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Hello Multicultural Alums! The NDSU Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach Office is proud to share with you our Multicultural Alumni E-Newsletter. By creating this newsletter, NDSU hopes to create a sense of belonging amongst our Multicultural Alumni as well as keep you all connected and in touch with developments affecting the university and alumni communities. By staying updated and informed about diversity at NDSU, we can all participate and help this campus grow into a community that is diverse, unified, and welcoming for all. You can also stay connected by LinkedIn and visiting our [FB Page](#) as well.

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NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

NDSU Alum Mike Favor enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame

NDSU Alum Mike Favor was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame July 16, 2011. Mike Favor started four years for the Bison, 1985 to 1988, and left NDSU one of the most decorated Bison players to ever come through Fargo, ND.

Favor led NDSU to three national championships in NCAA Division II Football with an overall record of 44-6-1 from 1985-1988 and two undefeated seasons. He was a two-time first All

American pick in 1987 and 1988, a two-time First Team All North Central Conference performer, voted Bison's MV lineman in 1988, started 51 consecutive games, was selected to the NCAA Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century in 1997, and was inducted in the Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

Favor received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Coaching from NDSU, went on to receive

his Masters in Urban Education from Hamline University, and is in the process of completing his Doctorate degree in Education from St. Cloud State.

We would like to congratulate Mike Favor on his enshrinement into the College Football Hall of Fame and are proud to call him an NDSU Alum!

For full story:
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Mike Favor**

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CONGRATULATIONS 2011 WINTER GRADUATES!

NDSU had 39 December 2011 graduates that identified as multicultural, five graduating with honors. We would like to congratulate all December graduates and wish them the best of luck as they leave NDSU and continue on to the career world!

NDSU senior Onam Liduba is an Education, Community Health Advocate

NDSU senior Onam Liduba spent most of his childhood trying to survive – war, separation from his family, homelessness, hunger and walks across the African desert with no food or water.

He survived. And no matter how bad conditions were, he pushed himself to learn, knowing his father wanted him to have an education. “His father sent him to take care of cattle instead of going to school, and that’s the reason he wasn’t educated,”

Liduba said, “But he learned to write and read the Bible in our language. He did not want to see what happened to him happen to his children.”

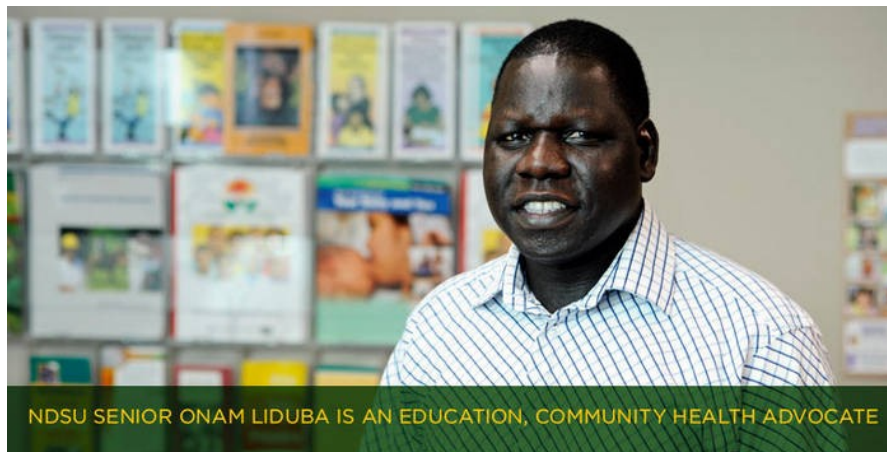
In May, Liduba, one of the lost boys of Sudan, will complete a step in what he calls his “journey to education” when he graduates from NDSU with a bachelor’s degree in community health education. “I started writing in dust and never gave up and now use a computer,” Liduba said.

“I don’t think anything will stop me from going to graduate school and beyond to make my papa happier.”

Liduba writes about his experience as a lost boy of Sudan through poetry.

