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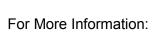
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### Welcome! From VP Myers

Hello Multicultural Alums, my name is Vice President Evie Myers and I would like to welcome you to our first E-Newsletter! Being the VP of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach, it is part of my job to oversee campus-wide efforts to create a community that is actively committed to inclusion and pluralism as well as a culture of international engagement. By creating this newsletter, I hope to create a sense of belonging amongst our

Multicultural Alumni as well as keep you connected to the campus. By keeping you 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.



VP of EDGO



Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach Evie Myers

### **New Diversity Initiatives**

### **Equity & Diversity**

### <u>Student</u>

#### **Ambassadors**

Equity & Diversity Student Ambassadors is a new leadership opportunity for students at NDSU. Students will be

nominated and have opportunities to develop skills in public speaking, facilitating discussions and networking with other students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and prospective students. Students will also have the opportunity to represent the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach at official University and division functions as well have mentoring opportunities.

For More Information:

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### **New Diversity Initiatives**

### Equity & Diversity Liaisons

The Equity and Diversity Liaisons is a new organization on campus formed by VP Myers and is comprised of faculty, staff, and student representatives. Members of the Equity and Diversity Liaisons will be facilitators and promoters of a welcoming and diverse campus. They will serve as a work group to actively work on issues related to equity and diversity and serve as a first contact for those within their division/college who may have a concern to bring forward. Also, being a facilitator and resource on campus, they will assist in training and educational activities and be a catalyst of NDSU's diversity initiatives and efforts.

For More Information:

**E&D Liaisons** 

### **Equity & Diversity Advisory Council**

The Equity & Diversity Advisory Council is also a new group on campus formed by VP Myers. The Equity and Diversity Advisory Council is comprised of representatives from each division and one from each college. Members of the Equity and Diversity Advisory Council will be advisors to the VP of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach, and advisors regarding relevant policy and program decisions. It is their responsibility to bring forth concerns and recommendations related to the work of the division and to communicate across campus the initiatives of the Division and Council.

For More Information:

**E&D Advisory Council** 

### <u>Tribal College</u> Partnerships Program

Jaclynn Davis Wallette is the new Tribal College Partnerships Program Coordinator for Tribal College and Community Outreach Initiatives this fall. As the coordinator for Tribal College and Community Outreach Initiatives, Davis Wallette will build on the work her predecessor began to strengthen relationships between NDSU and regional Tribal Colleges. In addition, she will expand the focus of the initiative to establish outreach efforts to regional tribal communities.

For More Information: Tribal College



Jaclynn Davis Wallette, Coordinator for Tribal College and Community Outreach Initiatives NDSU

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### **New Diversity Initiatives**

#### **Affinity Groups**

We are excited to announce that we will be creating Affinity Groups for our Multicultural and International Alumni. We will be creating the following Affinity Groups:

Black Alumni Hispanic Alumni International Alumni LGBTQ Alumni Native American Alumni

If you are interested in joining an Affinity Group, would like to take a leadership role, or would like to start your own Affinity Group please contact VP Myers at:

Evie.myers@ndsu.edu

#### **Global Council**

The NDSU Global Council is a newly formed organization comprised of faculty, staff and community members.

The NDSU Global Council will bring key stake-holders with institutional and community knowledge together to review the current state of internationalization at NDSU, develop a forward-thinking strategic plan for internationalization and begin the process of implementation.

#### **LGBTQ & Pride Network**

NDSU has many resources for LGBTQ individuals including Safe Zone, Gay-Straight+Alliance, and Pride Network. Safe Zone is a program designed to educate and provide information about sexual orientation/gender identity issues and provide resources within the community.

GayStraight+Alliance, a student organization, and Pride Network, an employee organization, are both committed to providing support and encouragement to the LGBTQ community on campus. They also serve to ensure a safe and inclusive campus community.

For More Information:

**LGBTQ** Resources

### The NEW Equity & Diversity Center

The Alba Bales House is now the new Equity and Diversity Center.

The Equity and Diversity Center offers many services including a computer lounge, full kitchen, tutoring sessions, and supports many diversity related activities. For More Information: <u>E & D Center</u>



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### **Thanks for Donations!**

A special thank you to:

### **Lorraine Murphy**



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 donations 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:

VP Myers evie.myers@ndsu.edu

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

### NDSU UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming is just around the corner and we would like to invite all Multicultural Alums to attend! If you are interested in attending please contact:

VP Myers evie.myers@ndsu.edu

There will be a reception held in the Equity and Diversity Center for all Multicultural Alumni attending.

**Homecoming** 



#### Other Event Links:

Diversity Community

<u>Calendar</u>

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#### Bison Football Schedule

#### Save the Date:

Alumni Arizona Trip Feb. 18 & 24-26 Meet VP Myers and other NDSU Alum