

# MOSAIC AND INTERFAITH CENTER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY EDITION

The Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity is a center for diversity education and collaboration on UMBC's campus. The Center is committed to empowering all campus constituents to be socially aware and responsible members of our community. The center is a birthplace of diversity and social justice programs, ideas, and curriculum. Thus, the Center affirms students' multiple identities by addressing the needs of all members of the campus community.



## SPECTRUM

Program for trans, nonbinary and gender-questioning students

Thursday, February 11th, 2016 | 3 - 4 PM  
On Campus : The Women's Center

The Spectrum program is for UMBC community members who identify as trans, genderqueer, gender fluid, outside of the gender binary, and/or those who are questioning their gender identity.

Sponsored by the Women's Center and the Mosaic Center, this is a structured, topic-based program for students who are questioning and/or identify outside their assigned gender to discuss and share thoughts about a variety of topics related to identity and trans issues.

This program follows the Women's Center Brave Space model to provide a welcoming community and learning environment for UMBC's trans and gender-questioning students all across the gender spectrum.

For safety and confidentiality reasons, this is a closed meeting for those needing this intentional space and it is not appropriate for students to use the space for class research or interviews.

Spectrum meets on Thursdays at 3pm in the Women's Center. For more information, contact Jess at [womens.center@umbc.edu](mailto:womens.center@umbc.edu) or Joe at [lgbtq@umbc.edu](mailto:lgbtq@umbc.edu).

## BLACK LIVES MATTER:

More than a Hashtag! It's a Movement!

Monday, February 1st, 2016 | 6 PM - 8 PM  
The Commons: Skylight Room

### Highlights

- Panel discussion on Black Lives Matter And #SayHerName
- Conversations with Baltimore Grassroots Organizations focused on improving Black Lives
- Invited Panelists to be announced soon!

Sponsored by:

Baltimore Participatory Action Research, (B'PAR) Graduate Student Organization  
Student Life's Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity

\*\*Light dinner to be served. Free and open to the public\*\*



## SAFE ZONE SESSION I

Student

Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 | 11 AM - 1 PM

Attending this is your first step in becoming a formal member of UMBC's SafeZone network of allies! Allies and folks who identify as LGBTQ themselves are encouraged to attend.

Session I in the SafeZone lineup, this workshop provide a greater level of understanding of LGBTQ terminology and builds awareness of LGBTQ communities.

You must register [here](#).



This offering of SafeZone Session I is for student participants only. A faculty/staff Session I is also offered as listed on the "Training" myUMBC group page.



**Wilson Okello**  
Speaker/Spoken Word Performer

Thursday, February 17th, 2016 | TBD  
Various Room Locations on Campus

Co-sponsored OCSS, SL Mosaic Center and various UMBC depts.

## UMBC CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

Black History Month fair

Wednesday, February 16th, 2016 | 12 - 1 PM

This is a free, campus wide community event. All UMBC students, staff, faculty and their guests are welcome to attend. Food tastings, music, student org./dept tables will be featured and/or invited student organizations may perform.

This and all of the 2016-2017 UMBC Celebrates Diversity cultural and resource fairs are brought to you by the UMBC Celebrates Diversity Planning Team.

For more info, please contact the OSJ Mosaic Center at 410-455-2686 or mosaic@umbc.edu.

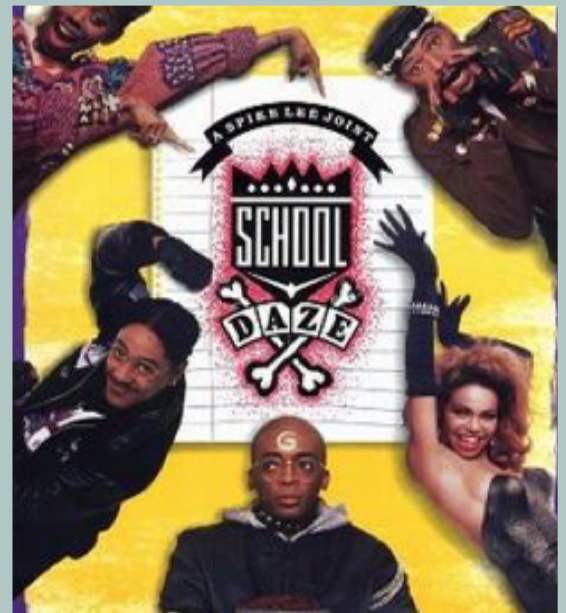
The logo for UMBC 2015 Celebrates Diversity. It features the text "UMBC 2015" in large, bold, black letters, with "celebrates diversity" in smaller, orange, lowercase letters below it.

## DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL

Black History Month - School Daze

Friday, February 18th, 2016 | 4:30 - 7 PM

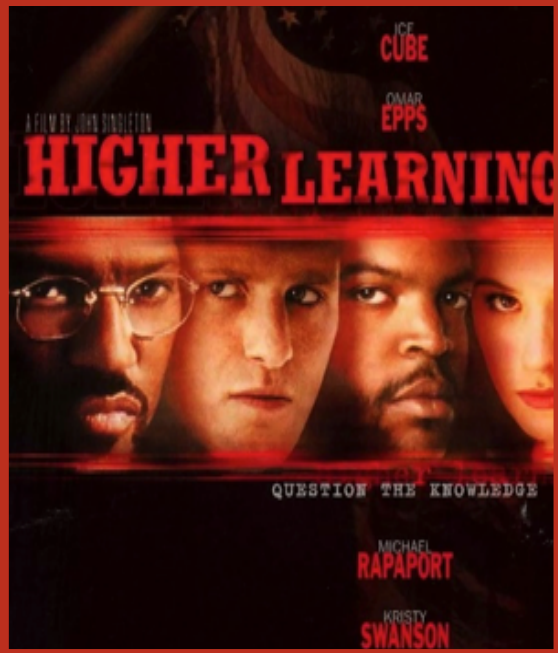
Location: Library LIB-259/BI\*



## DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL

Black History Month – Higher Learning

Location: Library LIB-259/BI\*



## SAFE ZONE SESSION I

Staff

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 | 11 AM – 1 PM

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You must RSVP to [lgbtq@umbc.edu](mailto:lgbtq@umbc.edu) if you plan to attend.



This offering of SafeZone Session I is for faculty and staff participants only. A student Session I is also offered, as listed on the "Student Life's Mosaic and Interfaith Centers" myUMBC group page.

## OUR STAFF



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