The Office of Ethnic Programs and Services embraces the ever increasing diversity of the UC campus by providing quality programs and services that:

- **Enhance** the cultural, ethnic and racial awareness of the entire university community
- **Support** the needs of students of color
- **Build** bridges between the university and the community.

**UC Invents 2014**

The UC Invents Idea Competition serves to identify issues facing campus (some categories include, campus life, diversity and inclusion, and student safety). Through the competition, we allow students to discuss issues with friends and/or classmates to find a solution feasible to helping the university. The top four winners receive $1,000 and the next 4 receive $500 to help implement the 5G Mentorship Program.

**Student Government:**
Shivam Shah was elected as Vice President.
Jen St. John was elected as External Holdover

**Diversity Games:**
The 2nd Annual Diversity Games was a hit. This event was a Turner student found event. The Diversity Games collaborated with ten multicultural and ethnic student organizations to promote cultural literacy while allowing students to compete in minute-to-win-it games all over the UC campus.

**AMBITION** (Advising Minorities By Inspiring & Transforming them into Outstanding Nurses):
AMBITION has elected their 2014-2015 President to be Turner Scholar, Jen St. John.

**Spring Break Study Abroad Spotlight**

I had an amazing spring break study abroad experience traveling to France and Belgium. The focus of the trip was Marketing in the EU, as well as luxury branding. As a business student studying Marketing, I felt that this trip allowed me to enhance my knowledge of Marketing, especially in the international sense. I also learned how to manage cultural differences. Going to a French speaking country with little knowledge of the language was a challenge, but things became easier as I became more immersed in the culture. In just a week, I experienced so much. While there, we did various company visits and tours where we learned about the diamond industry, the beer brewing industry, and chocolate industry, all of which have a large presence in France and Belgium. I also got to see and visit all of the major attractions in Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Arc de Triomphe.

Studying abroad once has motivated me to want to do it again, and I definitely hope to have a career that will allow me to explore different parts of the world.

Priya Chawla
Junior
Computer Science/CEAS
5 Tips For Cleaning the Mind, Body and Apartment!

1. Relaxing activities such as yoga, exercise and meditation help to release the tension and stress brought on by exams, papers and other school related year end items.
2. Getting rid of old clothing helps to clear out clutter and make room for all the trendy summer gear you’re going to buy!
3. Organize your life! Clean out your back pack... discarding un needed items and properly storing things you’re going to keep... its not a bad idea to hold on to old notes and books either— you never know when you’ll need them for reference.
4. Update your resume, add new activities and awards that you may not have mentioned... that way your resume maintains its readiness to distribute.
5. Make your health a priority! Schedule needed appointments, eat more green veggies and drink water— you don’t want to be in bed sick when the sun is shining outside!

Notes from the Director Dr. Brandi N.H. Elliott

What a semester! We started out the year with school closings and delays due to inclement weather. Let’s not forget the snow that fell in April. Nevertheless, we can be thankful that Spring is here and we have a lot to look forward to. First, I would like to congratulate all of those who will be graduating this spring and summer. You have worked hard and I know that you will take the world by storm. I would also like to welcome our future Bearcats to UC. Last but not least, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and productive summer and take time to celebrate yourself.

Staff Fun facts

Dr. Brandi N.H. Elliott

What’s your favorite book?

I can’t pick just one! I like The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah but I also like The Fact by Mrs. Davis, Jenkings and Hunt.

Ciara S. Black MA

What’s your favorite book?

My one of my absolute favorite books is Zora Neale Hurston’s Their Eyes Were Watching God.

Patrice N. Barnes BA

What’s your favorite book?

Gosh... that’s a hard one. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and White is a State of Mind written by Melba Pattillo Beals would have to be my two most memorable reading experiences.

Mrs. Benita Webster

What’s your favorite book?

The Bible.

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