

African American Cultural & Resource Center



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Welcome Back Dr. Ronald Jackson

The AACRC joins the University of Cincinnati in welcoming back Dr. Ronald Jackson, new dean of McMicken College of Arts and Sciences. UC alum and former Darwin T. Turner Scholar; Dr. Jackson is UC's newest African American face on campus. At the AACRC Black Student Welcome, (AKWAABA) Dr. Jackson was introduced to the audi-

ence full of incoming and returning students. During his remarks, Dr. Jackson made no hesitation in mentioning the catalyst for his own focus on teaching and mentoring: the exceptional mentoring and instruction he received at UC. While applauding former UC greats who have helped him succeed, Dr. Jackson made a more personal acknowledgment to our own Dr. Kenneth Ghee, Mr. Ken Simonson, and the AACRC Director, Dr. Eric

Abercrombie. He further paid tribute to the positive impact of the late Linda Bates Parker, who served as the Director of the Career Development Center. After surviving a rigorous round of interviews during the University's national search, we are proud to welcome Dr. Jackson back home to the University of Cincinnati Community!



Iota and Kappa Greek Weeks



Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. celebrated their a week with informative programming. Featured programs for their week included topics on domestic violence awareness, safe sex and voter registration. The week climaxed with a party at Corinthian Lounge.

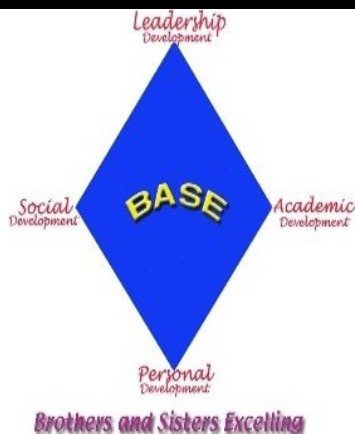


The Beta Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. started off the school year with Kampaign Kappa. This week featured various programs including women's appreciation, babies raising babies and the infamous Toga Party. Coupled with their second consecutive Akwaaba stroll off victory, Kappa week 2012 was a huge success to say the least.

Akwaaba Black Student Welcome Program!



Habari Gani Ambassadors and BASE Mentors Retreat



The Habari Gani Ambassadors (HGA), our leadership development group, got their semester started early by participating in a weekend retreat. The retreat encompassed the areas of event planning, leadership, and scholarship. The retreat started with a resource scavenger hunt where students gathered information from offices such as the Learning Assistance Center, the Career Develop Center, the Center for Community Engagement, and the LGBTQ Ctr. Following the scavenger hunt the group participated in workshops on History and Traditions of the AACRC, and Self Branding Workshop presented by Carlos Goodin and Brittany Price from the Admissions Office. The retreat ended with a fun filled afternoon at Gameworks in Newport, Ky.

BAM2UC (Black Active Men 2gether at UC)

The first BAM2UC program of the year, "Silence Is Not Consent: The Hazards of Sexual Intimacy," provided an informative agenda around the sexual conduct of students. The guest presenters were Chief Michael Cureton, Chief of Police and Director of UC Public Safety, Daniel Cummins, Director of Judicial Affairs and Ronald Mazique, Assistant Director, Judicial affairs, and Captain Rodney Chapman, Captain of UCPD. The program gave clear communication around sex and sexual intercourse as an African American male on a PWI. The discussion also addressed the importance of sexual conduct in our society. Other highlights of the program clarified the parameters around sexual consent, sexual abuse, and sexual misconduct and the potential of legal repercussions and the university sanctions around such allegations against the African American males. . The program ended with a very frank discussion about decreasing occasions of sexual impropriety through willpower and the control of sexual imposition, details of the student code of conduct and information about the Ohio revised code. "Silence Is Not Consent: The Hazards of Sexual Intimacy" was co-sponsored by Ethnic Program and Services and Judicial Affairs.

Epilepsy in African Americans

Did you know?

African Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with epilepsy than Caucasians. For many African Americans with epilepsy, access to appropriate care is challenging. The fear, misconceptions and stigma associated with epilepsy create barriers to living productive lives. Education is the key to understanding that epilepsy doesn't define an individual; it is a chronic medical condition that in most cases can be controlled with appropriate care.

What is epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a neurological condition. A seizure is a symptom of epilepsy. A diagnosis of epilepsy is generally given after a person experiences two or more unprovoked seizures.

During a seizure, an electrical overload occurs in part or in all of the brain. This may cause:

- **Confusion • Hallucinations • Strong emotions • Muscle contractions • Loss of consciousness**

Known causes of epilepsy include head injuries, stroke, brain tumors, poisoning, problems in brain development before birth, and serious infections such as encephalitis or meningitis. However, more than half of the time, the cause of epilepsy is unknown.

The African American Outreach Program at the Epilepsy Foundation focuses on:

- Educating family and caregivers on seizure recognition and treatment options
- Increasing the awareness in the prevalence of epilepsy in the African American community
- Promoting inclusion, improving lives and removing stigma

For more information and to reach your local Epilepsy Foundation, please call (513) 721-2905, email efgc@cincinnatiPILEPSY.org or visit www.cincinnatiPILEPSY.org



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Akwaaba Black Student Welcome



The African American Cultural and Resource Center officially kicked off our programming school year with our annual Akwaaba Black Student Welcome. Akwaaba, meaning “welcome” in Swahili, is our signature program aiming to greet our returning students and introducing the incoming students to the Black UC family, the AACRC family, and the opportunities that will benefit their educational, cultural and social wellbeing while at UC. The program started with a new element added to Akwaaba: the Transitions informational was a new element that allowed the staff to meet and greet the new freshmen class before they joined the rest of the Akwaaba participants. Gathered in the Main-street cinema, the class of 2016 received their instructions from Dr. Derrick Jenkins. They also participated in ice breakers and various other exercises that helped to initiate the welcoming process. This introduction to their very first experience of the AACRC was well received. Following the Transitions

Informational were various campus organizations and student life offices sharing their information. Later, the freshmen class lined up for the “fresh faces” photo session. The photos were taken by Onyx Media Collection; a black operated and owned company. After fresh faces and the organizational displays, all participants moved into Great Hall to begin the formal portion of the Akwaaba program. Mr. and Ms. Kuamka, Darinene Jordan and Brandon Reynolds, were hosts. Dr. Livingston and Frank Bowen were among the top UC officials to present opening remarks. A special part of the program was the introduction of Dr. Ronald Jackson, a UC alum who now serves as the new dean of the McMicken College of Arts & Sciences. The closing activity was the sorority and fraternity step show competition! This year’s winners, tied for first place, were Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Theta.





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