Mission Statement

The Division of Multicultural Affairs advances a supportive environment for racial/ethnic students by providing a range of services and programs that have a positive impact on their academic success and quality of life. To enhance diversity in the community, the Division initiates and coordinates cultural programming and facilitates opportunities for learning and personal development for all students at Western Michigan University.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Program

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy is designed to recognize the academic achievement of students who have been awarded The Cultural Diversity Scholarship and/or other incentive scholarships at Western Michigan University. The MLK Academy provides an opportunity for scholarship students to pursue their major areas of study and to join with other scholarship students in a variety of experiences that broaden their educational perspectives. The Academy strives to enhance the educational experience by creating a challenging, diverse, and friendly learning environment while in college.

Multicultural Center

The Multicultural Center (MCC) at Western Michigan University provides the University student population with spaces for study, meetings, projects, and conversation. The MCC also provides information on diversity, ethnic and cultural issues through speakers, events, exhibits, and displays scheduled by University groups and organizations. The Multicultural Center is located in the Adrian Trimpe Building on campus.

Center for Pre-College Initiatives

The Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks College Day Program was created by the Michigan State Legislature in 1986 as a part of the larger King/Chavez/Parks Initiative. The College Day Program's mission is to provide an opportunity for targeted students, grades 6th through 12th, to discover first hand the potential of a college education and to expose students to the information, knowledge, and skills they need to adequately prepare themselves for college entry and success.

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is a member of the National Association of College Honor Societies. Mu Omicron was initiated at WMU in 1989, and it is the only chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu in the State of Michigan. The purpose of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is to promote high scholarship, to encourage sincere and zealous endeavors in all fields of knowledge and service, and to develop an appreciation for scholarly work and the scholarly endeavors in others. Alpha Kappa Mu’s activities include sponsoring scholarly speakers, participating in the National Undergraduate Research Conference, and attending regional and national conferences and conventions.