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"Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth" - Jesse Jackson

## DEI Isn't Dead: How Men of Color Can Lead the Charge for Equity

The rollback of federal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs is a stark reminder that progress is never guaranteed. But for Men of Color—students and faculty alike—this is our moment to rise, lead, and ensure the fight for equity continues.

DEI initiatives have opened doors, built bridges, and created spaces where our voices matter. While policies may shift, the values behind DEI—justice, representation, and respect—are ours to uphold. The question is, how do we move forward?

**Students:** You are the heartbeat of any campus. Organize, advocate, and show up. Whether it's through student government, cultural clubs, or public forums, make your voices heard. Build networks that uplift your peers, create study groups, and support one another in the face of systemic obstacles.

**Faculty:** Your leadership and mentorship are crucial. Advocate for inclusive practices in hiring and curriculum development. Mentor students and colleagues of color, ensuring they have the tools to thrive. Lead conversations that challenge the status quo, reminding institutions that diversity enriches everyone.

Together, we can strengthen local and campus communities. From establishing alternative funding sources like private scholarships to hosting workshops and events celebrating culture, Men of Color can transform challenges into opportunities. Share your stories of resilience and amplify those of others—there is power in our collective voice.

DEI isn't dead; it's evolving. And Men of Color are at the forefront of that evolution. Let's build a future where equity isn't just a policy but a movement we lead every day.



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### Upcoming Events

**02/07/2025**  
Men of Color Creative Expression | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Rentrow Hall 103

**02/12/2025**  
Black Voices at NMSU | 11:00 AM | Dona Ana Room 312

**02/22/2025**  
Men of Color Variety Show | 7PM - 9 PM | Corbett Center Auditorium

**02/27/2025**  
Middle TN vs NMSU Aggies | 7PM | Pan American Center



## NAACP and Black Programs Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

The NAACP recently hosted a heartfelt event honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., celebrating his unwavering commitment to equality, justice, and inclusion. The gathering brought together students, faculty, staff, and community members to reflect on the enduring impact of Dr. King's work.

The highlight of the occasion was an impactful speech by Mr. Patrick Stewart and a powerful address by the President of NAACP NMSU, who inspired attendees with her leadership.

## Come Celebrate Black History Month with the Men of Color

This February, the Men of Color at NMSU hosts a series of events to celebrate Black History Month, inviting the campus community to engage in creativity, dialogue, and cultural appreciation. The celebration begins on February 7, 2025, with "Creative Expression," an evening dedicated to showcasing the richness of African American culture through music, art, dance, and storytelling. Taking place at Rentrow Hall's Dance Studio (RH 103) from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, this event immerses attendees in the beauty and depth of Black creative traditions.

On February 12, 2025, the spotlight shifts to discussion and empowerment with "Black Voices at NMSU," which examines themes of identity, belonging, and success at a Hispanic-Serving Institution from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Dona Ana Room 312 of Corbett Center.

The month concludes on February 22, 2025, with "Cultural Mosaic: Voices and Rhythms of Diversity." This vibrant variety show, happening in the Corbett Center Auditorium from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM is in collaboration with Black Programs and Latin American Programs. These events are free and open to all. For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Turner at [moci@nmsu.edu](mailto:moci@nmsu.edu). Come and be part of this meaningful celebration!

