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# DICE

Newsletter

## RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE BLOOMS THIS FALL



On September 27, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) celebrated Eid Milaad An-Nabi, a holiday to honor the birthday of the prophet Mohammed. The celebration was also reflected in Wismer dining hall, which featured a special menu to mark the occasion.

Bekah Starr, Jewish Life Coordinator, celebrated this season's High Holy Days with a series of events, which included the on-campus construction of a Sukkah on Olin Plaza for Sukkot, an agricultural holiday centered on nature and the fall harvest. The festival of Sukkot is one of three pilgrimage and harvest festivals of the Jewish year.



# SUMMER SCENE

## 35th Cohort of Crigler Scholars

The start of the 2023-24 academic year allowed us to welcome the 35th cohort of Crigler Scholars. The W.R. Crigler Program for Student Success, named for Ursinus' first African American graduate in 1956, offers a four-credit course during the summer and one credit practicum in the fall of the first semester for first-year students in the program. In addition to the coursework, students are given the opportunity to participate in a community service project, connect with Ursinus alumni, and attend leadership workshops. This year, there are a total of 24 scholars and peer mentors, who will meet and participate in activities throughout their time at Ursinus.



## Welcome Home Symposium



Guests from local museums, historical societies, educational institutions, and other organizations gathered on August 8 and 9 for the first annual Symposium for Indigenous Representation at Ursinus. The event was jointly organized by representatives from the Delaware Tribe of Indians and DICE. After opening remarks from President Hannigan, State Representative Joe Webster read a proclamation recognizing the importance of the event. The opening program was followed by presentations and panel discussions. John Thomas (left) from the Delaware Tribe of Indians reflected on his personal papers which are now on loan to the college. Thomas was joined by Liam Reilly '24, who spoke about his work to categorize and organize Thomas's materials.

Participants also enjoyed a panel discussion featuring Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director, Delaware Tribe of Indians, along with leaders from the Fort Pitt Museum, Museum of the American Revolution, and Pennsbury Manor.

## DICE Retreat

On June 13, members of the DICE staff took part in a work retreat at the Courtyard Marriott in Collegeville, reflecting on the previous year, and setting a course for the year to come.



# Welcome DICE Students

*new and returning*

Welcome back and welcome aboard to all new and returning students in DICE. These students are a combination of workers, scholars, and service volunteers, representing such offices as ODA (Office of Disability and Access), RSL (Religious and Spiritual Life), UCARE (Ursinus Center for Advocacy, Responsibility and Engagement), and the IIE (Institute for Inclusion and Equity). On September 6, students from all DICE office groups were invited to a social mixer event during the lunch hour. In addition to participating in a human scavenger hunt, the students had lunch and engaged in conversation with each other.



There will be a second DICE student group mixer in the spring - stay tuned!



## FOCUS ON ACCESS

On September 8, the Office of Disability and Access, with the support of the Arts and Lecture Committee and the Division of Inclusion and Community Engagement, welcomed guest lecturer Adam Meyer for a presentation about cultural assumptions surrounding disability and accessibility on college campuses. His talk on the social model has already resulted in the creation of a student-led committee with members from SGA and UC possibilities. They will be exploring this topic as it applies to the Ursinus student experience. It has also inspired the creation of a new online form, "Report A Barrier" where anyone can identify barriers to access.



# DICE TEAM updates



DICE welcomes new staff members, **Kohenet Bekah Starr** (left), Jewish Life Coordinator in the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, **Tyrell Bradshaw** (right), Assistant Director of Inclusion & Equity, Outreach and Community Engagement in the Institute for Inclusion and Equity, and **Drew Doughan**, (lower right) Grad Assistant in the Office of Disability and Access.



We also bid farewell to Dee Singley (Director of Disability and Access) and Jasmine Soriano (Assistant Director of Inclusion and Equity, Intercultural and Community Engagement). We thank them for their service to the college and DICE, and we will miss them as we cheer them on in their new adventures.



## D.I.C.E. will be hiring a student fellow!

The Division of Inclusion and Community Engagement seeks an Ursinus student to serve as a DICE Fellow for the 2023-24 academic year. The individual should be in good academic standing and have an interest in furthering efforts to create an inclusive and welcoming climate on campus, as well as working to engage community partners. The selected individual will assume the following responsibilities: be a spokesperson for DICE with student groups/organizations, and division events; identify and write “student spotlight” stories for the monthly DICE newsletter; serve on the MLK Week/Beloved Community organizing team; and help with communications – delivering monthly newsletters, as well as maintaining and reviewing the website.

Look for this paid opportunity soon on Handshake!

Visit our webpage to learn more about DICE and meet staff from each office in the division



### What is the Beloved Community?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned a beloved community of “total interrelatedness,” in which persons consider their well-being to be dependent upon the well-being of their fellow human beings.  
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