



IME Newsletter Week 5



Welcome to a new week! February is Black History Month, and IME has lots of exciting programming coming up to celebrate and uplift our Black community! To learn more about the origins of Black History Month and for a defense of the continuing importance of this month, check out [this article](#). Additionally, this week, many Asian countries are celebrating Lunar New Year. See below for more information on how Lewis and Clark is celebrating the Year of the Horse!

For PDF versions and archives, visit the IME website or click [this link](#).

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IME Events and News

IME Banquet RSVP

Thursday, April 16
5:00-7:00pm
Stamm

Join the IME team in celebrating our peers, honoring the 2026 graduates, and presenting our Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, and Accessible (I.D.E.A) Catalyst Award recipients.

Graduate RSVP: by Monday, March 16th

General RSVP: by Tuesday, April 10th

[RSVP Here](#)



2026
IME BANQUET

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Date of Event: April 16th, 2026
Time: 5:00-7:00 PM
Location: Stamm, Fowler Student Center, CAS Campus

Graduate Admissions: RSVP by Monday, March 16th

General Admissions: RSVP by Tuesday, April 10th

Questions and/or concerns? Email multicultural@lclark.edu



First-Gen Table Talks

Tuesday, Feb. 17th
Beth Miller Lounge
3:30 pm - 5 pm

Tuesday, March 17th
Beth Miller Lounge
11:30 am - 1 pm

Wednesday, April 22nd
Beth Miller Lounge
3:30 pm - 5 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/2026FGTT>

All are welcome to join and gain navigational skills by asking 'adulting 101' questions!
Scan the code to RSVP

Any questions and/or concerns, email multicultural@lclark.edu

First Gen Table Talk TOMORROW!

Tuesday, February 17
3:30-5:00pm
Beth Miller Lounge

Enjoy some free food and engage in a monthly community/networking informal meeting with other First-Generation students, staff, faculty, and those just interested in learning more. Gain navigational skills by asking 'adulting 101' questions! All are welcome!

Special Guests: Jenna Reinhart (Health Promotion & Wellness)

[RSVP Here](#)

Community Connect: Fostering Love

Wednesday, February 18
6:00-7:30pm
IME Suite

GEM Coordinator, Christianah, and GEM Mentors Luz, Jat, and Nkeletso are hosting the Community Connect event, Fostering Love, on Wednesday, February 18, from 6:00–7:30 PM in the IME Suite.

They will explore how love extends beyond romantic relationships to include familial, platonic, parental, interpersonal, pet, and self-love.



Play and Chill: Board + Video Games Night

Thursday, February 26
5:00-6:00pm
IME Suite

Take a break and join GEM Mentor Jat for a fun Board + Video Games Night. Play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch or enjoy classic games like Connect 4 and Yahtzee while relaxing with snacks and good vibes.



Calling All Student Artists!

We're looking for student artists to highlight for this year's I.D.E.A. Catalyst Awards during the IME Banquet!

If you're an artist with existing art or are willing to create art that reflects our mission of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, we want to hear from you!

Email multicultural@lclark.edu by Feb. 14th if you're interested. Compensation will be provided.



Black History Month

2026

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEB 4TH
WEDNESDAY - 7PM
BLACK BOX THEATRE

ROSA PARKS MONOLOGUE

As we commemorate more than 70 years of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Shandae L. Terry becomes Rosa Parks. Join us on February 4th in the Black Box Theatre at 7pm to watch this highly interactive one-woman show.

FEB 13TH
FRIDAY - 7PM
STAMM

WILD 'N OUT

Bringing the show to campus! Come enjoy a night of fun with a mocktail bar and a head to head roast battle. Come find out which team will win!



FEB 22ND
SATURDAY - 12PM
OFF-CAMPUS

GRAND GESTURE BOOKS

Join us off-campus to visit Grand Gesture Books, a Queer and Black Owned Book Store that recently opened up in Portland.

SPIRIT WEEK
FEB. 23RD TO FEB. 27TH
RAFFLE PRIZE

Monday - Durag + Bonnet Day
Tuesday - Twin Day
Wednesday - Swagged Out
Thursday - Throwback Thursday
Friday - Colors: Red, Black, Green

FEB 28TH
SATURDAY - STAMM
DOORS @ 6:30PM

CELEBRATION OF BLACK ART

Dinner, dance, and a fashion show. The Black History Month Planning Committee would like to invite you to a night of celebration!



