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What is CWDI?

CWDI is the Campus Wide Diversity Initiative, an organization working to increase diversity awareness within the Wellesley community. Made up of residence hall representatives and general body members, CWDI supports multiculturalism on campus and poses controversial questions to the Wellesley community in hopes of spreading awareness and true understanding of diversity-related issues. The purpose of CWDI is to "act as a discussion forum to challenge diversity issues on campus, educate the community on diversity issues, organize and implement regular discussion forum on diversity, [and] serve as an advocacy group to respond to diversity issues as need

arises." (CWDI Constitution)

Where would I see CWDI in action?

To see CWDI in action, come to Soap-Box Speak Outs, Meals with MAC, or reply to the question of the week. CWDI holds monthly Soap-Box Speak Outs in the LuLu Wang Campus Center where Wellesley students can express their ideas on the presented topic. Coming to dining halls near you, Shayla Adams, the 2006-2007 College Government Multicultural Awareness Coordinator, hosts Meals with Mac, an informal discussion about a posted topic. If classes and labs have you too busy to come out for CWDI events, you can reply to the CWDI question of the week on Community.

How can I be a part of CWDI?

CWDI has open meetings every Wednesday at 5:30 in the Library Lecture Room. We encourage everyone to come and bring a friend!

-Monet Spells, '10



Wellesley College Students grab some lunch at the Campus Center while engaging in CWDI's event, the Soapbox Speakout.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: "FIRST YEAR" IMPRESSIONS

- "I think that Wellesley is a great place. It's a lot more diverse than my old school."
-Caitlin Alcalá
- "Since I've been here, I've learned so much about other people that I never knew before. It's been a great experience. I'm glad that Wellesley is so diverse."
-Lauren Douglass
- "The multicultural tea last semester was great! I learned so much about Islam and Ramadan and the food was really good too."
-Sheena Thomas

Send input to mali2

Disabilities: jwice



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COMING SOON:

- Yanvaku open meeting, 2/8, 5PM, Jewett Auditorium
- Sacred Circles: Opening the Labyrinth, 2/12, 4PM, Houghton Chapel
- Ethos, Quintessence Day, 2/15, 7PM, Tishman Commons
- CWDI Presents "I am enough", 4/20, 7PM, Jewett Auditorium
- CWDI Ally Convention, 4/21, 10AM, Pendleton

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This photo was taken at the CWDI event, "In the Living Room" with guest Umar Bin Hassan from the Last Poets. Pictured is Umar Bin Hassan and the CWDI members who worked so hard to make this event happen.

MAC'S CORNER

Campus Wide Diversity Initiative is making some Major moves here on Wellesley's campus! As the college undergoes a review of multicultural programs this year, our main focus is on creating quality events in an efficient and organized way. CWDI has made some major changes internally to our constitution. Firstly, we changed the name MAC- Organizing Team to CWDI E-board. Additionally, we are also asking that cultural organizations send a representative to CWDI (similar to residence halls). Lastly, we have established committees which members must now serve on. These are all efforts to make CWDI a stronger force on campus, and extend our reach into the Wellesley College Community. We encourage all students to join us as we try to spread multicultural awareness, so please show your support in coming to our events or any of our meetings, every Wednesday at 5:30 in the Library Lecture Room!

Shayla D. Adams

Multicultural Affairs Coordinator 2006-2007

SNAPSHOT OF WELLESLEY:

- Wellesley is currently ranked as the fourth most diverse college campuses in the United States.
- Wellesley, Radcliffe, and Smith were the first of the Seven Sisters to diversify their student body and admit black students into their institutions (in the mid-1880s).
- The Wellesley Center for Women (WCW) is the nation's largest women's research center, focused on promoting positive change for women and girls.
- In 2004, 12% of the US population was listed as black. Only 6% of Wellesley's current student body is black, making our college's representation half of the national demographics.

CWDI So far:

- "In the Living Room" with Umar Bin Hassan from The Last Poets
- Meals with MAC, where topics such as disability issues and interracial dating were discussed
- Soapbox Speak Out- once a month in the Wang on the 4th floor, grab some lunch and voice your opinion
- As a result of our Meals with MAC on disability issues, CWDI has teamed with Jim Wice to form the Disability Awareness Advisory Committee. Look for applications soon!

