January Newsletter

United for Haiti

As a campus we have all witnessed the devastating situation in Haiti. As communicated in the Message from the College President, MDC has been working quickly to respond to the need for help in Haiti.

The College has designated a special account to raise money for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Student Life offices at each campus will accept cash donations and checks. Checks should be made payable to Miami Dade College and should include "Haiti" in the memo line. Campus Bursar's offices will accept payment by check or credit card.

The College will also collect first-aid supplies to support medical teams strategically placed to respond to Haiti’s most pressing needs. Acceptable items include gauze, bandages, surgical tape, peroxide, alcohol wipes, blankets and towels. The Kendall Campus will be collecting in Student Life, room 100.

Miami Dade College is coming together as a whole to help out with this tragic occurrence. Any help is greatly appreciated, and if we all do our part to help a little, we will be successful in helping our fellow brothers from Haiti.

Class back in session for Spring

During the first week of school for Spring, students at the Kendall Campus got to enjoy many different activities.

On January 5 students had the welcome back at the Koffee House with music from Dj Danny and got treated to cotton candy and lollipops. On Jan 6, once again students enjoyed to music by the Hooked on Tonics band and were given chocolate nuts and funnel cakes.

The welcome back went on for the whole month with other activities like, music by The Javier Mendoza Trip and Old Tyme photos in the cafeteria.
SAID is asking for your assistance

As we all know a massive earthquake has devastated Haiti. They are in dire need of food and aid. Food for the Poor Inc. (The same non-profit we affiliated ourselves with to do the All Nighter for Haiti 2009) asked SAID to initiate an emergency food collection drive.

The main items being requested are can food items that are pop top (they have no can openers) and only canned goods, no bags of dried rice or beans. They have no clean water to cook with.

Another way SAID is asking for help is with volunteers. They have set up with Center of Community Involvement three bake sale days. They will be hosting a bake sale on January 26, 27, 28, 2010 to raise funds for Haiti. Drop off your baked goods in Service Learning Office in room 6219. Contact Veronica Fernandez at vfernan2@mdc.edu.

District 1 Meeting

On January 24, 2010 the Miami Dade Kendall Campus made itself present at the District one meeting. We had 14 senators from our student government representing us there.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day

He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which raised public consciousness of the civil rights movement and established himself as one of the greatest orators in U.S. history.

On January 26, 2010 Miami Dade Kendall Campus held a special ceremony in remembrance of Dr. King. The ceremony took place in the McCarthy Theater, room 610.
Dancing at Lughnasa

Once again, the Kendall campus thespians will be delivering a delightful and entertaining performance. This time it will be *Dancing at Lughnasa*, by Brian Friel, one of Ireland's most important playwrights.

The story is a drama set in Ireland's County Donegal in August 1936 in the fictional town of Ballybeg. It is a play told from the point of view of the narrator Michael Evans. He recounts the summer in his aunts' cottage when he was seven years old, which was marked by hardships, poverty and unfulfilled lives. All the drama takes place within the cottage, with events outside being reported, either as they happen or as reminiscence.

It is undoubtedly a captivating story, which will let the audience experience a great deal of emotions, and empathize with the characters. So make sure you go out to see it and support our very talented theater department.

By: Carlos Paez

Come Step Forward!

Phi Theta Kappa, Omicron Tau Chapter is organizing a benefit concert for Haiti!

As you all know, Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere was struck by a barrage of earthquakes destroying the city and taking countless of lives. PTK is working on helping the devastated nation by hosting a benefit concert featuring different artists that want to volunteer for the cause.

It will take place Saturday February 27th in Miami Dade College Kendall Campus.

There will be a $10 admission fee. All the money will go to the Haiti Relief Fund.

If you would like to participate as a band please send us a message.

If you and your business are interested in sponsorship, please speak to an officer in the PTK office.

It's your turn to STEP FORWARD!

Haiti Vigil

Continuing its college wide campaign on behalf of Haiti’s earthquake victims, Miami Dade College (MDC) hosted a community candlelight vigil at its eight campuses which centered at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010.

The vigil was a public memorial that included a moment of silence and meditation, a celebration of life ceremony, and oral presentation about the culture and history of Haiti given by reverend and inspirational speaker. The event took place in front of the Koffehouse from 6:00-6:45pm.

All participants were given red candles to symbolize their hope for Haiti.
On January 26 MDC Student Government hosted its annual talent show. All benefits collected went for relay for life. The event took place in the McCarthy Theater from 6:30-9:00pm.

There was a variety of talented performers. Raging from comedians, singers, actors, dancers and many more.

The talent show was very organized and had three winners. In third place was Steven Rodriguez with his poetry, "The Cutest Part". In second place was Fernando Castro with his beat boxing and DJ-ing skills, and in first place were Ryan Ramirez and David Lafontant with their act, "2 guys 4 stools". The winners received $25, $50, and $100 gift cards to the MDC bookstore. We saw many talents that night that helped raise a lot of money for a good cause.