



## Join UMA

### What?

**Universal Multicultural Association.** *The goal and purpose of UMA is to create an environment that is welcoming and accepting of our diverse campus and through educational and cultural experiences.*

UMA meetings are open to all students on campus.

### Meetings

Every Monday. 12-1pm, RM. 1341

\*Bring lunch if needed\*

### Around the World

First Activities of the UMA are to begin work on the annual event and fundraiser: ***Around the World***. Around the World is a showcase of cultures in our area. Food, music and dance are all part of the event. We need help in planning this event. Please join us to provide ideas, assistance, or just to meet new people!

**Save the date: Friday, December 4th 5-8pm**

### Congratulations to our new officers....

President: Kou Lee

Vice-President: Tou Wa Chang

Secretary: Mao Vang

Treasurer: ChurkickChang

## Welcome Students!

Welcome to the campus of UW-Fox Valley. My name is Rebecca Beringer. I am the new Multicultural Student Advisor on campus. My role here on campus is: to advise students, assist in providing a presence out in the community at a diversity of venues, to collaborate with other clubs and departments in raising cultural awareness on campus, and to advise the Universal Multicultural Association (UMA).

I am a former UW-Fox Valley student. I came here my sophomore year of college. It was here at UW-Fox Valley that my joy of studying culture and religion was sparked by my Anthropology and Religious Studies courses. After my second semester here, I got into a summer course working an Archaeology dig through UW-Oshkosh. After that course, I transferred to UW-Oshkosh and completed my Bachelors of Science in Anthropology. After graduation, I worked at Harmony Café for 8 years (a non-profit program located downtown Appleton), planning and implementing arts and culture programs. UW Fox was truly the start of my career. I was able to take diverse courses that allowed me to explore my interests and I discovered a career I had never imagined in High School. I am married with two boys, ages 10 and 5. I am also still a student. I am continuing my education at a private college in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Natural Medicine. So, I truly know first-hand the experience of juggling work, school, family and a social life!

My personal philosophy is that we all represent facets of diversity and multiculturalism. Culture and heritage create a context for our lives, and it is up to each individual to choose how this context shapes us. I believe it is a privilege and responsibility to know our background, to understand how it influences us and our choices, and to seek understanding of other backgrounds and how those differences shape another's life. This is why "diversity work" is so exciting. I hope this newsletter can serve as a platform for providing cultural context, so we can all come to know ourselves and others in a different way.

My office is the first cubicle on the left when you enter Student Services. You are welcome to drop by to see me. I look forward to meeting all of you and assisting you in any way I can with your success here at UW Fox!

Monday 11am-3pm  
Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm  
Wednesday 8:30-2:30pm  
Thursday 11am-3pm  
Friday 11am-3pm

*UMA Cultural  
Retreat Field Trip  
2007*



*Differences challenge assumptions.  
-Anne Schaefer*

**Upcoming Events** For more information email Rebecca at: [rebecca.beringer@uwc.edu](mailto:rebecca.beringer@uwc.edu)

Saturday, October 10: **Kermis Dutch Festival**, Downtown Little Chute

Sunday, October 25: UMA Field Trip to "New World Cinema" showing of **Sin Nombre**, Mexican Film.

November 20: **UMA Student Potluck**, Emeritus Room followed by volleyball in the gym

December 4: **Around the World Event** 5-8pm.

## Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15

This month America celebrates the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census.

Hispanic Americans have enriched the American way of life, and by designating this month, we attempt to recognize the millions of Hispanic Americans whose love of family, hard work, and community have helped unite us as a people and sustain us as a Nation. As entrepreneurs and public servants, scholars and artists, Hispanic Americans have provided wisdom, energy, and leadership to our communities, and to our country. This year's theme recognizes the strength and hard work of Hispanic Americans, whose zeal for family and country has helped shape society.

Writes one author for *Bella Online for Women*: "In celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, we also remember those Hispanics who established the vibrant and diverse American cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Fe, San Antonio, and many others. We remember those who were instrumental in exploring and mapping our great hemisphere and we honor those proud Hispanic-American patriots who fought and died for our country in every war and conflict since our founding ". -*Rebecca M. Cuevas De Caissie*

**Week of November 2: CAB (Campus Activities Board), ¡Adventuras! (Spanish Club), and UMA team up to provide a week celebration and awareness of Day of the Dead, a time-honored tradition celebrated around the world in Spanish-speaking countries. Watch campus calendars for details!**



UMA, 2007

*We all live with the objective of  
being happy; our lives are all  
different and yet the same.*

*-Anne Frank*

### STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES

#### Balancing Act! Managing Your Time

Thursday, October 8

12:10-12:50

Rm. 1229

Presenter: Mental Health Counselors

#### Monsters College Advantage

(Inside scoop on your dream job)

Thursday, October 15

12:10-12:50

&

Friday, October 16

12:10-12:50

Rm: Union

Presenter: Monster.com

#### Manage Test Anxiety

(Breathe easy when taking tests)

Thursday, November 12

12:10-12:50

Rm. 1229

Presenters: Tammy Brunette &  
Gena Frey

#### The Truth About Money

(Credit cards, credit report & finances)

Thursday, December 10

12:10-12:50

Rm: 1229

Presenter: FISC

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## IN THE COMMUNITY



**Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center  
&  
Wisconsin Public Radio**



Present

# NEW World Cinema

at

Fox Cinema Café, 400 Third Street, Menasha

Show time: 7:00 PM

Ticket: \$6

Each showing will be followed by discussion

All movies have English subtitles



**September 27 & 28, 2009**

***Dharm*** India, 2007

Rated NR

Director: *Bhavna Talwar*

The life of a ritualistic Hindu priest is intruded by an abandoned infant, whom he ends up adopting. The child brings joy the priest has never experienced. But fate knocks at his door in the form of a woman who claims the boy. The priest's world is shattered when he learns that his son is born of a Muslim mother. This challenges the very core of priest's belief in Hinduism.

**October 25 & 26, 2009**

***Sin Nombre*** Mexico, 2009

Rated R

Director: *Cary Fukunaga*

Gang leaders Mago and Casper come to La Bombilla, where illegal immigrants catch trains to travel to the United States. Casper meets a teenage girl Sayra and gets romantically involved with her but keeps the relationship a secret from his gang. Mago and Casper rob the passengers until Mago spots Sayra and attempts to rape her but Casper intervenes.

**November 22 & 23, 2009**

***The Class*** France, 2008

Rated PG-13

Director: *Laurent Cantet*

François, a tough but fair teacher prepares for a new year at a high school in a tough neighborhood. Cultures and attitudes often clash in the classroom. François insists on an atmosphere of respect and diligence. His classroom ethics are put to the test when his students begin to challenge his methods.

**December 20 & 21, 2009**

***Mongol*** Kazakhstan, 2007

Rated R

Director: *Sergei Bodrov*

The movie is an epic story of Genghis Khan. The young Temüjin is taken on a trip by his father to select a girl as his future wife. He meets Börte and promises to return after five years to marry her. Temüjin's father is poisoned on the trip. As a boy Temüjin passes through starvation and humiliations, but he overcomes all of his childhood hardships to become one of the greatest conquerors the world has ever known.

For more information contact the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center at 920.882.4056 or [contact@foxcitiesmulticultural.org](mailto:contact@foxcitiesmulticultural.org)

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