CENTER FOR STUDENT DIVERSITY

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The Center for Student Diversity (https://www.towson.edu/studentdiversity) (CSD) provides intellectual, social, personal, and cultural enrichment programs and services that build community and foster civility. The center strives to create a learning community that recognizes and appreciates cultural differences, respects individual uniqueness and engages in cross-cultural dialogue and interaction. Moreover, the center supports multicultural student organizations and offers diversity awareness seminars, workshops and presentations, along with advocacy and consultation. CSD serves all students, while paying particular attention to the needs of students of color and other under-served groups on campus. The purpose of the center is to develop an inclusive, supportive environment where students can attain their scholastic objectives in a seamless manner.

Currently, the CSD is made up of African American Student Development, Asian, Pacific Islander & Desi American Student Development, Cultural Competency Education, LGBTQ+ Student Development, Latinx Student Development and Women’s Resources. The center also partners with and supports Campus Ministries.

African American Student Development Program
African American Student Development (AASD) (http://www.towson.edu/aasd) supports, promotes and enhances the intellectual, academic, social and personal development of African, Afro-Caribbean and African American students. AASD provides programs and services that enhance the students’ overall experience at TU and increase awareness and appreciation of African, Afro-Caribbean and African American culture. We also assist TU in the recruitment and retention of students from these populations.

Asian, Pacific Islander & Desi American Student Development
The Asian, Pacific Islander & Desi American Student Development Program (https://www.towson.edu/apilatino) offers events and spearheads initiatives that focus on social, political and cultural issues pertaining to Asian, Pacific Islander & Desi American communities. The program supports Asian, Pacific Islander & Desi American students’ transition and adjustment to college life by working in close collaboration with individual students and student organizations.

Campus Ministries
Campus Ministries represents a variety of faith communities on campus through the support of staff assigned to TU. Several campus ministers advise student religious organizations, provide personal ministry and counseling, lead theological discussions and provide other religious and spiritual support. Campus Ministries sponsors speakers, films and discussions on contemporary issues. The goal of Campus Ministries is to promote understanding and appreciation of religious diversity and serve the religious and spiritual needs of the campus community.

Cultural Competency Education
The Cultural Competency Education Program (https://www.towson.edu/culturalcomp) provides training, workshops, and resources that build cultural competence and capacity for students, staff, and faculty around diversity, inclusion, identity and social justice. The program works collaboratively to enhance the cultural capacity on campus to address the needs of underrepresented and marginalized communities. Each semester, interactive workshops explore diversity’s complex and dynamic dimensions.

Latinx Student Development
The Latinx Student Development Program (https://www.towson.edu/studentdiversity/latinx-student-development.html) offers events and spearheads initiatives that focus on social, political and cultural issues pertaining to Latinx communities. The program supports Latinx students’ transition and adjustment to college life by working in close collaboration with individual students and student organizations, including the Latin American Student Organization (LASO). The Center for Student Diversity (CSD) provides a variety of educational, social, and outreach programs that promote and support the life and culture of students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+). The LGBTQ+ Student Development program (https://www.towson.edu/lgbt) exists to create a welcoming and nurturing environment for LGBTQ+ students so that they become engaged in leadership and mentoring opportunities on campus and in the wider community.

Women’s Resources
The Women’s Resources program (https://www.towson.edu/womensresources) exists as the central contact for resources and support for women on campus.

The program provides a wide range of services to women students focusing on leadership development and mentoring. In addition, the program offers a wide range of programming for the entire student body on issues of gender and equality. Common topics covered include Women’s Health and Fitness, Safety and Sexuality, Women in the Workforce and Sexual Assault Awareness. The program also connects female students with community resources for internships and community service projects.