While it came in a variety of forms, the message of the night was clear. Each individual who stood behind the podium of Bucknell University’s Terrace Room on Tuesday, January 19th called for a reevaluation of and commitment to Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream. That evening, students, professors, and guests gathered to commemorate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the 19th annual Beloved Dinner, sponsored by Multicultural Student Services.

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The only thing more awe inspiring than the décor—an elegant green and yellow theme that accentuated the natural beauty of the recently remodeled dining room—was the collaborative efforts of the student performers and guest speakers. Senior, Candace DePass, began the night in song with a touching rendition of “A Change is Gonna Come”. Choosing to sing a cappella, DePasse set the tone with the lyrics "it’s been a long time coming but I know a change is gonna come", words that truly resonated with the spirit of the night.

The mood set, the spotlight was then handed over to student Langston Tingle-Clemmons, also a senior, who gave a speech inspired by the sentiments of the national holiday and the impact of MLK’s work on modern society. Throughout his remarks he charged the audience to accept their social duty, which he has done through his many community involvements at Bucknell.

The climax of the night came when
guest speaker, Bucknell Alum Reverend Kirby Spivey III, emphatically presented, “It Was All a Dream”.

His speech played off of King’s most famous address by questioning whether the ideals expressed in King’s “Dream” speech have come to fruition in 2010 or if the dream has been “sanitized”.

The Terrace Room heard laughter, tears, and even the lyrics of Grandmaster Flash and the Notorious B.I.G. as some audience members joined Reverend Spivey as he quoted the hip-hop legends. All in all, the evening was a monumental success. A continuous stream back towards the buffet, a standing ovation at the end of Reverend Spivey’s speech, and a lingering crowd proved that the night was not only a well-executed event but also an inspiring commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream.

-Dinner photos by Robert Landry

Staff Spotlight: New Office Assistant

At the end of last semester, the Cultural Center welcomed a new staff member to the team.

Ms. Myrna Goering Perkins has moved 16 times and has lived in 13 states. She has had the pleasure of meeting people from all over the world. She and her husband, George have two daughters who have travelled with them their whole lives. Laura, 24, is a University of Georgia graduate and is currently an Ensign in the Navy attending flight school. Rebecca, 20, is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee and majoring in Communications/Business.

Lewisburg has been their home for 3 ½ years now and they hope to stay for a long time.

“I would like to thank everyone for making me feel at home in my new position. I am really enjoying the work here at MSS/ISS and feel blessed to be able to work with Jessica, Paula and the student assistants,” said Perkins.

She is very happy to be in the MSS/ISS office and looks forward to meeting all of the students. So if you are around, stop by for a chat.

Mark Your Calendar

Tax Workshop for International Students, Tuesday Feb 9, 2010, 5pm, Vedder Lounge

Postsecret at Bucknell University, Tuesday Feb 16, 2010, 7pm, Weis Center

Memphis Civil Rights Trip Fund Raiser. Thursday, March 11, 2010, 6pm, Cherry Alley Café
Civil Rights: An Unfinished Journey

This year the Civil Rights Trip is called Civil Rights: The Unfinished Journey. The Trip will be heading to Memphis, Tennessee and will be leaving on Saturday, March 13th and returning Saturday, March 20th. During this trip, 11 Bucknell students and 3 staff members will visit important historical sites including museums and archives as well as interact with residents of the South who participated in key events during the Civil Rights Movement. The second part of the trip is focused on service activities including working with at-risk youth, providing meals for the elderly and restoration and maintenance. It has been a tremendous experience already working on this trip. We are very excited for the upcoming months of preparation. Keep an eye out for our upcoming fundraisers!

There is still one spot open on this trip! If you are interested please go to the following website, http://www.bucknell.edu/x55846.xml to fill out an application, or e-mail Jessica Hess at jah018@bucknell.edu. Interested applicants should apply as soon as possible, as we are finalizing payments soon.

From Cultural Center Staff....

Please keep the Vedder Cultural Lounge in mind for a unique place to hold your weekly office staff meetings, club meetings, or just a quiet place to study.

In order to reserve the space, you may contact the RICS office to schedule your meeting or luncheon. You can also reserve it by logging into mybucknell, click on Schedule an Event and fill out the form. If the space is available, we'd love to have you join the many organizations that have already made use of our wonderful lounge.
The Posse Plus Retreat is held every year by the POSSE Scholars on campus so that members of the larger campus community can engage in discussion about a topic or issue in the world that pertains to the University environment.

“Posse facilitates an annual weekend-long Posse Plus Retreat attended by members of the larger student body, faculty and administration, with the goal of discussing an important campus issue identified by Posse Scholars. Each scholar on every campus invites guest from the campus community.” (www.possefoundation.org)

Posse Scholar’s are given the opportunity to invite their campus community, as well as, show them what Posse is about and the fun and fruitful activities Posse Scholars go through in the process of being a Posse Scholar. At the end of the Posse Plus Retreat, students, faculty, and staff are able to address and find potential solutions to the issue or topic being discussed at the retreat. This impacts the campus significantly. Many students and faculty return to the University with a whole different light on certain issues and topics and use this knowledge and experience of the Posse Plus Retreat to make a difference throughout the campus environment.

“This spring, more than 2,500 college students at 33 colleges and universities from all over the United States will engage in dialogue on the topic of race. This is a rare opportunity for you to voice your ideas and experience in this important national conversation. This year’s retreat is titled “Do We Still Need To Talk About Race?” (www.possefoundation.org)

The Bucknell Posse Scholars are hoping to bring a different dynamic to the Posse Plus Retreat’s atmosphere. On the week of Feb. 1-5th from 11am-2pm in the LC Mall, Posse Scholars are going to show the Posse Foundation DVD, pass out brochures on this year’s Posse Plus Retreat topic, and have posters hanging in the LC in order to promote awareness about Posse and The Posse Plus Retreat, as well as, reach out to students who are not aware of such a great opportunity.

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The aim is to get the campus community to attend this year’s retreat and bring people of all different backgrounds to a weekend-long retreat to express their ideas and perspectives on the topic of race. The Posse Foundation creates a Safe Space environment, where the scholars and anyone partaking in the retreat does not challenge the individual but the person’s ideas; everyone should feel comfortable to express how they feel and their ideas. For more information, speak to a Posse Scholar, look out for the Posse Plus Retreat Table in the LC Mall, or e-mail Nakea Tyson at njt004@bucknell.edu.
Interested in being an International Orientation Assistant?

- Help students transition to Bucknell
- Meet the new international members of the Class of 2014
- Be a leader
- Learn about intercultural and interpersonal communication
- Have fun!

These positions are open to energetic students with an interest in helping new students during the International Student Orientation Program and to participate as mentors throughout the academic year.

Pick up an application at International Student Services, Vedder 125.

Applications due: Thursday, February 11, 2010