

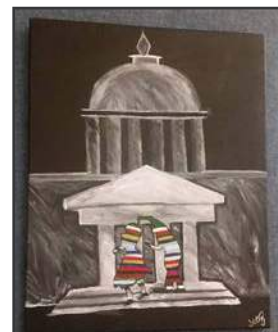


## MLK CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: "NOW IS THE TIME"

Utah State University's MLK Jr. Celebration was held on January 19 at the TSC Ballroom. The celebration is not only a traditional event at USU, but it provided a way for students, faculty, staff, and community members to gather and reflect upon the many sacrifices that have advanced social equality.

The theme for this year's vigil was, "Now Is The Time" a quote taken from MLK's famous, "I Have A Dream" speech. The focus of the event was to help all who attended to become more educated and feel empowered to take action. Our keynote speaker, Ms. Betty Sawyer from Weber State University related personal stories of how she took part in helping desegregate students in her school district as a young teen. She helped the audience ponder the significant work yet to be accomplished and our personal role in furthering social justice.

We appreciate the support we received in hosting this event and thank all those who attended!



### SOCIAL JUSTICE ART GALLERY

Access and Diversity Center student interns, Sandra Martinez and Evelyn Hernandez, put together an art contest for our MLK event. All were invited to participate in showcasing an art piece that portrays what the individual is passionate about.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February

- 10-12 Vagina Monologues
- 10 LSU Taco Sale
- 15-19 Black History Week
- 18 Miss American Indian
- 19 BSU Soul Food
- 24 Black History Documentary
- 26-27 NASC Pow Wow



Contestants of the Jalapeño eating contest



Latino Student Union members perform a Bachata/Cumbia piece choreographed by Erica Miller.



LSU Advisor, Angela Enno presents the council with awards for all the hard work they put in making the event possible.

On Saturday January 16, USU had the spiciest night of the year yet, as the Latino Student Union honored their culture and traditions with their Fiesta America 2016! LSU began preparing for this event since the beginning in the fall semester and executed it with amazing food and incredible performances. Dinner was provided by the University Catering and consisted of Lemon pepper chicken, rice, beans, and tres leches cake, as well as mango lemonade.

Let's not forget the heartwarming moment when the LSU presidency gave away their annual scholarship to Kelly Cendejas Gonzales, a senior from the valley that will be attending USU in the fall. "We all see a little bit of ourselves in Kelly", states Nahomi Jimenez (host of Fiesta America alongside Joe Busby), " we worked hard in high school to achieve the almost impossible goal of attending college ... now LSU club members are paying it forward for these future Aggies".

We must recognize some of the fantastic performers that included: the talented USU Breakdancing Club, My Bad Crew, Pablo Garcia who delivered an original and moving poem and, of course, LSU with their exciting and energetic dance number.

To finish the night with a bang there was a Latin Dance Party in the Sunburst Lounge that got the young and old on their feet and swaying their hips. We were psyched to have Professor Gonzales of the Spanish Department, DJ and he kept the party going.

It was a fun-filled night with cultural appreciation and a celebration of Latin heritage here at Utah State. The night was a great success and the Access and Diversity is proud of all the hard work and time that was put into this awesome event.



The Latino Student Union would like to thank their sponsors for helping make this event a success and for supporting their organization: University Catering, Logan

Lanes, Gaucho Grill, USU Campus Store, Blue Bird, Angies, Olive Garden, Toro Viejo, and Mo' Bettahs.



LSU VP, Karina Hernandez, presents an educational piece on Latinos in America.



MC's Nahomi Jimenez and Joe Busby strike a pose for the camera.



Professor Gonzales working the DJ Station





## CACHE VALLEY'S G.S.A. SPONSORS THEIR ANNUAL GENDER BLENDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR L.I.F.E.

On January 23, 2016, Cache Valley's Gay Straight Alliance sponsored their annual Gender Blender event to raise money for LIFE, the LGBT Club on campus. Those who attended were encouraged to dress of a gender that he/she does not typically identify with. This year the event was cosplay theme, so individuals could also attend as their favorite cosplayer. Individuals from all over Northern Utah and all kinds of age groups were present this year to celebrate who they are despite social norms. This year, we had a special attendance of individuals from the Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah.



