

The Access & Diversity Center



HOMEcoming 2011

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Access and Diversity Center is to promote access and full involvement in all aspects of student life at Utah State University. This center serves as a catalyst for the creation of a campus and community environment where all people are free to affirm and celebrate their differences, including but not limited to differences of race, sex, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, age, ability, and parental or veteran status.

Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours

During this season, we pause and reflect on the events of the past year. Much has been accomplished, and we look forward to a new year of

possibilities. In whatever way you choose to observe the holidays and New Year, we hope you have a safe and joyous season. On behalf of our staff, happy holidays!

Preparing Tomorrows Leaders

Access & Diversity Center student clubs and organizations provide underserved populations at Utah State University the opportunity to develop leadership skills, helping them successfully bridge their college experience into career settings. For example, officers of the Asian American Student Council (AASC) gained practical leadership experience while hosting their annual event "Tip Toe into Asia" on Saturday, November 5, 2011. This event required several

skills for a successful show. They put into practice negotiating, networking, coordinating, and public speaking skills. Despite individual differences, AASC officers came together in synergy and unity toward a common goal of sharing their rich heritage and culture with USU students and the community at large. This group of student leaders took ownership of their event and pride in ensuring they had done all in their power to achieve a successful outcome.

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ANNE-CLAIRE CHEA
SECRETARY
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT
COUNCIL

Leadership Highlight

Anne-Claire Chea is a sophomore at Utah State University, studying Health Education and Promotion. She is an Access & Diversity Center student leader, currently serving as the Asian American Student Council (AASC) Secretary. Anne-Claire regularly goes above and beyond her position duties to ensure the success of her organization. She works to ensure regular, informative, and welcoming communication with officers and club members.

Anne-Claire singlehandedly organized a large scale volunteer effort to support AASC's annual event. Her ability to assess organizational needs, delegate responsibilities, and provide clear direction to those within her stewardship inspired an environment of meaning, purpose, and ownership. Her efforts resulted in increased unity, retention, and satisfaction amongst club members.



BROOKE LAMBERT
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Welcome Aboard!

We are excited to welcome our new Program Coordinator, **Brooke Lambert**. Brooke is a USU Alum ('08) who played, as well as coached, for the USU Women's Rugby Team. She earned two degrees in Education during her undergraduate career and is continuing her studies in this field as a graduate student. Brooke will be working primarily with

LGBTQA students, but is ready to assist any student she encounters. Prior to joining the Access and Diversity Center, Brooke was an educator at Box Elder High School where she also coached the girls' soccer team. Brooke brings a refreshing approach and creative ideas for supporting students in our center and we look forward to her contribution.

Sub for Santa: Assisting One Family at Time

Each year, the Access & Diversity Center reaches out to offer assistance to student families who otherwise would not enjoy a Christmas. Our office received an outpouring of support from

generous donors and local retailers to provide Christmas for 7 families, including 17 children. This outpouring of generosity enabled us to fulfill all of the requested needs and wishes listed by our

families. The students who received assistance were overwhelmed with gratitude. We express our sincere thanks to all those who participated in making this Sub for Santa effort possible.

SPRING EVENTS

JANUARY

Martin Luther King Vigil

FEBRUARY

Black Out Loud

Soul Food Dinner

Vagina Monologues

Miss American Indian USU

MARCH

39th Annual Pow Wow

Luau

Latino Family Day

Salsabration

APRIL

National Day of Silence

Diversity Dinner



"USU Access & Diversity Center"



"UtahStateAccess"

Educational Outreach: Students Serving Students

The Access & Diversity Center's Educational Outreach programs have enjoyed new growth and much success over the past year. With the adoption of two new schools (Edith Bowen and South Cache Freshman Center), as well as the creation of "The Uncommon Collective," outreach continues to flourish. With only a week to go before the start of school, Edith Bowen School discovered its afterschool program would be discontinued. With this in mind, our Educational Outreach team went to work. In partnership with 5 USU students and 4 high school students from Fast Forward, South

Campus, and Cache High, enrichment programs were developed and homework help was offered to over 60 students per day. During the summer, our team worked to create a theme for the year based upon the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and established a relationship with the Rex Foundation and its program "The World as it Could Be." The result was the creation of "The Uncommon Collective." The Collective focuses its work on the right to education, the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to freely participate in the community.

Veterans Day, 11.11.11

Veteran student enrollment is on the rise. As this population increases, the Access & Diversity Center seeks opportunities to create and enhance need specific support programming. With this focus, we assumed responsibility of the Veteran's Day Ceremonies at USU. From 7:30 am to 7:35 pm, volunteers read the names of the 6,315 fallen from both Operations Iraqi Freedom,

and Enduring Freedom. At noon, a ceremony was held which included participation in a National Moment of Silence, as well as speeches on the importance and sacrifice made by our service members. As we move forward, we strive for excellence in the service we offer to our veterans. For all of those who have helped us in the past, we thank you for your support.

Hosting the AIDS Quilt at Utah State University

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest ongoing community arts project in the world, with more than 40,000 panels, each memorializing a life lost to AIDS. The Access & Diversity Center was excited to partner with a number of campus and community entities to host a portion of the AIDS

Memorial Quilt from November 28 to December 1, 2011. A series of events took place in conjunction with the memorial display, including a film screening, a national speaker, and community panels focused on fostering remembrance, awareness, and hope.