Be a Fairy Godmother: bring in your prom dresses to support CONPac’s efforts!

One of the major changes to the student organization scene this year is the creation of the College of Nursing Programming Activities Committee (CONPac). CONPac consists of one member from each nursing organization to serve as their organization’s CONPac representative. The goals of CONPAC are to support the initiatives of student organizations, collaborate, help resolve issues student groups are experiencing, and to develop a strong community among student leaders in the College of Nursing. This quarter, CONPac, in association with Fairy Godmothers, Inc., is sponsoring a prom dress drive to help provide a special high school prom experience for qualified high school girls whose financial situations are such as otherwise would preclude their ability to attend their prom by providing them prom gowns, shoes, and similar accessories! The College of Nursing will be collecting gently used prom dresses and accessories thru February 19th. Drop-off boxes will be made available in the office of Student Affairs Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. Please visit: www.mypromdress.org to learn more about the Fairy Godmother, Inc. organization!

Q&A with Diversity Committee member Jen Robb

What is your role in the college?
As the Diversity Coordinator, I facilitate programs and opportunities that aim to increase the number of underrepresented students in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, and provide college and campus resources to current students for their academic success.

Why you are interested in and passionate about diversity?
I am passionate about diversity because it enables us to learn so much from each other. Diversity is exciting because it is limitless and gets us out of our comfort zone. It is so rewarding to be exposed to different ideas, values and cultures. Diversity is a constant reminder that we all have something to contribute and learn, and it helps us grow.

What are you proud of regarding diversity in the college?
There is so much to be proud of in our college, especially regarding diversity outreach and recruitment. We have many worthwhile programs that bring diverse groups of middle and high school students to campus. I am proud of the Student Ambassadors that consistently volunteer for these programs, and the TLC staff that add a fun interactive piece to each program. I am proud of the NSPIRE group that works to increase dialog about health care inequalities. I am also proud that all faculty and staff will be participating in the National Coalition Building Institute, a full day training that teaches effective leadership skills in the areas of prejudice reduction, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and coalition building.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I enjoy cooking, running, yoga, reading, and spending time with my supportive husband and friends.
Campus and college diversity events

**Nourish Yourself**  
**Date:** Thursday, February 18, 2010, 12-1:30pm  
**Location:** RPAC  
**Contact:** RSVP for lunch to Kerra Carson at kcarson@studentlife.osu.edu

Nourish Yourself is a monthly community dialogue to laugh, dish and discover some great tools to help you deal. Join us in an open and spirited atmosphere for some great food and company. This lecture topic: Parents Just Don’t Understand!: Family Expectations and Stress.

**Latin American Film Series- Los Andes no Creen en Dios/The Andes Don’t Believe in God**  
**Time:** Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 7:30pm  
**Location:** 180 Hagerty Hall

A historical movie about a young writer brought up in France names Alfonso, who arrives at an adventurous mining town (Uyuni) in the midst of the Bolivian high plateau. Here he meets the beautiful Claudina, a sensual, strong willed chola, la “Misqui simi” (“The one with sweet lips”). Uyuni radiates a strange magnetism; it is charged with a collective euphoria during the first part of the 20th century produced by the bewitching mineral, in which the lives of the characters enter a world of passion, ambition, and frustration as they struggle to define both ethical and commercial boundaries. Antonio Eguino, 2007, 105’

**Transforming Race Conference: Early bird registration deadline**  
**Date:** February 15, 2010  
**February 15** is the Early Bird Registration deadline for the Kirwan Institute’s upcoming conference, Transforming Race: Crisis and Opportunity in the Age of Obama. The conference will be held at The Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus, on March 11-13. Some 600 advocates, activists, scholars, students, spoken-word performers, and practitioners from all stripes will engage in roughly 50 plenary sessions and panels, workshops and performances tackling the pressing issues of our time with a focus on race. As optional Friday evening entertainment, Sarah Jones, Tony-award winning Broadway performer, will be on hand with an insightful one-woman performance. For more information go to [www.transforming-race.org](http://www.transforming-race.org)

**Lecture on music and social movements of the 1970s**  
**Date:** February 18, at 4:00  
**Location:** 110 Orton Hall.  
Alice Echols, Professor of American Studies, at Rutgers University, is author of *Daring to Be Bad: Radical Feminism in America 1967-1975*, *Scars of Sweet Paradise: The Life and Times of Janis Joplin*, *Shaky Ground: The Sixties and Its Aftershocks*, and the forthcoming *Hot Stuff: Disco and the Re-Making of American Culture*. This lecture is co-sponsored with the Departments of Comparative Studies and History, and the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences.

