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Minority Student Support Groups

The Department of Residence Commitment

DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE COM



The Department of Residence at ISU is committed to providing a living-learning environment that reflects the diversity of our society. Students from various countries, cultural backgrounds, and geographical regions in the U.S. attend ISU and live in the university residence halls. Our staff is available to assist residence hall students in their efforts to share and experience diversity. We are committed to the promotion and encouragement of an environment that supports and is respectful of the continued development of a pluralistic student body and staff.

PURPOSE

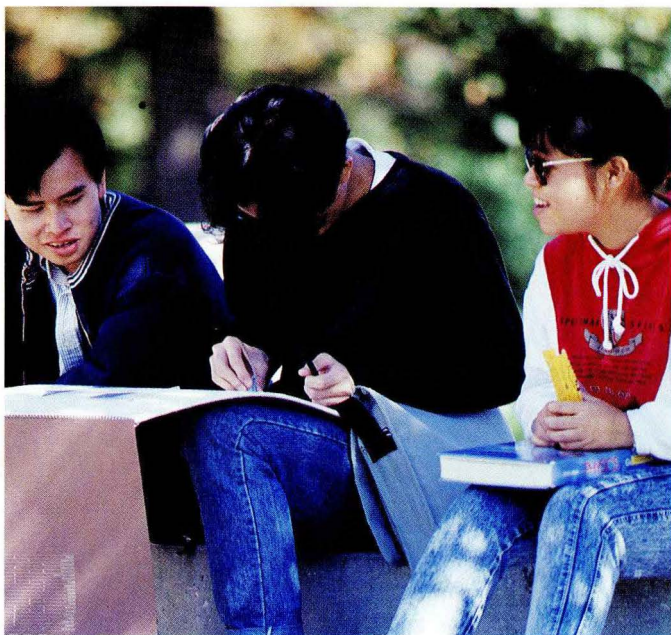
Living in the residence halls at ISU is a unique experience. Our purpose for providing a support network for minority students is to enhance your personal development through planned activities. We want you to view the residence halls as your home-away-from-home.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the minority student support groups are:

1. Promote opportunities for ongoing skill development in areas of leadership, communication, and relationships.
2. Increase minority students' understanding of the ISU system and the Department of Residence.
3. Increase minority students' participation in residence hall student government and leadership roles.
4. Inform minority students about job opportunities that are available through the Department of Residence.
5. Build a supportive network for minority students living in the residence halls.

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INTENDED AUDIENCE

The minority student support network is designed to be an outreach effort to ethnic minority students (i.e. African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans) who live in the residence halls. The support groups reach out to all students who are interested in sharing and experiencing the diversity on the ISU campus.

SUPPORT GROUPS/ACTIVITIES

Support groups are organized within each complex and meet formally and informally on a regular basis to discuss issues, plan social, cultural, and educational activities, as well as talk about common experiences. The support groups will assist you in establishing a network of friends and help you develop skills that enhance your college experience. In the Richardson Court Association the

group is called the Minority International Student Coalition (RCA-MISC). The Towers Residence Association support group is referred to as Minority Support Group (TRA-MSG). The Union Drive Association support group is known as the Multi-cultural Action Group (UDA-MAG). Although names and locations are different, each of the groups are here to enhance opportunities for minority students living in the residence halls.

We encourage you to attend your Association Support Group Meetings!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Arrange to meet with your support group in your complex area or contact the Coordinator of Residential Minority Programs. Information will be shared with you about how to get involved. Individual contacts can be made by simply contacting the graduate



student hall adviser in your area who coordinates the support group activities. The names of these individuals are identified in the brochure. The hall adviser is there to serve as your resource.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

There are a number of important resources available to minority students attending ISU. These resources include complex office staff, HAS, RAs, Minority Student Affairs, counseling services, career services, tutorials, peer-mentoring relationships, student activities and organizations, intramurals, student government, Student Health Services, leadership training forums, special topic workshops, and many more. We can assist you in arranging appointments or make referrals to the appropriate resource. These resources are here to serve you. In many instances your student fees have already covered the cost.

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**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

We're happy to answer your questions or provide more information. If you are outside of Ames but in the state of Iowa, you may call the University toll free at 1-800-262-3810. If you are outside of Iowa, you may call 1-800-247-3965. Ask for the Department of Residence. Or, drop us a line on the attached postpaid card and someone from the Department of Residence will get back to you.



Vanessa Marshall is a senior economics major from Aurora, Illinois.

"I decided to attend ISU because I wanted a degree in economics and the opportunity to enhance my leadership skills. My involvement in the Minority International Student Coalition has opened doors to allow me to express my concerns and joys regarding the residence halls living environment. I have found the activities within the support groups to be rewarding. I strongly encourage all new students to get involved in your complex area support group!"



Tamaro Hudson, freshman, pre-med major from Sauk Village, Illinois.

"I enjoy participating in the minority support groups. Through my involvement I am able to enhance my communication and leadership skills. As well, I have appreciated the opportunity to be a part of a diverse group that is culturally and educationally stimulating."

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