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DIVERSITY *Matters*

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To learn more about the Office of Diversity and Equity Engagement, visit www.alcorn.edu/diversity.

Did you know?

Alcorn State University is the only one of the Mississippi HBCUs to meet the requirement for gaining control of Ayres funding by maintaining diversity numbers surpassing the goal.

Have you heard about...

The International and Multicultural Student Organization (IMSO)? This student-led group, advised by Elena Kostyleva of the University Relations Office, provides tremendous support for international students and helps sponsor numerous valuable diversity activities on campus each year.

Quote of the Month:

We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.

-Maya Angelou

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Welcome to the Office of Diversity and Equity Engagement at Alcorn State University! This brand new office is dedicated to enhancing the spirit of inclusion and equality at our beloved institution, ensuring that every individual feels valued and encouraged to achieve their best. We encourage you to get involved in our exciting activities as well as to share your ideas so that we can provide the best possible service!

Meet the Director

Dr. Derek Greenfield serves as the Director of Diversity and Equity Engagement at Alcorn State University. A former youth worker in inner-city Chicago, Dr. Greenfield has twenty years of experience in higher education as a faculty member and administrator, including being named as faculty of the year in a previous position at Shaw University. He is also a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and diversity consultant who stays active in a wide range of social justice endeavors.

Diversity Dialogue

We all know that the key to a great relationship is healthy communication. So, let's build connections across campus through meaningful discussions about diversity issues while eating the famous Wednesday lunch! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this monthly activity. *The first Diversity Dialogue will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 12, in the Gold Room of the Dr. Clinton Bristow Jr. Dining Facility. Space is limited and we want you there!* Please RSVP by calling (601) 877-6700 or sending an email to dgreenfield@alcorn.edu.

Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Training (aka DO IT!)

Our office is committed to providing dynamic, interactive workshops and seminars on campus and in the community to promote inclusion and motivation for success! We are already busy speaking at various venues on campus and at local schools, and we would love to deliver a fun and educational session for your group! For more information, contact the office at (601) 877-6700 or diversity@alcorn.edu today.

Courageous Conversations

As part of the educational experience, it is essential for students to participate in conversations around challenging topics so that they can confront their biases and learn more about themselves and others. This bi-weekly activity will engage students in insightful discussions, with the first event taking place on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the Amenities Building lobby. We hope to see a great group of students in attendance!