

The Spotlight



March Meetings

At 3 p.m.

- March 5—Bedford Campus Center, Room 216
- March 12—No meeting, Spring Break Week
- March 19—Lowell Federal Building, 3rd Floor, Court Room
- March 26—Bedford Trustees House, Galvani Room
- April 2—Lowell Federal Building, 3rd Floor, Court Room

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SUGA Updates

Written by Bedford Chair, Brittany McGuire

SUGA has had a productive return to work with the start of the spring semester. To begin, we welcomed in four new members, who are all eager to participate. We still have open seats, and **SUGA** is a great opportunity to participate on campus, and so we are still looking for more to join.

Several of the committees combined to offer a student feedback survey. On display in Lowell and Bedford was a board asking pertinent questions regarding food, transportation, and technology on campus. Students were encouraged to fill out these surveys with their opinions. We are looking forward to going through the results to better serve!

Overall, the past month has been very productive for **SUGA**. Textbook committee put out a notice on the newscaster and got a lot of responses regarding

the cost of textbooks, which they will be hoping to respond on. Transportation is looking into other colleges that have two campuses and how they handle transportation. Technology met and

Parkinson's Research. Michael J. Fox will be visiting the community in June's Celebrity Forum. **SUGA** is hoping to raise money for the charity through various fundraising attempts.



there were a number of issues raised, including the desire to minimize login time. Food has been working steadily and is considering doing an ethnic food day once a month or so.

We will also be starting a fundraiser for The **Michael J. Fox Foundation** for

Look out for this in the upcoming months. On **March 26th SUGA** will have a **special guest, Pat Bruno**, regarding advising concerns. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting: **it is at 3:00 PM on March 26th and is located in the Galvani Room at the Trustees House in Bedford.**

Club Highlighter: Latinos Unidos

Latinos Unidos is a club that connects all students who are interested in Latino culture. Their mission is to promote Latino awareness on campus through various cultural events. Membership is open to everyone.

In February, **Latinos Unidos**



“Latinos Unidos meets every Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Multicultural Center at the Lowell Campus.”

held several activities, including watching the documentary “Papers” which explained the challenges that undocumented youth face as they turn 18 without legal status. On February 21, **Latinos Unidos** also participated in community service with local children during Lowell Kids Week. On the last day of February, there was a free language café from 10:30-12:00, open to anyone who wants to learn Spanish or practice with other Spanish speakers. Following the language café, **Latinos Unidos** held a presentation about Dominican Republic Independence Day.

Latinos Unidos has many exciting activities planned for the month of March. Dates and times of the March events are TBA.

For more information about **Latinos Unidos** contact **Genevieve Green:** greenq@middlesex.mass.edu

or check out their Facebook page by searching for **(MCC) Latinos Unidos Club.** **Latinos Unidos** meets every Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Multicultural Center at the Lowell Campus.

By Rebekah Dufrene

Women’s Month—Women’s Leadership Network

Twenty-five years ago, **Women’s History Week**

(the week of March 8th, which is International Women’s Day)

was expanded to be **Women’s History Month** in the United States. This is a month that puts a spotlight on Women’s contributions, both in our history as well as today. We at MCC’s

Women’s Leadership Network are inspired by the women leaders that have come before us. We benefit from their struggles and are encouraged by their strength.

While learning from women of the past, we also wish to support each other in developing great futures. As much as we are aware of what

has been accomplished, in order for us to flourish, we realize that we too must pave the way for our sisters who will follow in our footsteps. We reflect on the words of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who said, *“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one’s life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.”*

We at the **Women’s Leadership Network** are weaving a rich and colorful tapestry together.

For more information regarding the Women’s Leadership Network please contact **Tara Kirby** at tkirby@mail.middlesex.edu



Women’s Leadership Network

Club Service Opportunities

Campus Catalyst Office Hours at MCC

Every **Monday**, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.
in **Room 407** or by appointment

- Want to learn more about Campus Catalyst?
- Questions about your project or idea?
- Need support or resources?

Stop by **Room 407**
make an appointment
or schedule a class or club visit!

Contact: **Lianna Kushi**

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Great Strides—Walk to Cure

Cystic Fibrosis (5K walk)

Date: **Sunday, May 20th**

Location: Billerica Boys and Girls Club

in Billerica on Campbell Road
Registration: 9 a.m.

