

# IN THE ODMA

2024

FEBRUARY

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Chúc mừng năm mới! Happy Lunar New Year! We are wishing you luck this semester, and this season! We're super excited for all the things we have for you this month.

It's February! That means it's Black History Month, and the staff here have some amazing events planned. Valentine's day is also upon us and we've provided fun things to do with your friends and loved ones. Last month we started the new semester and new year, we had events like our Paint Day, Megafair, and Lunar New Year hosted by our Asian clubs at SLCC and the University of Utah.



## WHAT IS THE ODMA?

The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, also known as the ODMA, is a center of belonging for all students, we share cultures, ideas, perspectives, identities, and more.

The office and lounge space in the Student Center of Redwood Campus, Rm: 101, is where we're at, come drop by, hang out, and meet some of us here in the ODMA.

# LIST OF EVENTS

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month has come back around this year and we are thrilled for what the ODMA staff and Black Student Union have planned.

*Annual Celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. History.*

Sign up for the Annual BSU poetry slam, African American Read-In, and Multicultural Fashion Extravaganza! Can't wait to see you all there!



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- **Black History Month Kick-Off**
  - January 25, 2024
  - 5 – 7 p.m.
  - Clifton G. Sanders Social Justice Institute @ South City Campus
- **Annual Black Student Union Poetry Slam/Artistic Expressions**
  - February 1, 2024
  - 12 – 2 p.m.
  - Student Center, Oak Room @ Taylorsville Redwood Campus
- **Support Black Businesses Day-Pop Up Shops**
  - February 8, 2024
  - 12 – 4 p.m.
  - Student Center, Student Event Center @ Taylorsville Redwood Campus
- **African American Read-In**
  - February 14, 2024
  - 12 – 2 p.m.
  - Student Center, Student Event Center @ Taylorsville Redwood Campus
- **Multicultural Fashion Extravaganza**
  - February 22, 2024
  - 12 – 2 p.m.
  - Student Center, Student Event Center @ Taylorsville Redwood Campus
- **The SLCC Black Excellence Alumni Dinner (Private Event)**
  - February 29, 2024
  - 5 – 8 p.m.
  - Student Center, Oak Room @ Taylorsville Redwood Campus

# MULTICULTURAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEET AND GREET

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
STUDENT CENTER @ REDWOOD CAMPUS

Come meet our ODMA, International Student Service staff, the Multicultural Student Council, and learn about services, clubs, and how we support students

*It allows students to understand the office and interact with other students. It's a good way in the start of the semester to welcome new students in the ODMA space.*

*-Rumaisa*



## CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
ROOM 221/223, STUDENT CENTER @ REDWOOD CAMPUS

Crafting Connections is an event in collaboration with the ODMA, Dream Center, Multicultural Student Council, and LUCHA (Latinxs United for Change and Advocacy). It comes from the Spanish version of Valentine's Day. Bringing and sharing friends and lovers together for something uplifting.



**#ToImmigrantsWithLove** campaign is about showing love, appreciation, and stories to the ones we love. It is their way of helping people and sharing with others to feel welcomed and supported. Crafting Connections is about building connections with others, tying them into empathy, and working with the community. There will be snacks, candy, bracelet making, open mic, and more.

*“When there’s so much Division in the world, it’s crucial to have spaces where we can make those connections.”*

*-Mateo*

# STAFF HIGHLIGHT



## KIMBERLY QUERALES

Kimberly has been an essential part of the ODMA, supporting the Latinx community at SLCC since August. She is over the the Somos Mas student initiative; helping out students with their first semester, academic retention, academic excellence, and graduation. She also assists, as the advisor of LUCHA, Latinxs United for Change, and Activism Club. She also is heavily involved in planning the annual Latinx and Hispanic Heritage Month which falls between September to October.

### WHAT DOES DIVERSITY AND THE ODMA MEAN TO YOU?



*"Diversity and the ODMA mean a lot and are important, it's essential for students to have a place where they feel at home, have a sense of belonging with their peers, and a community where they can be apart of and give back to. With the ODMA we are able to do that through service, friendship, connections, etc. It's a great place to build those connections and give back to the community."*

*-Kimberly*



The project she's currently working on and looking forward to is "Crafting Connections." It's a collaboration with the Dream Center, Multicultural Student Council, and LUCHA. It's about bringing awareness to undocumented families and a way of showing love and support to these communities.