There was also a drag show where contestants could compete in one of three contests: Drag Queen, Drag Androgynist, and Drag Queen. Contestants had three minutes to perform and gain the crowd's votes.

Despite the snowy weather, the event had an incredible turnout. Gender Blender turned out to be a successful fundraiser this year for LIFE and we thank all those who attended and made it such a wonderful night. We look forward to next year's Gender Blender and what it brings for LIFE.



If you would like to learn how to become an LGBT Ally, please contact [brooke.lambert@usu.edu](mailto:brooke.lambert@usu.edu). Allies on Campus seminars take place a few times a semester.

## THE ACCESS AND DIVERSITY CENTER HOSTS A BEAR RIVER MASSACRE MEMORIAL



On Monday, February 1st, the Access and Diversity held a memorial for the Bear River Massacre (also known as the Battle of Bear River and the Massacre at Boa Ogoi) that occurred 30 miles north of Utah State University.

During this tragedy, the United States Army attacked Shoshone gathered around the Bear River and Beaver Creek. This site is located near what is now known as Preston, Idaho. This site became a National Historic Landmark in 1990.

The death toll for the Shoshone was large, but some survived. One of the speakers of the night was Jason Brough, a member of the Shoshone tribe. During his presentation

he talked about how according to his tribal records, the Mormon militia was involved with this historic tragedy. Jason also included tribal songs during his presentation as part of the memorial.

The night also consisted of other performances, including Tyra Hardin, who recited an original poem. After the poem, there was a small video explaining the Bear River Massacre. A with a discussion followed the video.



Shoshone prayer tree at Bear River Massacre site.

# EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES**  
 February 10-12, 2016  
 TSC Auditorium  
 7:30pm  
 Doors open at 7pm  
 Tickers- \$10  
 Available at the Taggart Student Center #315 or at the door  
 Utah State University ACCESS & DIVERSITY CENTER  
 FUNDRAISER FOR capsa

The Vagina Monologues is made up of a varying number of monologues read by a cast comprised of women from Utah State University and the Cache Valley community. Each of the monologues deals with an aspect of the feminine experience and touches on matters such as sexuality, violence and abuse and healing. A recurring theme throughout the piece is the vagina as a tool of female empowerment, and the ultimate embodiment of individuality. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go to benefit CAPSA (Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse).

**2016 Miss American Indian USU Pageant**  
 Denisha Tsosie  
 Jasmine Despain  
 Kyra John  
 Tyra Hardin

The Native American Student Council will be sponsoring their annual Miss American Indian USU pageant. The pageant is being held in the TSC Auditorium on February 18, 2016 at 6:30pm. Come participate in this long-running tradition where four girls compete for the title of Miss American Indian USU 2016-2017. The newly crowned Miss Indian will represent USU, her tribe, and her culture throughout her reign and act as a goodwill ambassador. The contestants are: Jasmine Despain, Tyra Hardin, Kyran Johns, and Denisha Tsosie. For more information contact [NASC@usu.edu](mailto:NASC@usu.edu).

**Black Student Union Presents**  
**Soul Food Dinner**  
 February 19, 2016 | 6:30 pm | TSC Ballroom  
 Tickets- \$11-students | \$13 non-students  
 Utah State University ACCESS & DIVERSITY CENTER

The Black Student Union will be hosting their Soul Food Event on February 19, 2016. This event will consist of a dinner and a show with a variety of different performances throughout the night. Tickets are \$11 for students and \$13 for non-students. For questions about BSU or Soul Food Dinner, please contact BSU at: [BSU@usu.edu](mailto:BSU@usu.edu).

