WHAT’S NEW IN NOVEMBER?

READ ON FOR DETAILS ABOUT CELEBRATING WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT, WORLD AIDS DAY, THE WOMEN’S RETREAT, MOMMAS ON MONDAYS, V-DAY 2015, AND MORE!

Honor Ebony Voices at SMC!

This November, the Women’s Resource Center and Black Student Union are co-sponsoring an annual community-time event, this year titled “Ebony Voices: Honoring the Stories of Women of African Descent”! On Wednesday, November 19th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, join the Saint Mary’s community as they share experiences and challenge issues of racism and sexism in the workplace.

Students, staff, and alum will gather in the Intercultural Center for a panel discussion, some delicious lunch, and a community mixer. The event will also feature speakers Raina León and Damali Burton, two women who have contributed greatly to the SMC community.

Damali Burton is an SMC alum whose current work on campus as Civic Engagement and Leadership Coordinator allows her to use a passion for social justice that has previously led her to everything from working with the Girl Scouts of Utah to managing leadership programs at UC Berkeley.

Assistant Professor Raina León currently teaches at SMC’s Kalmanovitz School of Education, where she focuses on a range of topics including multicultural education. León has also published two collections of poetry, both of which have been nominated for prestigious poetry awards.

QUICK CALENDAR

11/6 – Body Positive
11/14-16 – Women’s Retreat
11/19 – Ebony Voices Luncheon
11/20 – Body Positive
11/24 – Mamas on Mondays
12/3 – World AIDS Day Coffee House

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December starts off with World AIDS Day, a time devoted to raising awareness and having important discussions on behalf of the 33 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide. On the night of December 3rd, all are invited to come together as a community to express themselves and raise awareness about this disease.

From 6pm to 8pm in the WRC, join for an open-mic-style evening to drink coffee, hear the stories of peers who have been affected by HIV/AIDS, and share art or words on the subject in a safe, compassionate environment.

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**Step on Stage Next Semester!**

Picture this: you’re up on stage in front of over a hundred people, performing a story or monologue you can strongly relate to, and smiling alongside the other performers who you’ve grown incredibly close to over the past few months. The audience laughs, cheers, and makes shocked squeals as you make your debut.

If that image sounds like something you would dream of, make it a reality by joining “V-Day!” For several years the Women’s Resource Center has put on a February performance of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” a provocative, insightful play about all things female, with proceeds going to a local charity to prevent gendered violence. This year, the WRC is considering performing a different piece for charity that is equally fun, while encompassing a wider range of sexualities and gender identities.

If you’d be interested in performing for V-Day, contact Sharon at ssobotta@stmarys-ca.edu, or sign up on the interest sheet at the WRC!

**Calling All Moms!**

_Did you know_ that Saint Mary’s has a great new resource for new and expecting moms? Mamas on Mondays is a relaxed group that meets on the last Monday of each month to discuss all things parenthood, learn about available parenting resources, share great food, and take a break from hectic campus life.

Mamas on Mondays will hold its next meeting on **November 24th in the WRC from noon to 1pm.**

Interested in getting more involved with the WRC? Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @smcwrc!