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The Enlightenment

A semester in review

Congratulations to Latinos Unidos, Pride Alliance, and Native American Student Union on successful History and Heritage months! We are so proud of all the hard work you have done! A huge thank you to all who attended this semester's events!

Congratulations
NASU on a
successful
Native
American
Heritage
Month!



Pictured at right, alumnus Ken Olsen speaking at the Queer History Month Closing Ceremony. Great to see CMA alumni doing great things and staying connected!



Latinos Unidos Opening Ceremony, focusing on the arts with Marietta Bernstorff.

Save the Date!

December 9th
LAST DAY
OF
CLASSES

December
12th – 16th
FINAL
EXAMS

#tbl: throwback Thursday!



Native American History Month Op
theme, “Knowledge of the Past,
Wisdom of the Future”.
Performance by musical group “Old
Bridge”.

Latinos Unidos presents La Fiesta!
This year’s theme was a Masquerade Ball.



“Our Art and Our Way of Life” presentation by
Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager, G. Peter
Jemison. (Heron Clan, Seneca)



Culturefest: A Cultural Expo



Latinos Unidos' event activity:
paper tissue flowers.



Can you tell that
Culturefest MC Kanard
Lewis is having a blast?!

Blue Ice Step Team showing us
how talented they are!



Henna at the South Asian
Student Union table. Puja
is so talented!



What an awesome turnout! Special
thanks goes out to Kiman "360"
Baldon for the great tunes!



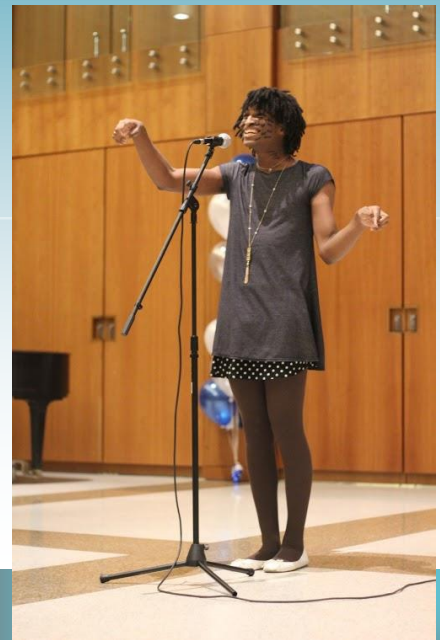
Divine Sound performing at Culturefest. Their SOUND was just, well, DIVINE!



Poets from Culturefest Headliner Pure Ink Poetry. Seen here are Brandon Williamson, aka, the guy with the awesome hat and 'Ten Thousand'.



Wonderful performance by Percussion Guild, pictured at left). At right, Pure Ink Poetry performer Goddess X, one of Fredonia's very own.



Envied Expression getting the crowd pumped up.



Culturefest committee member Jelissa Samuel having some fun after putting in so much work. Thanks Jelissa!

Check out some other winter time holidays!

HANUKKAH



Hanukkah, often known as the Festival of Lights, is a festival of rededication that lasts eight days and nights. In the 2nd century BCE a tyrannical ruler, Antiochus IV, tried to suppress Judaism by killing Jews, burning their temples and outlawing Judaism. Certain groups of Jews opposed Antiochus, most notably a group led by Judah Maccabee. The menorah in the Temple was supposed to be lit every night, however there was only enough oil left to burn for one night. Miraculously, the menorah remained lit for eight nights, hence eight days and nights of Hanukkah arose. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil meant to last for only one night instead lasting for eight. To observe this holiday, candles are lit on a menorah – a nine-branched candelabrum. This holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional goods, games and gifts. Hanukkah falls on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. During 2016, It begins the evening December 24th and lasts until the evening of January 1st, 2017.

KWANZAA



Kwanzaa is observed from December 26th to January 1st every year created by Dr. Maulana Karenga. The holiday celebrates Western African diaspora in the Americas , and celebrations include song and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading and a large traditional meal. There is one principle for each of the seven days of Kwanzaa:

1. Umoja (unity)
2. Kujichagulia (self determination)
3. Ujima (collective work and responsibility)
4. Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
5. Nia (purpose) to make our collective vocation the building of our community to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
6. Kuumba (creativity)
7. Imani (faith)

THREE KINGS DAY



On January 6, children throughout Latin America and Spain celebrate Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day or Dia de los Reyes Magos. This Christian holiday celebrates the arrival of the Three Kings - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar - representing Europe, Arabia, and Africa, to welcome and bring gifts to the baby Jesus. On the eve of Three Kings Day, the Kings travel around the world by horse, camel, or elephant. Children leave their shoes or shoe boxes with grass and water for the animals by their bed or under the Christmas tree. When they wake up they find the grass replaced with presents and treats from the Kings!

GENERAL BODY MEETINGS: SEE YOU THERE!

*Native American Student Union - Thursday 8 PM
Williams Ctr G103C*

*Fredonia Feminists - Wednesday 8 PM Williams Ctr
S204ABC*

*Black Student Union - Thursday 7 PM Williams Ctr
S204ABC*

*Latinos Unidos - Wednesday 8 PM Williams Ctr
G103B*

*Pride Alliance- Tuesday 9 PM Williams Ctr
S204ABC*

*Hillel -Wednesday (bi-weekly) 7 PM Williams Ctr
G103C (next meeting will be held on November
30th)*



*Stephon Gilmore & the
Ryan brothers surprise
visit on Halloween!*



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