**43RD ANNUAL USU POW WOW**  
**Echoing Traditional Ways**  
 FEBRUARY 26 & 27  
 Utah State Ballroom  
 800 EAST 300 NORTH LOGAN, UTAH 84321  
**Guest Entry**  
 FRIDAY AT 7 PM  
 SATURDAY AT 12PM & 6PM  
**Specials**  
 HEAD MAN SPECIAL - MEN'S FANCY  
 HEAD WOMAN SPECIAL - TINY TOTS  
 TOGETHER & SOLEMN DANCE  
 HAND DRUM SPECIAL  
 ADULT WOMEN'S FANCY SASHA  
 HOSTED BY KYRA JOHN  
 WOMEN'S SWITCH DANCE HOSTED BY USU CENTER FOR WOMEN AND GENDER  
 MEN'S SWITCH DANCE HOSTED BY NAAC COMMITTEE  
 TINY TOTS SPECIAL HOSTED BY NATIVE AMERICAN TAGGING POST IN SALT LAKE CITY  
**Drum Contest**  
 \$1,000- WINNER TAKES ALL  
**Head Staff**  
 ARENA DIRECTOR: LANE NEAMAN FROM KEARNS, UTAH  
 MC: HANK JOHNSON FROM RENO, NEVADA  
 HEAD MAN: WILLIAM LEONARD FROM WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN  
 HEAD WOMAN: MISS AMERICAN INDIAN USU  
 HOST DRUM SOUTHERN CREE JUNIORS FROM MONTANA  
 Utah State University ACCESS & DIVERSITY CENTER

The Access and Diversity along with the Native American Student Council are sponsoring their 43rd annual USU Pow Wow on February 26 and 27, 2016. They are currently seeking for volunteers for the second largest event on campus. Volunteers can come for a few hours and help in whatever is necessary. Volunteers also receive free food at the event while they are volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Evelyn Hernandez at: [evelyn.hernandez@usu.edu](mailto:evelyn.hernandez@usu.edu).

# HUMANS OF DIVERSITY

## **Tell us about yourself:**

I'm from Midvale, Utah. I am the oldest of 4 children but definitely not the tallest. My family jokes on me a lot because I am a lot shorter than my siblings. My mom is Italian and my dad is Samoan, they call me and my siblings poly-tanos. I love to hang out with my friends and love playing rugby here with my teammates.

## **What is something you wish people didn't assume about your culture?**

One of my favorite things about being Italian-Samoan is my family! I have a huge family on both sides and I love them. Some things I get a lot though are how people assume that I know or am related to all of the other Polys. I do have a lot of cousins but I actually have more cousins on my Italian side than my Samoan side!

## **What is something other people don't know about you?**

My first name isn't actually Kiki, it's Fa'aitiiti. I was named after my great-grandmother on my dad's side. She's a very important person in our family and I'm honored to be named after her.

## **What made you want to be-**

## **come an Aggie?**

My great-grandfather, grandmother, and father all went to Utah State so blue blood runs through my veins! I love how fun and nice everyone on campus is. I also love being so close to the mountains, they're beautiful!

## **Where is your favorite place to hang out?**

I love to hang out in the MSS lounge. Everyone that hangs out there is so cool and it's fun to just chill and get to know everyone. I also love going to the ARC and playing volleyball. There's always really fun people playing there and I love the friendly competition.

## **Kiki's favorites:**

**Movie-** any Kung-Fu movie

**Book-** Homelander Series

**Food-** her grandpa's white spaghetti

**Ice Cream-** Pistachio

**TV Show-** Criminal Minds

**Sports Team-** Los Angeles Lakers

**Music-** ALL OF IT



Meet Kiki from Midvale, Utah. She is a freshman here at Utah State and is loving it! She hasn't wasted anytime getting involved. She is the Secretary for the Polynesian Student Union, the Multicultural Intern with the Access and Diversity Center, and is on the women's rugby team. She loves being an Aggie and is excited to continue her education here.



Interesting in joining one of our clubs?



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## **Access and Diversity Center** **Weekly Club Meetings**

**Polynesian Student Union:**  
Tuesdays 7:00pm; MSS Lounge

**Native American Student Council:**  
Wednesdays 4:30pm; TSC 316B

**Asian Student Association:**  
Wednesdays 5:00pm; TSC 313

**Black Student Union:**  
Wednesdays 5:35; MSS Lounge

**Latino Student Union:**  
Thursdays 4:30pm; MSS Lounge

**Interfaith Student Association:**  
Thursdays 5:30pm; MSS Lounge

**Love is For Everyone (GSA):**  
Thursdays 6:00pm; TSC 313

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