Walk begins at 10am

For more information please contact:

Student Activities Office

Or visit their website at

http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/



A Tribute for Our Gold Star Mothers

Presented by: Rhonda Galpern, Outreach Program Manager, New England Quilt Museum and Sheri Denk, Middlesex Community College

Thursday, March 8, 2011 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Location of Event: Middlesex Community College,
33 Kearney Square, Lowell—Lower Cafeteria

For more information call 978-656-3159 or E-mail:

denks@middlesex.mass.edu

The New England Quilt Museum invites you to a "Sit and Sew" event on **Thursday, March 8 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** as we assemble blocks and quilts in collaboration with the Massachusetts Chapter of Home of the Brave Quilts. Everything is provided for your use -- kits with pre-cut fabrics, sewing supplies and sewing machines

For a photo of the quilts, see

www.homeofthebravequilts.com

International Awareness—Uganda

During pre-colonial times, the most dominant groups in Uganda engaged in ethnic wars. The objective of these wars was to expand their dominance in the regions. As an example, the most dominant group, the Buganda, for instance during these times engaged in an expansionist policy

that saw it conquer parts of the surrounding regions. As a result many groups of people got amalgamated into the Kingdom of Buganda. Today, Buganda which one can say houses Buganda has minority groups that are reclaiming their historical heritage. President Yoweri Museveni, the country's leader has capitalized on these groups to

weaken Buganda by declaring them Kingdoms of themselves even though they have no cultural backgrounds, unique from Buganda. These include; Baluuli, Banyala, to mention but a few.

By Rogers Muyanja

Women's Week—Remarkable Quotes from MCC Faculty and Staff

"Diversity is excellence. Leadership is a choice. It's easy to hear the usual, the loud, the same voices. When you choose to include diverse voices, listen to the creativity that results. Imagine your leadership potential when diversity and excellence are core values!"

Darcy Orellana

Assistant Dir. HR/Affirmative Action Officer

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends. To

appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Donna Corbin

Zixia said, "A person can said to truly love learning (*haoxue* 好學) who, on a daily basis, is aware of what is yet to be learned, and who, from month to month, does not forget what has already been mastered." *Analects* 19.5 (Ames and Rosemont trans.)

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"OCD"

Kim Clark

Student Union Government Association

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Email us at:

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Find us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/MCCSUGA>

Tweet with us on Twitter: [MCCSUGA](#)



Dates to Remember

Monday:

New Life Discovery Club meets every Monday at 12:30 PM at the Lowell Pollard Building, Room 304.

MAPP meets every Monday at 1:30 PM at the Lowell City Building, Multicultural Center, Ground Floor.

Spectrum meets every Monday at 3 PM alternating campuses—locations as follows: Lowell City Building Room 105, Bedford House Room 109.

SUGA meets every Monday at 3 PM alternating campuses—locations as follows: Lowell Federal Building Court Room, Bedford Trustees House Galvani Room.

Tuesday:

Future Graphic Designers of America meets every Tuesday at 1PM at Bedford Campus, AR210.

Latinos Unidos meets every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at the Lowell City Building, Multicultural Center, Ground Floor.

Veteran's Club meets every Tuesday at 12 PM at the Lowell City Building, Veterans Resource Center, Room 117.

Wednesday:

Bedford Dance Club meets every Wednesday at 1PM at the Bedford Campus, North Academic, Building 6, Room G2.

Elite Fashion Club meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM at the Bedford Campus, Henderson Hall, Room 308.

International Club meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM at the Lowell City Building, Multicultural Center, Ground Floor.

STEM Club meets at 2:30 PM at Bedford Campus, Henderson Hall, Room 308

Thursday:

African Cultural Club meets every Thursday at 1:30 PM at the Lowell City Building, Multicultural Center, Ground Floor.

Lowell Dance Club meets every Thursday at 2:30 PM at the Lowell Campus Cafeteria.

Veteran's Club meets every Thursday at 12 PM at the Bedford Veteran's Resource Center.

MAC Middlesex Activities Crew meets every Thursday at 2:30 PM alternating campuses—locations as follows: Lowell Merrimack Building Student Lounge, Bedford Campus Center Room 216.

Do you want to participate on campus and feel part of change for the college?

If so, considering joining **MCC's Student Union Government Association**. **SUGA** is a club unlike any other, and consists of a 16 member board, which focuses on making changes that the student's ask for as well as managing clubs. Being a part of **Student Government** is an opportunity to develop leadership skills, meet new friends, network with faculty and staff as well as people within the local community, and make student life better for the future. If you are interested in making an impact and learning about how things are done on campus, you should consider joining!

There are currently two spots open on the board. If interested, please stop by the Student Activities office at Campus Center Room 201 in Bedford or 4th Floor Room 407 City Campus in Lowell for more information.

Written by Bedford Chair Brittany McGuire

Important Dates:

Mar. 1—Hot Air Balloon Training Event at Lowell at 1:45 PM

Mar. 1—Play in the Snow! Outdoor Adventures Club. 3 PM

Mar. 5 to 9—Women's Week

Mar. 12-17—Spring Break

Mar. 14th—Respecting Others, Respecting Yourself at Lowell Federal Building, Assembly Room 9 AM-3PM

Mar. 28—MCC's Got Talent Show

Mar. 29—No Class

Apr. 5—Hot Air Balloon Main Event at Lowell from 3-5 PM

Apr. 6—Last day to Withdraw From Classes

Make Note:

To be the Club Highlighter for next month, or submit photos, important dates, or any other relevant club information please contact the Lowell Secretary, Gabrielle Davis at gdavis@mail.middlesex.edu for more information. Do this by **Mar. 15th!**