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Office of Multicultural Student Services



Our Mission

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) promotes the intellectual understanding and appreciation of diversity, inclusion and social justice by creating opportunities for learning and leadership development for our campus community. In addition, we provide meaningful support to assist in the transition, retention and graduation of our underrepresented student populations.



How We Support Students

- Advocacy
- Leadership Development
- Mentorship
- Cultural Awareness
- College Access

Additional Resources

- Daudi Book Scholarship
- Enterprise Rent-a-Car Book Scholarship
- The Academic Opportunity Scholarship
- The Robert F. Williams Scholarship
- The Leading Shadows Scholarship
- KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Program



“OMSS...Your Home Away From Home!”



GEARUP

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

The Michigan GEARUP Program's mission is to provide an opportunity for underrepresented students to discover first-hand the potential of a college education and to expose students to the information, knowledge and skills they need to complete high school and prepare themselves adequately for college entry and success.



College Positive Volunteerism

College Positive Volunteers (CPVs) are those college students and their administrators who are aware of how they impact college enthusiasm and readiness of the K-12 youth they interact with as they volunteer in local communities. CPV's reflect efforts to increase the college enrollment and success for all students, and especially underrepresented students, by providing them with support and information about college preparation, paying for college, career selection, financial resources, etc.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open to all Ferris students

T.O.W.E.R.S.

Teaching Others What Establishes Real Success

TOWERS is a program that promotes engagement, learning and development. Activities include a series of workshops and peer-to-peer discussions.

The Black Male Network

The Black Male Network is a program that focuses on the development of personal, social and academic tools for success. Activities include peer-to-peer discussions, workshops and guest speakers.

Employment

Our student assistants support the implementation of a variety of special projects, programs and events. Work study, non-work study positions as well as internships are available for Ferris students.

Volunteer

Ferris students can assist with campus events, or become a College Positive Volunteer to assist with the GEARUP program's college visits and activities.

Participate

Our department hosts and promotes a variety of events and activities for the campus to attend and learn about diversity, inclusion and social justice. Students can join our Multicultural Student Advisory Council to provide insight and support for these events.

- Get Acquainted Day*
- Cultural Connections Open House*
- Latin@ Heritage Celebration*
- Native American Heritage Celebration*
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration*
- Black History Month Celebration*
- Women's History Month Celebration*
- Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration*
- Multicultural Graduate Recognition*
- THE OMSS Annual PIGNIC*