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“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated.” —R. Collier

Navigating Academia As A Man of Color

As Men of Color pursuing higher education, we embark on a journey that is both enriching and challenging. Navigating academia is a unique experience that often comes with its own set of obstacles and triumphs. This piece delves into the distinctive challenges and opportunities that Men of Color face in their academic pursuits and offers guidance for success.

The Challenges: One of the key challenges that Men of Color often encounter is the issue of representation. In many academic settings, Men of Color can find themselves in the minority, which may lead to feelings of isolation and alienation. It's crucial to acknowledge these feelings and seek out resources that provide a sense of belonging. Additionally, navigating institutional barriers and overcoming stereotypes can be daunting, but they are obstacles that we can overcome with determination.

The Opportunities: Our unique experiences and backgrounds can also be sources of strength. Men of Color bring diverse perspectives to academic discussions, enriching the educational experience for everyone. It's essential to embrace our identities and use them as sources of empowerment. Building a supportive network of peers, mentors, and advisors who understand our journey can be a transformative opportunity.

Navigational Strategies: To succeed in academia, we must take proactive steps. Seek out mentors who share similar backgrounds and can offer guidance. Participate in campus organizations that celebrate your culture and identity. Take advantage of academic resources and support services.



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Overcoming Stereotypes As Men of Color

Overcoming stereotypes is a journey that many men of color face in various aspects of life. Stereotypes can be limiting and damaging, but with resilience, one can rise above them. Here are tips for breaking free from stereotypes and finding success on our own terms.

- **Recognizing Stereotypes:** Stereotypes are often based on preconceived notions about our abilities, interests, or behaviors. One may encounter assumptions about our intelligence, work ethic, or aspirations. Recognizing these notions is the first step in addressing them.
- **Education and Communication:** Educate those around you about the harmful impact of stereotypes. Open honest dialogues about the experiences of Men of Color. Encourage allies to challenge these stereotypes when they encounter them.

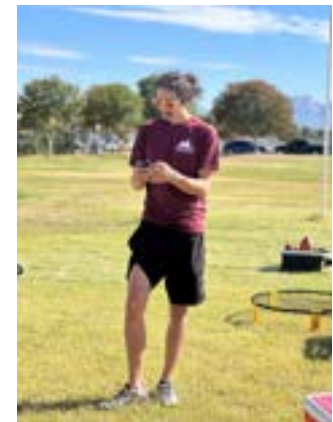
Overcoming stereotypes is a continuous journey, and it requires resilience, confidence, and determination. As Men of Color, we have the power to rewrite the narratives that surround us and prove that our potential knows no bounds.

What's New?: MOCI Hosts Game Day To Celebrate Hispanic Month

Join the Men of Color as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a thrilling Game Day event on the 3rd of October at the Dona Ana Room in Corbett Center. It will be an occasion of fun, laughter, and friendly competition to honor the rich cultural contributions of the Hispanic community. From classic board games to other high-energy games, there's something for everyone. Let's unite, enjoy and embrace the diversity that makes our community stronger.

Men of Color At Black Programs' Cultural Diversity Event

The Men of Color joined the NMSU Black Programs to showcase and celebrate Africa's rich heritage, food, pageantry, and students. The inaugural event was a beautiful experience of the richness of Nigeria's Yoruba culture showcasing many favorite aspect(s)– art, music, dance, food, dressing, language, or tradition. The Black Programs will be hosting many more of this cultural event as the semester progresses. Be on the look-out to attend.



Upcoming Events

10/03/2023

Hispanic Heritage Game Day
4 PM - 6 PM | Dona Ana

10/04/2023

FIU vs NM State
7 PM | Aggie Memorial Stadium

10/11/2023

Sam Houston vs NM State
7 PM | Aggie Memorial Stadium

10/18/2023

Men of Color Study Sessions
Wednesdays | 3 PM |
American Indian Student Center