[Click here for available poetry](#)

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Rounding Out the Campus Experience

The Equity and Diversity Center at NDSU enriches the campus experience by offering a wide variety of diversity events. All students, staff, and faculty are invited to our events and many of our programs are open to the community. This year, the EDC has balanced long-standing traditions with some first-time programs to reflect and celebrate our community.

During Fall 2011, we recognized Hispanic Heritage Month. Partnering with the student organization, Hispanic Organization of Latin America (HOLA), we offered free salsa dance lessons and hosted a student panel discussion about various Latin American countries NDSU students represent. Deb Maertens, Assistant Director of Faculty Immigrations at NDSU, also provided a session to highlight contributions of Hispanics to the United States.

In October, we provided Disability Awareness sessions promoting the concept of Universal Design as well as sessions about ability services available on our campus and in our community, including FREEDOM Resource Center.

For Coming Out Week in October, a variety of events were held to celebrate our LGBTQ community and to

provide opportunities for more campus members to become allies. Panel discussions included: Faith and Coming Out, featuring local Christian leaders, Out on Campus, and an allies panel. Another session analyzed LGBTQ representation (and misrepresentation) in the media.

In November, we hosted a first time reception to honor our NDSU Veterans. Former North Dakota Major General Michael Haugen and President Bresciani offered messages of thanks to the service men and women in attendance. We also held a flag raising ceremony and a panel discussion by various NDSU Veterans.

November also marked American Indian Heritage, initiated by a traditional smudging ceremony. Several events highlighted local Native American programs, and author Heid E. Erdrich was our featured guest at a poetry reading.

During Black History Month, we held Pan Africa Night; African Student Union and Black Student Association collaborated in this tradition to share a night of fashion, music, dancing and more. Other February Black History Events included a session remembering 20th Century

African American writers, a performance by local singer Rosie Sauvageau, and a culminating Community Gospel Concert.

This year also marks the 30th Anniversary of Women's Week at NDSU. This year's theme was "Run the World." A wide variety of events were held February 27-March 2. Many of this year's Women's Week events were inspired by the documentary Miss Representation, which brings together experts on the media's portrayal of women (Jean Kilbourne, Jackson Katz), women in the media (Rachel Maddow, Lisa Ling), and other experts and activists who demonstrate how misrepresentations contribute to the lack of women leaders.

In April we look forward to presenting NDSU's first time celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Collaborating with student groups, we are organizing a miniature fair featuring aspects of these cultures.

The Equity and Diversity Center is a partner to the Office of Multicultural Programs, collaborating on campus-wide program efforts. If you would like more information on programs facilitated by the Equity and Diversity Center, contact Regina Ranney, Diversity Program Coordinator: Regina.Ranney@ndsu.edu

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Thanks for Donations!

A special thank you to:

Judge Myron Bright



Your donation has truly helped the NDSU campus and will continue to help create a community where students can learn and expand their education in a welcoming environment.

If you would like to donate to the NDSU Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach department please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

[DONATE NOW](#)

We give our sincerest thank you for all donations made. Your contributions help to transform this campus into a diverse and united community where all can benefit from the numerous opportunities in higher education.

If any alumni are interested in mentoring NDSU students, providing internship or employment opportunities, or are interested in providing scholarships for NDSU students please contact:

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These opportunities benefit and prepare students extensively while also providing them with tools to learn and grow as individuals.

NDSU UPCOMING EVENTS

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

1,000 Wishes for Japan April 23-25:

Fold an origami crane and send your well wishes to Japan

Asian Culture Fair April 26

Room of Nations,
2 pm- 4 pm

Come enjoy and learn about a variety of Asian cultures and traditions

Save the Date

Green and Golden Globe Diversity Awards

April 16th, 2012

Great Plains Ballroom
Memorial Union

Reception: 3 pm
Ceremony: 3:30 pm

Other Event Links:

[Diversity Community Calendar](#)

[NDSU Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Bison Athletics Schedule](#)