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Alumni Network

A message from the MCAN Board

Happy spring, all!

The MCAN Board was able to meet this May for the first in-person board meeting since October 2019. It was great to be on campus, interact with some current students, and meet each other face-to-face. Carleton is at the start of an era of great change. Student needs are changing, campus needs are changing, and they are all coming to a head under a new president who is committed to ushering Carleton through to a more equitable and welcoming future. We're excited for the changes coming as well to our board: Nominations are open to join the board or to volunteer in other capacities and we are starting initial work on what programming MCAN can do for the great mental healthcare need facing current students. While all this is going on, we are also looking forward to the first Gathering in over a decade. The Gathering committee has been hard at work to create an amazing opportunity to reconnect, and we hope to see you there September 30. — *Jenny Lopez '02, MCAN Board Chair*

The Community Plan for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity

Following a vote by the Board of Trustees, President Byerly announced The Community Plan for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity on April 15. The work behind this ambitious project started in 2020, as the Steering Committee collaborated with the entire Carleton community to develop a 10-year strategic IDE plan with a special focus on racial identity and Black experiences. Read more about the plan.

Upcoming events

Reconnect at the MCAN Reception during Reunion 2022

Friday, June 17, 2022
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Evelyn M. Anderson Hall
Daugherty Atrium

Join fellow MCAN alumni and friends at the MCAN Reception during Reunion 2022. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and hear updates from a member of the MCAN Board on recent and upcoming events and projects and learn about plans plans for The Gathering, to be held this September 30-October 2, 2022. There is no cost to attend the reception but please RSVP.

MCAN THE GATHERING 2022

The Gathering

September 30 - October 2, 2022

Rest, Reconciliation, Revival

Open to all class years across Carleton, The Gathering celebrates Carleton's BIPOC alumni through food, conversation, reflection, networking, and fun. All members of the Carleton community are welcome. Join us on campus to connect with alumni, faculty, staff, and current students.

We are planning an engaging weekend to celebrate, re-connect, and remember. Check out the draft program of activities. **Registration opens in early July.**

Updates from the Office of Intercultural Life (OIL)

OIL Office of Intercultural Life

Happy spring from the OIL Office!

As students returned from a restful, albeit short, spring break, the OIL office was busy recruiting. After reviewing dozens of applications OIL is welcoming five OIL peer leaders and three OIL program assistants for the 2022-2023 academic year. We'll also welcome 24 new and returning residents to the Cultural Houses: Casa del Sol, Freedom House, ASIA House and Stimson: the Intercultural Center.

Speaking of housing, students have been engaging with the Dean of Students and

architects from LHB Corp, the firm that will be designing the new cultural houses and multicultural center on campus. Students have offered a number of creative, forward-thinking ideas for what these spaces should look like and how they could function to serve the next generation of BIPOC students at Carleton. They've even weighed in on two new proposals to the plan: a Native students house and a Black Cultural Center.

Earlier this term, in partnership with the Dean of Students Office, we launched a pilot program called Black @ Carleton Learning Community. Building on the goals of the Black at Carleton Exhibit in February, this small group of Black students meets for in-depth discussion on current events, the Black student experience at Carleton, and life after Carleton. They are joined by Philosophy Professor Eddie O'Byrn and alumna **Toni Carter '75**. In April, the learning community participants along with several other students attended a performance of *A Raisin in the Sun* at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis followed by a riveting discussion with the cast and dinner at Kindee Thai. The group will host its final session at the end of May. We are looking for additional alumni to participate in Black @ Carleton learning communities next year and hope to expand to serve other identity groups in the future.

In May, OIL celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month with a series of events. We welcomed alumnus **Phil Chan '06**, a dancer, choreographer, and arts administrator advocating for the elimination of racist depictions of Asians in performing arts. OIL peer leaders led an OIL Talk on perceptions of Asian American identities on campus. And the campus enjoyed a performance by the Funny Asian Women Kollective, a Twin Cities-based social justice comedy troupe that uses humor to combat stereotypes.

As I reflect on my first academic year at Carleton, I'm grateful to the students and colleagues who have helped make this transition a smooth one. I'm inspired by the grit and dedication of our students and looking forward to the work ahead to ensure that they all have an equitable experience at Carleton. I'm excited to be joined in this work next month by Marshall Bell, who will serve as Assistant Director of OIL beginning in June. Have a great summer and I hope to see you all at the MCAN Gathering in September. — *Renee Faulkner, Director of the Office of Intercultural Life*

Why I volunteer

I volunteer because I would love to provide the resources to students that I once received from other MCAN members. The Board has allowed me to have a great support system and create new connections. — *Ricky Garcia '21*

Get Involved

Join the MCAN Board! MCAN has openings for alums and current students on the Board and is seeking volunteers.

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