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2019 Kente Celebration

Multicultural Life and Diversity hosted their Annual Kente Celebration on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The Kente Celebration symbolizes and commemorates the rite of passage for learners and scholars who are transitioning from institutions of higher learning to the next chapter of their lives. The Kente Celebration has deep institutional history and is an important experience for our multicultural student

This year's Kente Celebration is the biggest in the history of SUNY Cortland. 106 graduating seniors and graduate students participated this year. Distinguished Kente Honorary Stoles were presented to the following faculty and staff members: James Felton, Brandon Manning, Sebastian Purcell, Nanette Pasquarello and Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo.

The keynote speaker was Yusuf Muhammad, Jr. '99, M '01, a principal at

George Washington Carver High School in Atlanta, GA.

During the ceremony, Valarie Moise was presented with the inaugural Calvin Louis-Juste Memorial Award, honoring a student who reflects the leadership qualities of the late Louis-Juste, a 2009 Haitian-American graduate who died in 2011.

Multicultural Life and Diversity will unveil the recently renovated Voice Office in Corey Union and the Calvin Louis-Juste '09 Memorial Award plaque during the Kente and Voice Office alumni reunion in July 11-14 this year.



**MLDO Fall 2019
Programming:**

Peer Diversity Workshop
Monday, Sept. 9, 4-6 p.m.
Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

SafeZone Train the Trainer
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 3-6 p.m.
Corey Union Caleion Room

SafeZone Workshop
Tuesday, Oct. 1 and Thursday,
Oct. 3, 1-2:30 p.m.
Corey Union Voice Office

**Understanding and
Advocating for Racial Justice**
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 3-6 p.m.
Corey Union Caleion Room

**Rethinking Abilities
Workshop**
Monday, Nov. 4, 3-6 p.m.
Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

SafeZone Workshop
Monday, Nov. 18 and
Wednesday, Nov. 20,
4-5:30 p.m.
Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

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Kente Celebration
Saturday, April 4 at 6 p.m.
Corey Union Function Room

**The 11th Annual Student
Conference on Diversity,
Equity, Inclusion and Social
Justice**
Saturday, April 18
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Corey Union

**The 10th Annual Student Conference on Diversity,
Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice**

The 10th Annual Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

The student-led conference, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day in Corey Union, seeks to promote open-mindedness, celebrate diversity and encourage awareness of divergent views on the College campus and within students' own communities.

Noelle Chaddock, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker. They served SUNY Cortland in diversity, equity, inclusion, access and social justice roles from 2009-2016. Title of their keynote address was "Performing the

Social in Social Justice: Mindfulness, Intentionality, Co-conspirators and Persistent Resisters". Chaddock engaged conference attendees in a conversation about the social and individual responsibilities of those doing the work of social justice organizing and advocacy.

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The 11th Annual Student Conference
on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and
Social Justice**

Saturday, April 18, 2020

MLDO is excited to announce that Christina Christie will be the 2020 student Conference Chair.



2019 Voice Office organizations

The Student Voice Office organizations strive to promote awareness about their culture and matters related to their community. As a whole their goal is to educate through meetings and programs while providing a safe space for everyone. All of their meetings and programs are open to the campus and anyone that is interested in learning about their history and current events. One of their favorite saying is that “you don’t have to self-identify within the organization to be a part of us. All are welcome.”

Multicultural Life and Diversity Office works closely with the Voice Office to provide support and guidance. The following organizations was added recently: Student for Access and Ability in College (SFAAC) Curly Kinky Coily (CKC), Know Your Roots- Africana Studies Association (KYR-ASA) and National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

- **Monday’s**
 - o **Black Student Union (BSU)** –6 p.m.- Voice Office
 - o **Pan-African Student Association (PASA)**– 7 p.m. - Voice Office
- **Tuesday’s**
 - o **La Familia Latina (LFL)**- 6pm- Voice Office
 - o **Men of Value and Excellence (MOVE)**- 7 p.m. bi-weekly- Voice Office
 - o **Hillel** – 8 p.m.- Voice Office
- **Wednesday’s**
 - o **Students for Access and Ability in College (SFAAC)**- 5pm- Voice Office
 - o **Caribbean Student Association (CSA)**- 6 p.m.- Voice Office
 - o **National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**- 6:30 p.m.- Fireplace Lounge
 - o **Curly Kinky Curly (CKC)**- 7 p.m. - Voice Office
- **Thursday’s**
 - o **Women of Color (WOC)**- 6 p.m.- Voice Office
 - o **PRIDE** – 7 p.m.- Voice Office
 - o **Know Your Roots- Africana Studies Association (KYR-ASA)**- 7pm- Sperry 307

Follow the Voice Office organizations on Instagram:

BSU: @cortlandbsu
PASA: @cortlandpasa
LFL: @lafamilialatina
MOVE: @cortlandmove
Hillel: @cortlandhillel

NAACP: @cortland_naacp
CSA: @cortlandcsa
CKC: @cortlandckc
WOC: @_womenofcolor
PRIDE: @sunycortlandpride
KYR: @cortlandkyr

Newsletter
 If you would like to contribute to the MLDO Newsletter, please email multicultural.life@cortland.edu with submissions in any language.

In memory of Glennys Cordero



Glennys Cordero, lost her life on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in a tragic car crash in Dryden, NY. She was from the Bronx, and was a recent graduate of Tompkins Cortland Community College. She then came to SUNY Cortland, where she enrolled as an Art and Art History major, in the Graphic Design and Digital Media program. She was active on our campus, particularly in Multicultural Life and Diversity. Most recently, she played a leadership role as chief photographer at the 2019 Kente Celebration. Dynamic and outgoing, Glennys was well liked by all who knew her.

Her brother Pedro Terrero said, “We are very proud that she has belonged to your campus and her achievements while here. Thank you for giving her the opportunity to become the wonderful and special person she was. In her words, “Express yourself, be creative, be inspired.” Love and let everything flow. Please remember her always happy as she was. Thank you very much”.

Here are a few photos taken by Glennys during the Kente Celebration of students that knew her.



Kente and Voice Office Reunion

SAVE THE DATE:
July 11-14, 2019

We welcome all alumni who participated in Kente, the Voice Office or Multicultural Life organization to come back for Alumni Reunion 2019. Help the Multicultural Life and Diversity Office staff unveil the recently renovated Voice Office in Corey Union and the Calvin Louis-Juste '09 Memorial Award plaque, join your friends in the Corey Union Function Room for a “late night party” and help conclude the year-long Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Interested in being part of the Kente/Voice Office Reunion committee? Please complete the Reunion form on RedDragonNetwork.org/reunion.

