

ABOUT OMA

A dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion is at the heart of our mission. As a Catholic and Vincentian university, St. John's is committed to institutionalizing practices of inclusive excellence to ensure that we welcome and celebrate the intrinsic worth of all members of our community.

As we continue to prepare students for personal and professional success in today's global society, we do so with full commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. For 150+ years and counting, we have served the underserved in our community. We will continue that commitment under our Vincentian tradition and thank you for joining the journey with us!

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Achieving Our Mission

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) strives to foster an inclusive and culturally competent campus environment where similarities are differences are acknowledged, understood, celebrated, and valued.

Through education, trainings, programs and services, we partner with internal and external campus partners to challenge systems of inequality and oppression, increase awareness and empathy, address campus climate issues, seek inclusion, strengthen global citizenship and facilitate the self-actualizing growth, success, and development of all students.



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PROJECT AIM INTERNATIONAL MENTORING

Project AIM is an international peer-mentoring program that promotes student engagement and success by supporting the Holistic Development and Retention of first and second year international undergraduate students.

Pillars of the program focus on student success, including college transition, life adjustment in the United States, cultural appreciation, acclimation to the university community, academic excellence, and career development.

Participants engage in curated programs and services, regular interaction with mentors, academic success and career development workshops, cultural diversity programming, Vincentian mission and social action projects, immigration regulations workshops, and more!

Freshmen and sophomores with F-1 or J-1 visas are invited to apply to become mentees. Applications open and close early in the fall semester. To learn more, contact Rosa Yen at yenc@stjohns.edu.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

To ensure international student experiences are elevated and addressed, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of International Education established a partnership in order to elevate international student voices and address international student needs through the International Student Council (ISC).

Students and leaders who serve on the ISC are asked to elevate student voices and experiences through efforts, best described as SCOPE.

Together, they Scan the campus and global environments; Create opportunities and spaces on campus for international students to share their needs and concerns; Offer recommendations to the ISC Chairs for institutional responses; Promote a welcoming environment towards all students and visitors; and Engage international students by addressing student needs.

To learn more about events, scan code or contact Rosa Yen, Director of International Student Development and Multicultural Affairs.

Whether you want to join our Heritage Month Council (positions open to first-year and all year students), become a mentor for Project AIM (positions open to international students who have once been a mentee), serve as a SEW Leader (positions open to all students, though applications typically open in the spring), come work for our office (as a hourly-paid student or a future Graduate Assistant), we welcome your engagement. If you simply want to come study, hangout, or feel at home in our Inclusivity Resource Centers, we welcome you! At St. John's, know that you belong! In OMA, we see you, value and celebrate you. Stay engaged!

HERITAGE MONTH COUNCIL & PROGRAMS

It is the intention of the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) to partner with student leaders, employees, and departments to highlight the diverse stories, cultures, and identities of our campus. To that end, we partner to elevate historically minoritized voices.

The Heritage Month Council (HMC) is a student leadership group that assists in the planning and executing of cultural events.

We take pride in recognizing and honoring the cultures, traditions, and experiences that comprise our community. St. John's University is proud to honor our diverse community by commemorating national heritage months, days, and cultural acknowledgments throughout the year. We value each opportunity to delve into the rich historical, cultural, and social dimensions of various identities, while amplifying voices that have often been marginalized.

To learn more about the HMC, to join, or collaborate with us on an event contact Elizabeth Ponce de Leon, Assistant Director of Culture & Identity-Based Services.

STUDENT EQUITY WORKSHOPS (SEW)

Student Equity Workshop (SEW) Leaders are trained undergraduate students who work for the Office of Multicultural Affairs to facilitate any of our social justice and cultural competence centered educational programs. These include: the Diversity Peer Education (DPE) Program, Safe Zone, Dismantle Oppression (DO) Series, or the Common Ground Dialogues.

SEW Leaders help cultivate authentic spaces where student participants can learn, share their experiences, identities, and connect across difference in brave and thoughtful learning spaces.

For information on how to become a SEW leader, how to request a private workshop or attend a general workshop, please contact Lové Johnson, Assistant Director of Social Justice Training & Education. To become a leader, scan QR code.

HIRING STUDENTS

If you have work-study and are interested in becoming an OMA Ambassador, please search for our job on the stjohns.edu/careers page. If you aren't work-study eligible, but have a specialized graphic design or video editing, or other unique skill, contact us and pitch your skill, as we'd love to explore if other employment opportunities exist.