

2007–2008 Diversity Calendar of Events

Compiled by the Office of Commuter Life and Diversity Programs,
A Division of College Programs.

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August 25 — 2 p.m., Courtyard

Association of Cultural Awareness (ACA) Blastoff

ACA invites you to come out and enjoy an afternoon of multicultural activities and performances.

September 11 — 6 p.m.,

Chapel Common Room

Sister to Sister: Summer Symposium for Multicultural Students Family Reunion

The Family Reunion is an evening of fun and fellowship designed to reconnect Summer Symposium attendees with one another as well as with other students in the campus community. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tomecca Sloane at sloaneto@meredith.edu.

September 20 — 6 p.m.,

Kresge Auditorium

Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Shackled Women—Abuses of a Patriarchal World

This documentary assesses second- and third-world abuses of women's rights by the male establishment and examines how female collaboration sometimes contributes to their perpetuation. This film will be immediately followed by a student-led discussion.

September 29 — 1 p.m.,

Duke University East Campus

North Carolina Pride Parade

The North Carolina Pride Parade is a part of Pride Fest 2007, a three-day extravaganza, which is the largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender event in North Carolina consisting of day and night festivals, conferences, staged events and dances.

For more information on events and activities, visit <http://www.ncpride.org/pride>.

October 25 — 6 p.m.,

Ledford Hall Rm. 101

Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Invisible Disabilities—What You Cannot See (Co-sponsored by the Office of Disability Services)

An invisible disability is a condition that an individual has that other people can't see. It has an affect on the way a person thinks, learns, communicates, interacts with others and often controls their moods. This interactive discussion will explore issues affecting individuals with invisible disabilities and ways to build an inclusive and supportive environment for this population of students.

November 5-11

Association of Cultural Awareness (ACA) Week

For more information regarding events and activities scheduled throughout this week, please contact Ashley Ellis at ellisash@meredith.edu.

November 5 — 7 p.m.,

Jones Auditorium

USA South Diversity Speaker: Elaine Penn (Sponsored by USA South Athletic Conference)

Elaine Penn has been motivating college students to excel for a number of years. Today she speaks to students and professionals across the country on leadership, diversity, wellness and personal success. Pulling from her experiences as a campus professional, college coach, athlete and musician, Penn weaves discussion, stories, audience participation and music into her programs to inspire everyone in attendance.

November 12-16

International Education Week

International Education Week is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State in order to promote and celebrate multiculturalism and international education. The week was first established in the year 2000 by the Clinton Administration. Throughout International Education Week—November 12–16, 2007—campuses, embassies and communities are encouraged to hold activities celebrating international education and diversity.

For more information regarding events and activities scheduled throughout this week, please contact Tomecca Sloane at sloaneto@meredith.edu.

November 13 — 6 p.m.,

Chapel Common Room

Sister to Sister: Self Image

Bonnie Candia, assistant director of university housing and residence life at North Carolina State University, will facilitate an interactive discussion about self-image and the impact on our lives as well as our interactions and relationships with others.

January 23 — 10 a.m., Chapel

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service ACA/Black Student Union

January 31 — 6 p.m., Location: TBA

Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Tunnel of Oppression

The Tunnel of Oppression is a program in which participants travel through a series of sensory experiences witnessing forms of oppression and discrimination within our society. The experiences can be either active or passive and the goal is to enlighten and create an educational and thought-provoking activity for the campus community.

February 5 — 6 p.m.,

Chapel Common Room

Sister to Sister: Real Women Have Curves

This is the story of Ana, a first generation Mexican-American teenager on the verge of becoming a woman. Torn between her mainstream ambitions and her cultural heritage she agrees to work with her mother at her sister's downtown Los Angeles sewing factory. Still at odds with what her mother expects of her, Ana realizes that leaving home to continue her education is essential to finding her place proudly in the world as an American and Chicana. This film will be immediately followed by a student-led discussion.

February 18-24

Meredith International Association (MIA) Awareness Week

For more information regarding events and activities scheduled throughout this week, please contact Nayely Perez-Huerta at mia@meredith.edu.

February 23 — 5 p.m., Chapel

Gospel Fest ACA/Black Student Union

For more information regarding this event, please contact Kim Reese at reesekim@meredith.edu.

March 13 — 6 p.m., Kresge Auditorium

Sloan Leadership: Dialogue on Diversity

Featuring Dr. Zenobia L. Hikes, Vice President for Student Affairs, Virginia Tech University. Hikes is a dynamic motivational speaker, innovative educator, and consultant. Participants will be able to articulate ways that they can empower themselves and others in their leadership as well as learn ways to distinguish themselves and their lives with purpose.

March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16, 30

— 11:30–1p.m., Dogwood B

*Meredith Study Circles: Finding a Common Ground

The pressures of an increasingly diverse nation are visible in many of our most complex public issues, such as education, taxes, welfare and immigration. They also are evident in daily life—whether in open conflict among groups, or in the tensions and misperceptions that simmer beneath the surface.

***Meredith Study Circle:** The mission and vision of Study Circles is to increase the understanding, appreciation, and celebration of different races and cultures throughout Meredith College, and to provide the community with practical recommendations for actions that individuals can take to promote equality. These five day sessions are limited to 12 students, faculty or staff. Contact Tomecca Sloane at sloaneto@meredith.edu to register. Study Circles are sponsored by the Diversity Council.

Other diversity events will occur throughout the year. Please visit www.meredith.edu/calendar for the most current information.

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