



# MSA Quarterly Newsletter

## Winter 2012



### Greetings!

As the newest member of the MSA family, I am pleased to welcome you to an exciting winter season! MSA enjoyed a successful and energizing fall quarter that included a vibrant Hispanic Heritage Celebration, engaging MSA INC session, and the development of several new programs, including Black and Latino male initiatives, Monthly Meals with MSA, and a Diversity Networking Reception.

As we embark on new things to come in 2012, MSA looks forward to strengthening our current partnerships and creating new ones!

Please visit our newly redesigned website at [www.northwestern.edu/msa](http://www.northwestern.edu/msa) to learn more.

Sincerely,

Charles C.M. Kellom, Director  
African American Student Affairs

### Upcoming Events

#### **A/AASA & NU-A5 Student/Alumni Networking**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, John Evans Alumni Center

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Networking Gala**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, John Evans Alumni Center

#### **Harambee**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Norris Louis Room

#### **MSA INC featuring Martha Biondi**

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12pm, 201 University Hall

### Words from Dr. Celeste Watkins-Hayes

On behalf of the Department of African American Studies, it is my sincere pleasure to wish you a very happy new year!

Our department represents a vibrant intellectual space on campus, and 2012 marks our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please visit our website at <http://www.afam.northwestern.edu/> to find out how you can participate in our celebratory activities and other exciting events sponsored throughout the year, including our Controversial Blackness series and a conference to showcase our phenomenal graduate program.

Each new year affords us the chance to create new beginnings. This year, I challenge you to seek opportunities to engage with others in a way that fosters a greater understanding of the differences that make us unique and valuable to the Northwestern community. It is my hope that we move forward capitalizing on our individual strengths and celebrating our collective success.

We look forward to seeing you this year!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Chair  
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# Fall 2011 Highlights



## MSA Student Leader Roundtable

On Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, student leaders gathered for the first of three MSA Student Leader Roundtables scheduled to take place throughout the year. Roundtables occur once a quarter to allow students from respective student populations to engage in dialogue and community growth. Vice President Telles-Irvin, also in attendance, spoke briefly and answered student questions. Her presence provided students a glimpse of the work she does within the Division of Student Affairs and throughout Northwestern.



## A/AASA Mentoring Program

The Asian/Asian American Student Affairs Mentoring Program held two primary events welcoming freshmen to Northwestern. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 40 first year and returning students met for fun, mingling, and dinner at 527 Café. The second program took place on November 18<sup>th</sup>, allowing students the chance to unwind and relax for an afternoon at the Norris Center Game Room. The event was filled with laughs, community building, and a great escape from the pressures of midterms.



## Festival LatiNU

This October, Alianza - the Hispanic/Latino Student Alliance and Hispanic/Latino Student Affairs hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival LatiNU to conclude Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Over 250 members of the Northwestern and Evanston communities enjoyed an evening full of authentic Latino cuisine and dance performances from Mexico and the Caribbean. The program closed with an open dance floor where guests had the opportunity to show off their fancy moves to live salsa music.

## MSA and UCS Employer Diversity Networking Reception and Workshop

Multicultural Student Affairs and University Career Services held two events that incited students to progress in their search for internships and careers. University Career Services provided a comprehensive workshop that educated and trained students to network more expertly. The workshop was followed by the Employer Diversity Networking Reception on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The reception was a great success, yielding over 80 students in attendance.

## AASA Welcome BBQ

African American Student Affairs kicked off the year with a BBQ to welcome the class of 2015. Co-sponsored by For Members Only (FMO) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the BBQ hosted over 150 faculty, staff, alumni, and students. Tyris Jones, Coordinator of FMO, and Amin Elsaed, President of NPHC, both gave a warm welcome, followed by remarks from Dr. Mary Pattillo of African American Studies and Casey Spruill, President of the Black Graduate Student Association. Three lucky students walked away with a set of prizes from the door raffle.

