on how best to advocate and support those affected. On the panel fielding questions was Gina Gomez, director of the Hispanic Center, Ariel Snyder, local immigration lawyer, and David Nuñez, NEA organizer. Approximately 40 people came out to the program, a mixture of students, some faculty and staff, and a community resident. Overall comments about the event were very positive and many felt informed and inspired to take action.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

A student lead Depression Awareness panel was held Wednesday October 4 at 6pm in the Black River Room. Students were Ashley Erhart, Gina Jones, Taron Robinson, and Dominic Williams accompanied by faculty members Dr. McGregor and Dr. Pimpileton-Gray. The event was held to raise awareness on depression and anxiety. The event was a success, we had over 60 students and faculty attend. Students responded well to the panel and gave feedback that they were better informed about mental health. We would like to thank the counseling center for spearheading Depression Awareness week and for their collaboration on this event.

Staff Spotlight



This week's Staff Spotlight is Dr. Lorna Scaife! Lorna Scaife works in the Office of Student Support Services here at A-State. She holds a B.S. in Communications with an emphasis in broadcast journalism; a Juris Doctor in Law; and is a Certified Professional Educator. Ms. Lorna is originally from Springfield, Arkansas and is an A-State Alum. She enjoys working at A-State near her sister, who is a professor of Teacher Education, and spending the weekends watching her nephew play sports.

Having perused diverse careers, she has been a public school teacher, college writing professor, and worked for 3 Federal District Court Judges, this is by far her favorite career venture. Helping students map their goals and dreams and giving them a tangible plan to help reach those milestones is a greater feeling than she could have imagined. She has always been passionate about improving the lives of others and helping people become the best versions of themselves. Through a variety of diverse career paths, she took the scenic route to finally finding the most fulfilling way to achieve this.

Q & A with Dr. Lorna Scaife

What drew you to your current position?

Love for A-State and affinity for the people I works with and attended school with. Even after being gone for 15 years my 4 years here are still the best years of my life.

What is a goal you have for this academic year?

Working in an academic program for A-State students we have to look at numbers sand statistics. I would like to have more students on dean and chancellor list than on academic probation. We actually achieved it last year fall 2016 in the student support services program. However, my overall goal in my position is to help students connect to the university in a meaningful way so they can have the same memorable experience and passion for a-state that I have.

MC OPPORTUNITIES

- Have suggestions for us? We'd love to hear them! Let us know!
- Want to suggest a Student or Faculty/Staff spotlight? Email us!
- We are still looking for Non-Traditional Students who would be interested in joining the NTSO. Email us with the subject line -NTSO Membership.

Want to advertise an event with us? Please email Rachel with

your information.