Kimberly is more than willing and open to help, support, and assist any student throughout the school year. Her office in the ODMA always has snacks, and she keeps a riddle on her door, whoever can solve it can get a prize. Come by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, meet, visit, and try to solve that riddle from Kimberly!

# STUDENT STAFF HIGHLIGHT

## MATEO RUELAS

Mateo is a member of the Multicultural Student Council, supporting latinx, undocumented students, and the Gender And Sexuality Student Resource Center. The multicultural student council is an autonomous council housed in the ODMA, with the goal of advocating for students. Each of the five members serves and support an ethnic group.



Mateo has been part of SLCC right after high school, joining the Bridge program. Enrolling as a psychology major, he hopes to go into research, be a professor, and get two Ph.D.'s. He's always volunteered and helped out with the ODMA and has previously served as an intern and the VP of Equity and Diversity at SLCC.

## WHAT DOES DIVERSITY AND THE ODMA MEAN TO YOU?

*Diversity is an acknowledgement on the uniqueness and differences in humanity. This place helps to highlight it and appreciates it, ODMA ties it together. It's like a second home and a place I've always gravitated towards. Diversity gets misinterpreted, it's a lot of layers of peoples identities, it's something to show belonging.*

*-Mateo*

He's excited to be apart of the Crafting Connections Event, working along side Kimberly, and Black History Month's Multicultural Fashion Extravaganza.

*"I feel a sense of belonging here in the ODMA, I'm able to express myself differently. There's a sense of belonging that allows that sense of discovery. I never felt discouraged to explore who I am here."*

*-Mateo*

# CLUBS

## **American Indian Student Leadership**

Meeting: Tuesdays 1:00 pm

Location: Thayne Center Conference Room @ Redwood Campus

## **Asian Student Association**

Meeting: Tuesday 2:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus

## **Black Student Union**

Meeting: Thursdays 12:00 pm

Location: Room Room 221/223 in Student Center @ Redwood Campus

## **Global Connections**

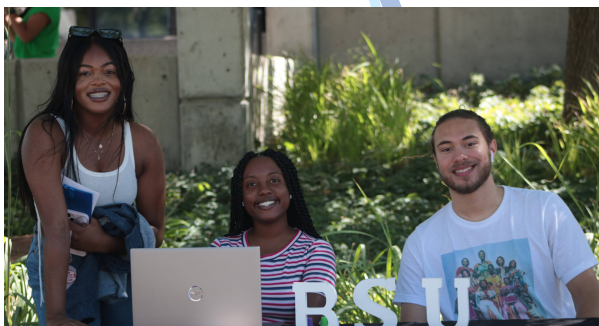
Meeting: Mondays 12:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus

## **Kurdish Club**

Meeting: Mondays 12:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus



## **Latinx's United for Change and Activism**

Meeting: Thursdays 2:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus

## **Muslim Student Association**

Meeting: Wednesdays 1:00pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus

## **Pacific Unity Association**

Meeting: Wednesdays 2:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus

## **Queer Student Association**

Meeting: Wednesdays 3:00 pm

Location: Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs @ Redwood Campus and GSRC @ South City  
Every other week.

# RESOURCES

## Bruin PANTRY

The Bruin Pantry has a variety of items including but not limited to: fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy products, prepared sandwiches, salads, microwavable meals, bread, dry foods, snacks, canned goods, personal hygiene items, and menstrual products

The Pantry is open to all students and employees, you only need to show up with your OneCard or S#. And you will have to fill out an annual liability form.

Run by Coordinators Diya Shah, Jairo Martinez, and their team of student staff, peer leaders, and volunteers. Their goal is to provide goods and services for the food needs of college students here at Salt Lake Community College.

