Letter from The Black Student Union of PCC Cascade

By Staci White, The Black Student Union Coordinator of ASPCC Cascade

The Black Student Union (BSU) of Portland Community College (PCC) Cascade campus has been around for some time, and each year differs based on the vision of the coordinator of that year. However, what we've kept in mind is that we cannot forget the community where we come from, therefore, each year there is a mission in place for BSU to follow. This year's mission is to bring cultural awareness on campus with mentorships and networking opportunities for students.

As Black History Month is here, we are reminded of who we are and how far we have come. We continue to be fearless despite what society has done to suppress us.

The Black Student Union members each have our own versions of what being a member of the Black Student Union means to them.

Tony Funchess says "[a] safe space where I can be authentically me, learn my history and engage in meaningful dialog and activities that promote cultural awareness for self and others."

Kerina Blanchard, “BSU means …to be you no matter what society embarks on you. To be the voice for those who stay silent. To be African American is to realize color is blind.”

For Brittany Stringfellow, "[it] means strength, perseverance, intelligence and tenacity," and to Belinda Washington, “BSU means coming together with my fellow African-American peers to strengthen our community by helping each other."

For me, Staci White, the Black Student Union Coordinator, what the BSU has done for me is given me permission to be fearless and not apologize for being BLACK. Being black means being dignified by the civil rights movement, having the panthers chanting "BLACK POWER," and also being creatively profound in arts such as dance, music, and literature. We are natural entertainers, and this is how we express ourselves through our triumphs and adversities.

February 4, 5, 11, 12 & 18, 3–5PM. The Underground (SC 03).

February 13, 10AM–2PM. Student Center Hallway.

February 19, 2–4PM, The Underground.

February 26, 11:30AM–12:30PM. TH 122.

February 29, 12:30–2:30PM. Student Center Cafeteria.

February 10, 6:30PM–8PM. SC 203.

February 12, 3PM–5PM. SC 306.

February 13, 3PM–5PM. TH 122.

February 26, 11:30AM–12:30PM. TH 122.

February 5, 3PM–4PM. SC 306.

February 25, 3:30PM–4:30PM.

February 10, 12:30–1:30PM. FSEB 103.

February 18, 9:30PM. Jackson Hall 104.

February 10, 3PM–4PM. MAHB 104.

February 11, 3PM–4:30PM. MAHB 104.

February 19, 2PM–3:30PM. MAHB 104.

February 25, 3:30PM–4:30PM.

February 27, 3PM–4PM. MAHB 104.

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