Multicultural Affairs promotes awareness of cultural diversity and multicultural issues. The office serves as a resource and referral center for faculty, staff, students, and local communities. In addition, the office enhances educational development about diversity and multicultural issues and advocates for students’ needs on campus.

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Monday–Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm
(After 5pm by Appointment)

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Student Organizations!

Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO)
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Indigenous Nations Student Association (INSA)
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Washburn Black Student Union (WBSU)
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Asian American Association (AAA)
Leadership needed

Washburn NAACP College Branch (NAACP)
Leadership needed

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WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
CAESAR CHAVEZ MONTH

MARCH 4 - DiversiTEA @ 3
Culture in the Commons

MARCH 17 - Saint Patrick’s Day 🍀

MARCH 26 - “Other Stories” Noon—1pm Mabee Library
Sponsored by Diversity Initiative
Students, faculty, staff share their personal stories. Each story reflects some aspect of diversity (religion, race/ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation, disability, etc.)

MARCH 27— Hermanitas Conference - 9—2:15 pm

MARCH 28— “Fall in for our Troops” (see page 7)

MARCH 28- Womyn Rising Conference (see page 8)

MARCH 30 - Las Comadres & Friends—Book Club
12:00—1:00 pm - Memorial Union

MARCH 31— Cesar Chavez Day (see page 9)
DiversiTEA @ 3pm

CULTURE IN THE COMMONS

Wednesday, March 4th
3:00 pm

Commons area, Memorial Union (raised stage area)

Music performance by 4 students, who will discuss the cultural traditions and inspirations from which they draw to create their contemporary music. Refreshments served.
MULVANE ART MUSEUM
Friday, March 6, 6:00 pm

A JOURNEY THAT TRANSFORMED A NATION

THE CHEROKEE WORD FOR WATER

BASED ON A TRUE STORY ABOUT WILMA MANKILLER

WWW.CW4W.COM
5th Annual
Hermanitas Conference

for middle and high school young women

Friday, March 27, 2015
9:00 am — 2:15 pm

Washburn A/B—Memorial Union
Washburn University

Contact: kim.morse@washburn.edu or 670-2059

Sponsored by: MANA de Topeka

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FALL IN FOR OUR TROOPS

WLC’s Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic

Wills • Living Wills • Durable Powers of Attorney

Washburn Law Clinic is proud to continue our service to veterans and other service members living in our community.

MARCH 28TH @ 9 A.M. TO NOON

Washburn University School of Law, First Floor Commons
17th & MacVicar—Topeka Metro bus red #6 route
Veterans and their families are asked to bring proof of military connection. Kansas residents only. Participants must meet financial eligibility requirements.

Questions? Call 785.670.1191
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MARCH 28, 2015
Washburn University Student Union

Capital City NOW
Your Topeka Women's Rights Organization
Cesar Chavez Day—March 31st

Cesar was a civil rights activist who worked hard for the rights of farm workers. He was born in 1927 in Arizona and died in 1993. As a child, his family suffered a huge loss of property during the Great Depression. Some of this was due to Cesar's father being swindled of his land and the consequence was that his parents and siblings needed to work year in and out picking fruit, vegetables and corn to survive.

Cesar grew up to realize that it was crucial that his own children were educated enough to step out of this cycle of hand-to-mouth livelihoods. Cesar's own education ended after eighth grade but, as he grew older, he did his best to add to his education by joining the navy for two years (which he deeply regretted) and by reading copious books on philosophy, economics and unions.

His work in civil rights involved organizing the Community Service Organization (CSO) in the 1950s and creating the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) from the 1960s onwards. The NFWA eventually changed its name to the United Farm Workers (UFW) union and functioned to protect the rights of farm workers, particularly those in lettuce and grape farming. The UFW is still working hard today.

Cesar believed in using passive means to achieve the goals of the union. He encouraged the successful, and drawn out, boycott of the consumption of table grapes. He participated in several fasts, one of which became a relay fast through many celebrities and politicians. And he fought in the courts for the rights of the workers for good pay and safe workplaces.

After he died, 50,000 people attended his funeral. In the following year, his wife, Helen, accepted the Medal of Freedom on his behalf from President Clinton who said of Cesar:

“The farm workers who labored in the fields and yearned for respect and self-sufficiency, pinned their hopes on this remarkable man who, with faith and discipline, soft spoken humility and amazing inner strength, led a very courageous life.”
SAVE THE DATE

April 8, 2015
11:00 am—4:00 pm
Petro, lower level
Washburn University