A Message from
Michelle Bogdan-Holt, Director

The sleigh bells, snowflakes, carols, evergreens, holiday cheer, and all of the traditions we celebrate! No wonder they call this, “the most wonderful time of year.” From our family to yours, we hope your Holiday Season is filled with love, joy, and peace. With the season of gift giving upon us, we’d like to thank you for your gift of support. Through your service and support, our students are one step closer to achieving their educational goals. We are excited to share news of what is happening in our office and to highlight the amazing students we are so fortunate to work with. Enjoy!

Warmest regards,
Michelle
IME Becas is a program sponsored by the Mexican Consulate that seeks to expand the educational opportunities for students of Mexican descent with demonstrated financial need. This year, the Access and Diversity Center had the opportunity to obtain money to provide scholarships with support of a cost match from the VP of Student Affairs, Dr. James Morales.

2016-2017 IME BECAS Scholars

Leslie Barratoran  
Senior, Special Education

Rigo Chaparro  
Senior, Agricultural Education

Jorge Espinoza  
Junior, Engineering

Jesus Garcia  
Senior, Social Work

Evelyn Hernandez  
Senior, Psychology and Social Work

Luis Hernandez  
Sophomore, Social Work

Lourdes Muñoz  
Freshman, Environmental Engineer
On November 5th-6th, 2016, USU’s Black Student Union had the opportunity to attend a conference called “Expect the Great”. This conference was hosted by the University of Utah and included black student organizations throughout the state of Utah. Students were able to connect with other students while participating in various workshops. Dr. Bryan K. Hotchkins, a professor at Texas Tech University and a U of U alum, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Hotchkins discussed the importance of involvement in college, the need for inclusive environments, and seeking opportunities to be academically challenged. The students enjoyed the conference and gained a great deal of knowledge to better prepare them for their future careers.
On October 4th, the Black Student Union organized their first Blackout. The purpose of this campus event is to wear black as an expression of solidarity with those who are affected by police brutality. The second Blackout took place on November 15th. Participants were photographed in front of Old Main in a variety of poses, with the iconic fist in the air being one of them. The group walked in procession across the quad modelling Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous march on Washington.

The Black Student Union they have scheduled monthly Blackouts and encourages all to participate!
Transgender Awareness Week is November 14th to November 20th, ending with Transgender Day of Remembrance. Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity for community members, students, faculty, and staff to recognize the experiences of transgender and gender non-conforming students. Transgender Day of Remembrance provides opportunities for communities to gather around the world to memorialize the lives lost to acts of violence.

Transgender Awareness Week

65% of the transgender population has attempted suicide.

55% of transgender individuals have lost their job due to being trans.

57% of families to transgender individuals choose not to speak/spend time with them after coming out.
Sub for Santa is an amazing event the Access and Diversity Center organizes every year to help families in need. We want to thank all of the wonderful people who helped by sponsoring a family this holiday season. You truly helped to make it memorable!
Welcome
Alina Begay
(Navajo),
New Multicultural
Program Coordinator!

We are so excited to welcome Alina Begay to the Access and Diversity Center as the new Multicultural Program Coordinator! Alina previously worked at Portland State University as the Manager of the Native American Student & Community Center and we are very grateful to have her with us. Alina grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico and is very proud to be a New Mexico Navajo! Both she and her father attended Utah State University and is very happy to be back in Logan. She’s most excited to get to know students at USU.

Alina really enjoys beading in her free time, she beads the most beautiful necklaces and earrings! She is so excited to be working on programming for the USU Powwow and can’t wait to carry on its’ awesome traditions.

We are so excited to have you here, Alina!
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