Greetings from Innovation Academy!

We hope you enjoy your day today as our country celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. This newsletter contains a list of upcoming events for MLK week here at UF, as well as other involvement opportunities.

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK Celebration

On Jan. 19, UF encourages students, faculty and staff to spend the “day on, not the day off” by participating in the MLK Day of Service and volunteering to do service in the community. Opportunities can be found at http://multicultural.ufl.edu/mlk/. After the service project, the Gainesville Annual Commemorative March will begin at the MLK Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m.

A diversity training program, Diversity in Action, will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Ustler Hall atrium. This skills-based training session will provide students opportunities to improve their dialogue skills, practice empathy and active listening, and provide a space for students to create action plans to promote diversity and inclusion on campus.

At 10:30 a.m. Jan. 23, the President’s Council on Diversity will host a community forum conversation about Implicit Bias in the Academy with Ben Reese in the J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Finally, on Jan. 27, writer Mia McKenzie will speak. McKenzie is best known for her award-winning novel, “The Summer We Got Free.” It starts at 6 p.m. in the Ustler Hall atrium.

To learn more about all the events associated with the MLK Celebration, go to http://www.multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/mlk_celebration/.

For more information, visit the Institute of UF MLK Celebration Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ufmlkcelebration?ref=hl.
MLK Day Keynote Speaker: Tessa Thompson

Tessa Thompson, lead actress in the film Dear White People, will deliver a keynote address on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the University Auditorium as part of the UF MLK Celebration. The theme for the event is “MLK’s Legacy: The Voice of Women.” The UF MLK Celebration is a campus-wide celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to social justice through educational programs and service initiatives. This event is sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization, UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. For more information, visit www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu/events.

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Spring Volunteer Organization Fair

Every semester, the Center for Leadership and Service (CLS) brings students and community organizations together to provide a place for students to gather information about social issues and service opportunities they are passionate about. Community service organizations and non-profit organizations are invited to bring their information about the various opportunities available to students.
The Spring Volunteer Organization Fair will take place under the Reitz Union Breezeway on January 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop by to check out what going on in the community and how you can be a part of it.

For more information visit:
http://www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/programs/volunteer_organization_fair/

Gator Run

Start the new year right with a bit of fitness, fun, and of course Orange and Blue! The Gator Run takes place January 24 at 4 p.m. For more information visit thegatorrun.com

Image from thegatorrun.com
New UF President Dr. Kent Fuchs taking a selfie with the audience at Launch Into IA on January 5, 2015!
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