

DIVERSITY ADVOCACY***Celebrating Culture, Promoting Diversity Education & Supporting Student Development*****January/February 2012 Calendar of Events****Event: The Power of One: Social Justice Institute****Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2012**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**Location:** Prairie Room, Bone Student Center

Description: *The Power of One: Awareness, Change, Responsibility Social Justice Institute* is a free one-day conference for ISU students. This event will provide students with an opportunity to explore the identities that make up who they are and help them gain a better understanding of how these identities impact everything they do. Through facilitated activities and exercises along with small group dialogue, participants will engage in conversations that will challenge and support them in their journey toward understanding how they can individually impact our global community. Meals will be provided for participants.

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Event: Tying All the Links (T.A.L.K.) – Interracial dating**Date:** Thursday, February 2, 2012**Time:** 5:00 p.m.**Location:** Escalante Room, Manchester-Hewitt Residence Hall

Description: T.A.L.K. is a roundtable discussion forum that gives students the opportunity to engage in conversation about different issues regarding diversity and social justice as they relate to **YOU**. This month's TALK session will feature short skits performed by ISU students that will foster dialogue around the topic of interracial dating. Come prepared to share your thoughts. Refreshments will be provided.

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Event: Hopera Unleashed: A Hip-Hop Opera**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2012**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)**Location:** Braden Auditorium, Bone Student Center

Description: "Hopera Unleashed", a hip-hop opera composed by Adrian Dunn, is a full length production featuring original music which follows the life of the fictional Obadiah King, a young African American Chicagoan and his internal struggles with family, race and loss. Fusing classical and popular vocals, dancers and hip-hop artists, this performance presents Obadiah's struggles, emotional angst and victory in beating the odds as an aspiring first-generation college student.

Learn more at: www.hoperaworld.com

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DIVERSITY ADVOCACY*Celebrating Culture, Promoting Diversity Education & Supporting Student Development***January/February 2012 Calendar of Events****Event: Black Student Union's Black Heritage Ball****Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2012**Time:** 6:00 p.m.**Location:** Bone Student Center**Description:** Please join Black Student Union as they celebrate their 28th Annual Black Heritage Ball. The Ball celebrates African-American culture while exploring the history of African-Americans through edutainment. Formal attire is required. For ticket information please contact blackstudentunion@illinoisState.edu**Sponsored By:** Black Student Union**Event: Safe Zone Brown Bag Webinar: LGBT on Campus- Three Critical Issues to Consider in 2012****Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**Location:** Student Services Building Room 375**Description:** Join Diversity Advocacy as presenters bring a voice to the LGBT population on campus and equip administrators, faculty, staff and campus policy-makers with the knowledge and awareness to implement changes to improve the campus climate for LGBT people. The webinar will address issues such as: (1) academic success and persistence of students identifying as sexual and/or gender minorities, (2) the emotional health, mental health and safety of LGBT students and (3) LGBT students' intersecting identities in areas such as students of color, student-athletes, spirituality, etc.**Sponsored By:** Diversity Advocacy**Event: Safe Zone Orientation Session****Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2012**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**Location:** Student Services Building Room 375**Description:** Safe Zone provides faculty, staff and students the opportunity to participate in a two hour orientation dedicated to educating participants on current issues and creating safe spaces on campus that are highly visible and easily identifiable to GLBT persons.**Sign up online:** www.deanofstudents.illinoisState.edu**Sponsored By:** Diversity Advocacy