UPDATES

Future Direction of UNP Community Affairs Committee
Over the past several months the CAC has been investigating how to add new partners to the UNP and what roles different groups, organizations, and individuals will play within UNP. Determining the process for this is critical, and work is underway to prepare a proposal for the CAC to consider. The full CAC was involved in early brainstorming. Following that, a public survey was developed and disseminated to solicit community input. We are now pulling together a small group of members to distill the ideas and information that has been gathered into a concise proposal for the larger CAC. The committee: Dorothy Robinson, Joel Helter, Kathie Doty, Erik Hansen, and the co-chairs-have committed to three two-hour work sessions to prepare a report for the CAC at its meeting Nov. 18.

To reach the co-chairs, Makeda Zulu-Gillespie and Raymond Dehn, please use the following e-mail address: cac@unpmn.org

Community Affairs Listserv
Did you know that the CAC has an e-mail listserv? Sign up and you will receive special notices of activities taking place in the Northside Community including notices of our monthly meetings. To join e-mail: unp@umn.edu.

UROC Updates
Launch Party Postponed: The launch party for the Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) has been postponed and will not take place Oct. 31. The postponement will allow all building residents to move in and become fully operational. It also will give us time to complete all final details on interior designs and functions. We will be working collaboratively through our community-university partners to determine a new date for the celebration and hope to announce that information soon.

Collaborative Conference Presentation: On Oct. 13 Irma McClaurin, UROC executive director and Sherrie Pugh, director of Northside Resident Redevelopment Council (NRRC), presented a breakfast roundtable discussion, “Through Different Lenses: Dual Perspectives on Building Community Resiliency” at the 15th Annual Conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities in Philadelphia. The University of Minnesota was unique in inviting a community partner to participate in this national conference attended by more than 200 participants.

UROC Community Participatory Research Project

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The UROC community participatory research project team for “Effects of the Mortgage Crisis on Individuals, Families and Communities” presented at the University of Minnesota Student Scholar and Public Engagement Showcase October 7 in the TCF Bank Stadium concourse. This unique Homecoming event provided a forum for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and recent alumni to celebrate their academic achievements in research, capstone experiences, design, or original artistic creations. Faculty and staff, as well as their community partners, shared their collaborative initiatives in teaching, research, and community-based service. This showcase featured a broad range of local, regional, national, and international topics and provided attendees with a sense of the wide range and scope of the academic and engagement endeavors here at the University of Minnesota. The group representing the UROC research team included Sara Axtell, Leola Crawford, and Tisa Thomas. They encountered many questions during the session, some of which focused how the data from the research would be used. The project has committed itself to research that results in action: the development of a policy brief with action steps and recommendations for policy makers and the design of a resource manual for mortgage/foreclosure crisis frontline workers. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the UROC Web site.

Northside Seed Grant (NSG) Update

The Northside Seed Grant program administered by CURA and funded this year by UROC is starting its fourth year. Two projects are underway this fall: 1) Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) network analysis; and 2) a survey project with Salem Inc. for Northside residents with chronic kidney disease and their access to dialysis services.

The deadline for NSG for spring semester starting in January 2010 is Oct. 30. Application information is available at http://www.cura.umn.edu/NSG.php.

CURA is also conducting an evaluation of the first three years of the Seed Grant program to assess the outcomes for community organizations, graduate student researchers, and faculty members participating in the 14 funded projects. Results of the evaluation should be complete by the end of October.

One challenge of the Seed grant program has been timely fulfillment of IRB (Institutional Review Board) guidelines for ethical research practices. Submission and approval of the IRB application has been challenging to complete within the 3-4 month period for the research projects. Discussions with the IRB staff have been very helpful to understand the requirements and get approval in a more timely way.

CURA is supporting other applied research projects and providing technical assistance to North Minneapolis community organizations through its ongoing programs.

For more information on the NSG contact Kris Nelson at: 625-1020 or ksn@umn.edu.

Digital Divide Initiative Update

In June of 2009 the Digital Divide became a program of the B-Tech Center, located at the University Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) in North Minneapolis. The Digital Divide builds bridges to opportunity through innovative partnerships to bring technology to underserved communities. Programs include the Computer Exchange Program and Educational Outreach Workshops. More than 200 computers have been placed this year. For more information contact Ken Nelson at: nel6781@umn.edu or (612) 624-8783.
Announcements

UROC Launch Celebration Update
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Community and University Events

New Coffee Shop Opening: M-T: 6 a.m.-10 p.m., F-S: 6 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sun: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Northside Natives Geno Gelhaye and Robert Rice announce the opening of their brand new coffee shop and deli at 42nd and Lyndale. 42nd Avenue Station offers simple deli sandwiches and gourmet coffee beverages topped off with luscious desserts from The Cake Diva (www.thecakediva.biz). Committed Northsiders, Geno & Robert will feature artwork by local artists beginning with photography by Denise Dumas of the Victory Neighborhood.

The Smooch! Ellen Photo Shoot: Oct 19-23, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
The new coffee shop is featuring an Ellen DeGeneres Smooch! shoot (until 3 p.m.). ELLEN FANS: Your Smooch! Ellen photo will be posted online AND will be sent to the TV superstar as well, and will include your personal handwritten message. FREE

Clean Sweep – Saturday, Oct. 24th, 9 a.m.
Clean Up - Come out and support our neighborhood in our 2nd Clean Up Event. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! Meet us at Merwin's Parking Lot at 9 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be provided. The event will conclude with a barbeque and music.