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
RSVP REQUIRED



RSVP REQUIRED FOR DINNER!



A big THANK YOU to our Black History Month Planning Committee. IME would not have been able to do any of this without you. Thank you as well to all the amazing people who help put together these amazing events. We can't wait to see you at our events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email multicultural@lclark.edu



Black History Month

Join IME, Black Student Union, and the Black History Month Planning Committee in a MONTH of celebrations centering our Black & African American community! Check out our IME website to get connected to all the events that are happening!

Visit our Black History Month Website

Field Trip to Grand Gesture Books

Sunday, February 22
12:00pm

In honor of Black History Month, we are heading off-campus to Grand Gesture Books, a local, Queer, Black-owned Bookstore! Please join us for a tour of the bookstore and an opportunity to meet and talk with the owner.

Limited spots are available, so make sure to RSVP by February 16th. Excited to see you there!

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Black History Month Spirit Week

February 23 - 27

From February 23rd - 27th the Black History Month Committee invites you to Spirit Week! As a way to celebrate the last week of Black History Month, BSU will be hosting a Spirit Week with a raffle prize giveaway at the end!

We can't wait to see your outfits and make sure to send your photos in to BSU@lclark.edu or multicultural@lclark.edu to enter a raffle prize!

Celebration of Black Art

Saturday, February 28
Doors open 6:00pm
Stamm

IME and the Black History Month Committee invites you for an evening to honor Black Artistry through dinner, dancing, and a fashion show. Come for a show and have dinner catered from Ezell's Famous Chicken and Dirty Lettuce.

RSVP required for dinner otherwise feel free to just show up and enjoy the show! Come dressed to impress!

RSVP!



More Events and News

TCK Symposium: Art and Experience

Tuesday, February 17
3:40-6:30
Stamm

The TCK Symposium is an annual event hosted by the ISSO's (International Students and Scholars Office) TCK (Third Culture Kid) intern. A TCK is someone who grew up in a culture different from their parents' culture.

The theme for this year is "Art and Experience" and will focus on how our speaker's unique identity as a TCK led to their work as an artist and how it influences their creative process.





Join a Jam with Professor Freddy Vilches

Thursday, February 19

5:00pm

Platt Main Lounge

Join RA Judith and Professor Freddy Vilches from the Latin American and Music departments to learn about the different ways in which music and culture influenced Freddy's work. Additionally, create a song alongside him. It is recommended to bring your own instrument, but if you don't have access to instruments, we have a few available for those who would like to come and play alongside us.

Vietnamese Chè Event

Friday, February 20

4:00-5:30pm

Odell Main Lounge

Hello everyone! Join us in celebrating Lunar New Year with a delicious Vietnamese dessert called Chè. We'll be serving two kinds:

- 1) sweet corn pudding with coconut milk
- 2) glutinous rice balls with mung bean filling in a sweet, ginger syrup and coconut milk

We'll have a small photo op area as well! Everyone is welcome to come hang out or just stop by for a sweet treat. We hope to see you there!





Mixed LC Cooking Night

Sunday, February 22

6:00pm

Holmes Main Lounge

Join Mixed LC as we take on another cooking night this Sunday! Chef Ava will be teaching us how to make Chilean-style empanadas from scratch! Skip the bon and come learn how to make a new cultural dish with our mixed community!

This event is open to all students but people of mixed races and backgrounds are encouraged to come.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Monday, February 23

5:00-6:30pm

ILC Miller 211

Join Vietnamese Student Association and the Chinese Club during their Lunar New Year celebration! Attendees can come and decorate a fan to take home! Food and materials provided.





Trans & Queer Coastal Yoga Retreat

March 6-8

Enjoy a restorative weekend at the coast, with affirming yoga, relaxing hikes in the coastal temperate rainforest, and playing on the beach. You'll stay in a cozy indoor space with floor sleeping/slumber party style sleeping accommodations, and your group will be the only ones at the facility!

Transportation and food provided. Sign up with College Outdoors in Fowler 239. Join us!

[Learn More Here](#)

Visit the IME Suite on the 3rd floor of Fowler: 9-5pm Monday to Friday

Interested in submitting something to be added to the IME Newsletter?

If you would like to submit something to be added to the IME newsletter, please fill out the form below. The IME newsletter goes out every Friday morning. All submissions to make it into the weekly newsletter must be done by Monday at 9am, or they will be put in the next week's newsletter.

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