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Black History is American History

Okalani Dawkins is a passionate Sophomore excited to create a better world through her passion for Civil Rights. In this talk, she highlights the importance of African American societies in America's history past the Civil Rights Movement, and why we need to pay more attention to matters like those as well. Okalani Dawkins is an ambitious sophomore who is on the path to dedicating her life to human rights.
advocacy. As the vice president of Amnesty International, she strives to convey a message of tolerance and solidarity among students, as well as to eradicate indifference toward recent social issues. Along with being a member of the California Scholarship Federation Club, a long-time volunteer at the Vista Library, and an avid speaker within her community, she hopes to use her passion for activism as a human rights lawyer. This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently organized by a local community. Learn more at https://www.ted.com/tedx
SNACK & CHAT: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Conversation around protesting and interactions with the police with Attorney Sean O'Mara from Student Legal Services

Thursday, February 10, 2022
at 2pm
Multicultural Student Center (MSC) in the Memorial Union 312

This event is free and open to everyone
Pre-packaged snacks provided

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INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIPS

PANEL ABOUT THE COMPLEXITIES OF BEING IN AN INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIP

FEBRUARY 14
12 - 1 PM
MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER

"THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INSTITUTION."
In celebration of Black History Month, the Maine Business School will present a special virtual screening of the documentary film, Trace the Line on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This film was produced by Bravebird, an indigenous and female-owned production company. A Q&A with the producers, Alejandro Miranda Cruz and Noel Miranda, will follow the screening. Trace the Line is a powerful narrative that follows the lives of two artists, one black and one white. These characters forge a relationship through the tumultuous year of 2020, showing what needs to happen for these two communities to work together and not against each other. Director Alejandro Miranda Cruz hopes that viewers will experience a truly authentic film that doesn’t have any answers but shows a lot of hope.

“Trace the Line offers an intimate look at life in the United States while living through a pandemic, a spotlight on racial inequality, and increased political division,” says C. Matt Graham, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business Information Systems. “The goal of sharing this film is to provide faculty, students and staff an opportunity to see life in these trying times through the lens of someone different than them. This film shows how art can be a medium to bring us together and remind us of what we have in common — our humanity.”

Alejandro Miranda Cruz, the director, producer, and screenwriter for Trace the Line, is fueled by a passion for creating authentic narratives that portray all people with dignity. He worked as an actor for 15 years, witnessing the lack of equity and diversity on set. With Huichol and Taíno roots, Miranda Cruz was routinely typecast as a delinquent, a gang member, and uneducated. As a script reader, he saw how stories of BIPOC communities were ignored and
dismissed. These experiences set him on the path to transforming the narrative pushed by film and advertising.

Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82403967296?pwd=UlAwUTh2L21OMkxkM2ZKN2duNlgvdz09#success

Black History Month
Climbing Night and Film Series

Thursday, February 17
Films: 6:00 - 7:30 PM * Climbing: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

February is Black History Month. Come into Maine Bound Adventure Center for a film series featuring Black outdoor athletes in a variety of sports including running, biking, skiing, and climbing!

We will have Maine Bounds staff available to belay and teach climbing skills after the film.
Pop Up Testing

Get tested for HIV!
Memorial Union, 223

Thursday, Feb. 17th: 10am-2pm
Thursday, March 3rd: 12-4pm
Tuesday, March 22nd: 10am-2pm
Thursday, April 7th: 12-4pm

Free and open to everyone!
ODI DiversiTee Party:

LBGTQ+ Student Experiences in Rural Maine

Featuring grad researcher Zach Davis

Rainbow Resource Center,
Memorial Union Rm 224
February 22 @ 2pm

Beverages and light snacks provided
YARN PARTY!

CALLING ALL CROCHET, KNITTING, AND OTHER YARN ARTISTS!

ANY EXPERIENCE LEVEL WELCOME!

BYO MATERIALS OR USE OURS!

Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 / 2-4 PM
Rainbow Resource Center
Room 224 Memorial Union

"THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INSTITUTION."
Applications for All Maine Women Class of 2023 are now open!

All Maine Women is the inclusive traditions society for rising seniors identifying as women, transwomen, or nonbinary that demonstrate exemplary leadership, scholarship, peer mentorship, and campus involvement at the University of Maine.

Nomination materials are available at bit.ly/AMW2023 and are due to hahudson1@gmail.com by Sunday, March 6th at 11:59PM.
LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS
3-4PM
RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTER (UNION 224)

For questions, contact Julia Taner at Julia.taner@maine.edu

This group is in partnership with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion and the University of Maine Counseling Center. This group is a private, non-confidential support group.

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From the dawn of time, African people have looked to the skies above for inspiration and guidance. Stargazers of Africa is a journey connecting the stars, moon and planets to the people across this great continent — from long ago to the stargazers of today. Experience African tales from the Yoruba people and a Nigerian story about the far away stars. Discover the African Stonehenge and moon calendars made from bones over 40,000 years ago.

Tickets for planetarium programs are $7 for Adults, $6 for UMaine Students/Veterans/Senior Citizens, and $5 for children under 12. Click here to view the Versant Power Astronomy Center calendar.

Tickets may be purchased online, by phone at 207.581.1341, or at the Versant Power Astronomy Center ticket box office prior to the show.
CELEBRATE

self love

THIS Valentine's Day

Friday, Feb. 18th
2-4 pm

Come talk self love while painting your nails or getting your nails painted!

In the IFRC room 227 of the Memorial Union

nail painting supplies provided

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Hello.

We hope your semester is going well.

You have been recommended to participate in the STEM Bridge program this spring! This faculty and peer-led mentoring program will meet weekly throughout the semester, providing opportunities to connect with other students, get one-on-one help from faculty, and engage in fun activities, all for free!
The meetings will begin this month and continue once a week until May. You will receive a $250 University Bookstore gift card for completing the program, and a free 3-day retreat on the Maine’s coast at Blueberry Cove from May 7-9.

Please join us for this exciting mentoring venture for first-generation students this semester. First-generation college students are the first in their families to earn a college degree even if a sibling is currently enrolled in college or has earned a degree.

Space is limited! Please sign up by completing this short (one minute) Google Form.

Qualifications:

- Must identify as a first-generation student
- Current Student in the Liberal Arts and Sciences or the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
- Preference will be given to first-year and sophomore students, but any student who meets the criteria above will be considered on an individual basis

You should do it because you will:

Build valuable connections with other first-generation students in STEM majors, faculty in your major and a first-gen peer mentor.

- Participate in a free adventure on the Maine coast, gain leadership skills, and reflect on your goals for the next school year.
- Receive a $250 gift card to the University Bookstore
- Work with a peer student and faculty who want to support your growth at UMaine and develop skills to help you succeed at the university.

Please contact the Division of Lifelong Learning with questions: um.summerprograms@maine.edu or 207-581-4750.

Sincerely,

Raphael Okutoro
Coordinator of Summer Programs
Division of Lifelong Learning
SOLIDARITY MEETING

A SAFE PLACE TO FIND SOLIDARITY! A PLACE TO SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS STUDENTS OF COLOR AT UMAINE

MEETING WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY IN PERSON STARTING 1/27/22 AT 5PM
SIGN UP VIA QR CODE OR THE LINK BELOW

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4D1OSt-g3muzNPDahJioU5PTQ8LZUHWCW9gujsV7_gUZTtw/viewform?usp=sf_link

For more questions, please contact frank.wang@maine.edu