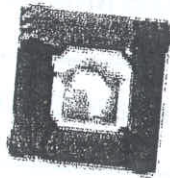




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Our Mission

"The Nyumburu Cultural Center has as its mission to promote an understanding of and appreciation for African-American Culture in all of its richness and complexity. In carrying out its mission, the Nyumburu Cultural Center strives to improve the quality of life for African-American students, both undergraduate and graduate; to foster greater involvement of these students in campus programs and initiatives; to instill in these students an informed consciousness of their African-American heritage; and to improve retention and graduation rates of these students. In the various events and activities it sponsors, the Center also acknowledges, recognizes and solicits contributions of other heritages. Such efforts to cross boundaries and to intersect with other campus circles makes the Center an excellent place for cultural exchange and enables the University to make greater strides in achieving genuine cultural pluralism."

Program Goals—2007-2008

- Continue the traditional student-oriented programming that attracts numerous students, faculty, and staff to the artistic and socio-cultural offerings of the Nyumburu Cultural Center.
- Institute creative programming that brings faculty, staff and students together, and that emphasizes intercultural dialogues.
- Establish new sources of revenue via external funding and grant-writing opportunities.
- Establish new academic liaisons with colleges and departments within the University of Maryland administrative structure.
- Expand the community outreach activities of the Nyumburu Cultural Center via community service projects, off-campus visitation projects, and collaborative career activities.
- Expand an appropriate computer technology facility, Open Workstation Laboratory (OWL) that is used by students and student organizations in completing their academic and organizational projects.
- Provide administrative and mentoring support to students and campus organizations (e.g., Black Student Union, African Students Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Caribbean Students Association, etc.) that utilize the physical space for student programming.
- Develop unique academic programming to improve the retention rates of African American males and females, and African Diaspora students at the University of Maryland.
- Upgrade the Nyumburu Cultural Center Computer Labs with modern technology for students, faculty and staff.