**The Diversity and Identity Studies Collective at OSU (DISCO) Symposium**  
**Date:** Friday, February 19, from 9-2:00  
**Location:** Frank W. Hale Black Cultural Center at 153 W. 12th Ave.  
The theme of the symposium is "Collaborating Across Social Differences." The goal of the symposium is to provide the university community with a general understanding of eight important fields (African American and African Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Comparative Ethnic and American Studies, Disability Studies, Latino/a Studies, Sexuality Studies, and Women’s Studies) and of current dialogues that connect and distinguish them. Lunch will be provided for those who rsvp to moddelmog.1@osu.edu. For flyer and the program of speakers, visit [http://drupal.asc.ohio-state.edu/disco/events/WI2010](http://drupal.asc.ohio-state.edu/disco/events/WI2010)
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**Diversity film discussion: “30 Days on Minimum Wage”**
February 24: 5:30-6:30 pm
Location: Newton Hall, room 244

From Morgan Spurlock, the Academy Award nominated writer, director, and star of the hit film “Supersize Me,” comes “30 Days on Minimum Wage.” Morgan Spurlock and his fiancée Alex leave their fabulous New York lifestyles behind for the heart of the Midwest, Columbus, Ohio. Morgan and Alex work at multiple minimum wage jobs for 30 days earning $5.15 per hour. They get to experience first hand the struggles minimum wage earning families face.

**An Evening with Dr. Maya Angelou – United Black World Month Event**
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010, 7:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm)
Location: Mershon Auditorium

Admission tickets are free and will be released **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 5:00 pm** at the Ohio Union Information Center (Ohio Stadium). Tickets are limited to 1 ticket per BuckID. Please bring your BuckID to pick up tickets.

**Chimes Applications Available**

Attention sophomores! Do you value scholarship, leadership, and service? Would you like to become a part of over 90 years of history and tradition at The Ohio State University? Then apply to become a member of the 92nd class of Chimes Junior Class Honorary. An informal ice cream social with the current class of Chimes will be held from **4-6 pm on February 9th in Orton Hall 110**. Applications are available now at [http://aosch.org.ohio-state.edu](http://aosch.org.ohio-state.edu). Any questions can be directed to Carissa Farren.12 (selections chair) or Antone Hrycyk.2 (president).

**Responding to Everyday Bigotry: Speak up!**

“To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all.” — Elie Wiesel

**Social events** provide us with opportunities to mix and mingle with people who are different from us. They also are common environments for cultural misunderstandings and biased “humor.”

**Address the speaker.** A simple comment — “I’m sorry; what’s so funny?” — can jar someone from their rudeness. Or be more exact: “I’m sorry. I’m not sure I know what you mean by ‘white trash.’ Could you explain that term?” When faced with crafting an answer, the speaker may begin to understand the inappropriateness of the remark.

**Appeal to the host.** Party hosts have brought people together and often are the closest to each of the guests. Ask the host to rein in offensive “jokes” and culturally biased statements.

**Look for body language.** Did you see anyone else flinch when the comment was made? If so, approach the person and assess whether they know the speaker well. If so, consider asking that person to approach the speaker privately.

*Reference: Teaching Tolerance: Southern Poverty Law Center [WWW.TOLERANCE.ORG](http://WWW.TOLERANCE.ORG)*
Program Spotlight
Enterprise Works

In January, the College of Nursing hosted four groups through Enterprise Works, a non-profit organization that provides career exploration to low-income middle school students. The students received overviews about nursing as a career, insights about being a nursing student at OSU, and tours of the TLC. Thank you TLC staff and student ambassadors Kayleigh English, Marissa Johnson, Jeff Zaenger, and Duren Gutierrez for sharing your passion for nursing with the students!

Opportunity for Involvement: Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing

The Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing will be June 15-18, 2010 in Newton Hall. This hands-on program is for high school sophomores and juniors and aims to increase the number of historically underrepresented populations in nursing, including Black/African American, Native American, Asian, Hispanic and male. The Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing will include participation in skills labs, observation of research, roundtable discussions with faculty and students, faculty presentations, and a tour of The Ohio State University campus, the James Cancer Hospital, and the College of Nursing.

There are many opportunities for involvement for faculty, staff, and students. We are in need of guest speakers, panelists, and individuals willing to casually interact with the participants during their lunches. We also need help promoting the program. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Jen Robb at robb.48@osu.edu

For the program brochure and application, please refer interested individuals to www.nursing.osu.edu/SIDN

Thank you for supporting this exciting and worthwhile program!