University Women of Color Fall Welcome: Oct. 29, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
The UWOC Tapestry Award is presented each year to a woman who has helped create a thriving campus community where diversity in the widest sense is welcomed and supported. The UWOC Tapestry Award recipient will be presented with the award at our annual Fall Welcome. SHARING OUR WOMEN’S STORIES: AN ORAL TRADITION will focus on stories of women in our families or perhaps stories of women who have crossed our paths in our many and varied physical and/or spiritual journeys. Sherry and Lori, together with up to twelve women participants from the pre-Welcome Breakfast workshop will share their stories. SILENT AUCTION – Support UWOC by participating in our Silent Auction which will be available at the Welcome!! RSVP to uwoc@umn.edu. Mississippi Room, Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota

Experience Minnesota -- Open house for multicultural high school students and their families
Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m at Ted Mann Concert Hall, West Bank campus, University of Minnesota
Prospective multicultural students and their families are invited to campus for a special event. In addition to a campus tour, families will get information about fields of study, the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, student-run cultural organizations, and more.
A campus visit is the best way to see if the University of Minnesota is right for you! This special event will feature: information about majors and related career options, facts on financial aid, current student leaders, campus and residence hall tour, top faculty, multicultural opportunities.

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NOMMO African American Authors Series: Nov. 11, 7 p.m.
Ismael Reed, poet, publisher, editor, and author of 25 books, including Conjure, which was nominated for a Pulitizer Prize, and Quincy Troupe, American Book Award-winning author of 17 books, co-author of The Pursuit of Happiness, and recipient of the Peabody Award, will be the feautred speakers. A series of conversations with and readings by notable African American authors, exploring their work and thoughts on the state of the art of African American literature. All events hosted by Alexis Pate, University of Minnesota professor and author of Amistad. Six tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Coffman Memorial Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis

The Northside Arts Collective 5th Annual Fall Gala: Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 — 6 to 9 p.m.
The Northside Arts Collective cordially invites you to the 5th Annual Fall Gala. Join us for an evening of local D'Lishious hors d'ouvres and wine, illusions by the amazing MagicBrad, music by Wenso Ashby, and an incredible offering of items in our raffle and live auction. To view the raffle items in a catalog, send an e-mail to denise.dumas@nacarts.org.
Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts,1617 N. 2nd St., Minneapolis Gala tickets, $10; raffle tickets, $5 each or five for $20, available at the event or by calling the NAC office at 612-767-2144.

Diversity Networking Reception: Nov. 19, 2009, 3 to 5 p.m.
An event for undergraduate students who identify with one or more of the populations served by the Office for Equity and Diversity (students of color, GLBT students, women, and students with disabilities) are invited to attend. The event includes a two-hour networking session with representatives with corporations, non-profits, and other employers from around the Twin Cities. This is not a job fair, rather a chance for undergraduate students at all levels to practice their networking skills, talk to representatives from a wide range of industries, and learn about employers committed to organizational diversity. For more information please visit www.academic.umn.edu/equity/DNR2009.html.
The University Ballroom, second floor, Radisson University Hotel

Health-Related Events & News

Women’s Health Day:  Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Women over 40 years of age, specifically Native American, are invited to this event. Mammograms and PAP tests (appointment required), breast and cervical health discussion, diabetes screening, and a workshop will be offered. Door prizes and food. Registration deadline: Oct. 21. For more information contact Linda Roberts at 612-721-9865 or e-mail at lsroberts@ihb-mpls.org.
Indian Health Board Clinic – 1315 East 24 St., Minneapolis

Free HIV Testing at Mercado Central:  Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4 – 8 p.m.
Free HIV testing will be available at Mercado Central by members of the Minnesota Latina HIV/AIDS Network. Results will be available in 10 minutes. Free T-shirts for participants. For more information contact Jessie Saaverda 651-201-4036 or email jessie.saaverda@state.mn.us.
Mercado Central, 1515 East Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Workshops, Classes & Seminars

Think Clean Make Green: Nov. 17, 4:30

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Over five Tuesdays you will become a green tech for a real business! Three to five students will access a case from a small business. Brainstorm feasible green strategies and propose your ideas to a panel of judges for a prize. Register at: www.bced.umn.edu/JEM-Registration.html
UROC 2100 Plymouth N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Workshops, Classes & Seminars (continued)

HIV Testing Data Training: Dec. 7, 1 – 3 p.m,
Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling: Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
HIV Test Results Training: Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
For more information and/or to register, contact Angela Kotrba at 651-201-4031 or e-mail angela.kotrba@state.mn.us
Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park, 1645 Energy Dr, St. Paul, MN 55108

Employment Opportunities

Family planning health educator – 20 hours/ week
Assists family planning coordinator in ensuring the delivery of high-quality, comprehensive family planning services to FCHS patients and provides family planning outreach and education in the community. This position is funded by a Family Planning Special Projects grant (FPSP, MN Dept. of Health). Familiarity with North and/or Northeast community preferred. Submit resumé and cover letter to Sandra Levine, e-mail: sblevine@fremonthealth.org or by mail to: FCHS, 3300 Fremont Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55412. AA/EOE.