*National survey data shows 45% of college students have recently experienced food insecurity*

[Learn more about Bruin Pantry](#)



### Taylorsville Redwood Campus

STC 020  
801-957-4060

Tuesday: 2-5  
Wednesday: 10-2  
Thursday: 12:30-4:30  
Friday: 9-1

### The Roger M. Crus Bruin Pantry at South City Campus

1-061D  
801-957-4060

Wednesday: 1-5  
Thursday: 1-5  
Friday: 9-1

### Jordan Campus

JSTC 135  
801-957-4060

Wednesday: 10-2  
Thursday: 12-4

### Herriman Campus

JNPR122  
801-957-4060

Wednesday: 12-4  
Thursday: 9-1

### West Valley Campus

103A  
801-957-2118

Wednesday: 11-3  
Thursday: 3-7

# What to Think About

There may be some changes in the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. This specifically pertaining to the name of the ODMA. Recently in politics, there's a new bill being signed off by Governor Cox. HB 261, also known as the Equal Opportunity Initiative. It has grown with great interest and controversy among many people.

Most of the values that the ODMA stands on, coordinator roles, etc. Don't align with the items stated in the bill.

It's a big question of equality vs equity. There's the argument that we are putting an already historically marginalized community in jeopardy by removing the opportunities and spaces available to these communities.



*"For some of these individuals these spaces are the only safe space for students"*

*Senator Karen Kwan in the Salt Lake Tribune*

*Diversity: The practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientation, etc.*

*Oxford Dictionary*

The bill prohibits engaging, maintaining, policy, procedure, practice, program, office, initiative, or required training that; is referred to or named diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The ODMA being called the Office of Diversity and Multicultural is in the process of choosing a new name. Hopefully to encompass the values and community that ODMA stands for, and has stood for, to so many students.

There is uncertainty as to how the bill will affect the students and their success in graduation, as we remove the focused spaces dedicated to these students that identify in these communities.

*"There's a sense of community to many students in these places, it brings different people together and allows us to understand where people of similar backgrounds are coming from. It's being able to see how we can support and give back to the community that we were both raised in, identify with and are apart of."*

*Rachel*

## **How does this affect us other than our name change?**

Fortunately, job security in the ODMA is not at risk. However, our roles as staff and coordinators, and student leaders are expected to change. What we can ask ourselves, is how does this affect my future as a student? I'd encourage you to read up on it and see how you, personally will be affected by this new bill.



# FEBRUARY EVENT CALANDER

- February 1: 12pm-2pm BLACK HISTORY MONTH POETRY SLAM
- February 1: 2pm-3pm LUCHA MEETING
- February 5: 12pm-1pm GLOBAL CONNECTIONS + KURDISH CLUB MEETING
- February 5: 6pm GSRC GAME NIGHT
- February 6: 1pm-2pm AISL MEETING
- February 6: 1pm-2:30pm MSC MEET AND GREET
- February 7: 2pm-3pm PUA MEETING
- February 7: 3pm-4pm QSA MEETING
- February 8: 12pm-4pm BLACK HISTORY MONTH SUPPORT BLACK BUSINESSES DAY
- February 8: 2pm-3pm LUCHA MEETING
- February 12: 12pm-1pm GLOBAL CONNECTIONS + KURDISH CLUB MEETING
- February 13: 1pm-2pm AISL MEETING
- February 13: 2pm-3pm ASA MEETING
- February 14: 11am-2pm SPREAD LOVE NOT STI'S
- February 14: 1pm-2pm PUA MEETING
- February 14: 12pm-2pm BLACK HISTORY MONTH READ IN
- February 14: 2pm - 4pm CRAFTING CONNECTION
- February 15: 12pm-1pm BSU MEETING
- February 15: 2pm-3pm LUCHA MEETING
- February 19: 12pm-1pm GLOBAL CONNECTIONS + KURDISH CLUB MEETING
- February 20: 1pm-2pm AISL MEETING
- February 20: 2pm-3pm ASA MEETING
- February 21: 2pm-3pm PUA MEETING
- February 21: 3pm-4pm QSA MEETING @ REDWOOD
- February 22: 12pm-2pm BLACK HISTORY MONTH MULTICULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA
- February 22: 2pm-3pm LUCHA MEETING
- February 26: 12pm-1pm GLOBAL CONNECTIONS + KURDISH CLUB MEETING
- February 27: 1pm-2pm AISL MEETING
- February 27: 2pm-3pm ASA MEETING
- February 28: 2pm-3pm PUA MEETING
- February 29: 12pm-1pm BSU MEETING
- February 29: 2pm-3pm LUCHA MEETING
- February 29: 5pm-8pm BLACK HISTORY MONTH SLCC BLACK EXCELLENCE ALUMNI DINNER (PRIVATE EVENT)