Multicultural Affairs

Mission Statement
To support the University's efforts in the attraction, persistence, and graduation of diverse students through programs and services that will enable them to contribute to the advancement of the campus community and a multicultural world.

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 Diversity & Multiculturalism 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.

Sophomore and Transfer Student Program
The Sophomore and Transfer Student Program is designed to increase opportunities for leadership and personal development, interaction with faculty and staff, assistance with major selection, career paths, and understanding study abroad options, as well as to increase class cohesiveness by providing support and services for selected students.

Steps Toward Exhibiting Mastery (STEM) Program
The Division of Multicultural Affairs' STEM Program, funded by the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth King-Chávez -Parks Initiative, is designed to promote student success and increase student college graduation rates. The DMA STEM Program provides free one-on-one tutoring for many courses, academic support through mentoring, counseling, multicultural activities, educational seminars, career and graduate school planning, and other resources to enhance student education.

The DMA STEM Program strives to provide a learning- and student-centered environment that presents the context for intellectual, cultural, professional, and personal growth during the college experience. Each student will learn to become an independent, confident learner and develop good study habits and time management skills.

Center for Pre-College Initiative
The mission of the Center for Pre-College Initiative is to provide an opportunity for middle and high school students to discover first-hand the potential of a college education, and to expose students to information, knowledge, and skills needed to complete high school and enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education. Two grant funded programs under this center are the GEAR UP College Day Program and the Upward Bound Program.

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society is a member of the National Association of College Honor Societies. Initiated at WMU in 1989, 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, encourage sincere and zealous endeavors in all fields of knowledge and service, and develop an appreciation for scholarly work and the scholarly endeavors in others.