

SEPTEMBER 2024



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Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to return to Capital University for the 2024-2025 academic year. Despite the challenges of our current political climate, our commitment remains unwavering. We are more determined than ever to support the University in advancing change, fostering a sense of belonging, and championing justice for all.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) is dedicated to being a vital resource for every member of our campus community. We are committed to maintaining an inclusive environment through programs and initiatives that celebrate, affirm, and respect the diverse cultures, histories, and traditions that make our campus unique.

Together, we will continue to build a vibrant and equitable campus for everyone.

-The ODI Team



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Smooth Transitions 2024

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion welcomed over 60 incoming first years to the Smooth Transitions Family. Our 12 mentors and 2 Co-Coordinator partners with faculty and staff to help them get oriented to campus and each other ahead of Welcome Weekend.

Our Smooth Transitions students (mentors and mentees) have jumped into the fall semester, being elected to Student Government, joining student organizations, volunteering in the Cap Cupboard, and spending time with each other.

We'd like to take the time to thank faculty, staff and administrators for their full support in the continuation of the legacy and impact of Smooth Transitions. In addition to that, we'd like to give a special shoutout to Gay Steele and Smooth Transitions alumni for their support of our ODI programs and students.

Stay tuned for ways to get involved with ST throughout the year!

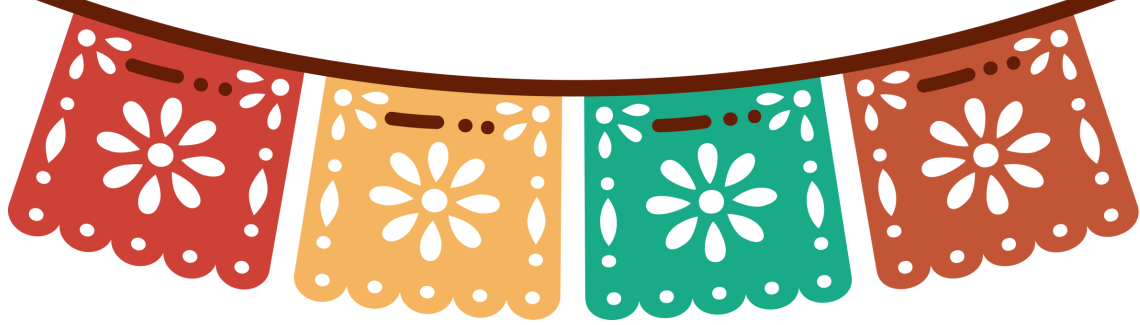




Smooth Transitions 2024-Sankofa Dinner

Each year, we end the Smooth Transitions program with this Sankofa Dinner as a tribute to our history and culture. Sankofa is a symbol created by the Akan people of Ghana. The word Sankofa itself translates to "go back for it." In other words, it symbolizes not being afraid to look back at the past and learn from it. It is in this spirit, we asked current students and alumni to reflect on their experiences in the program.





Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15 through October 15, is a time to honor all the ways in which Hispanic Americans have influenced and contributed the United States in its history, culture and achievements. This month long observance serves as both a celebration and a call to action. HHM encourages deeper engagement, recognizing their journeys, celebrating their traditions and continue encouraging communities to come together.

Students of Latinx Affinity

The goal of Students of Latinx Affinity (SOLA) is to promote Latinx history and culture by educating and raising cultural awareness on the campus of Capital University and in surrounding communities. SOLA aims to promote unity between Latinx and non-Latinx students through programs that enhance appreciation of the culture, educate peers, and promote inclusion.

SOLA Officers

President: Megan Martinez
Vice President: Jenny Sandoval
Treasurer: Michelle Fermin
Secretary: Karen Jimenez Lopez
Service Chair: Michelle Soto

Contact Information

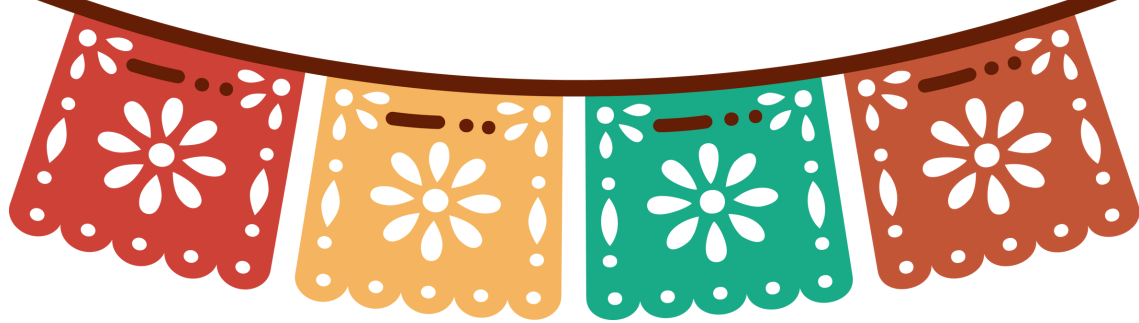


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SOLA Schedule of Events



September 2024

25
WED

HISPANIC HERITAGE CUP -CAMPEONES CUP
@ 6:00 PM

October 2024

03
THURS

LATINE FOOD TRUCK FEST
@ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

15
TUE

DAY OF ACTION- I STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS PANEL
@ TIME HERE

17
THURS

END OF LATINX HERITAGE MONTH PARTY
@ TIME HERE

**TUNE IN ALL MONTH
LONG TO SOLA'S
INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT
AND ENGAGE PAGE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



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Save the Date!

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF LEARNING

January, 20, 2025



PROGRAM EVENTS

- Silent March
- Opening Convocation
- Workshops
- Community Engagement
- Kids' Activities
- ...and more!

WEEK OF EVENTS

- Student Organization Events
- Saturday Trip to the National Afro-American Museum in Xenia, Ohio

More details to follow. For questions, please email odi@capital.edu
<https://tinyurl.com/MLK-Day-of-Learning>