February might be the shortest month on the calendar, but it is still jam-packed here at ODU! The Office of Intercultural Relations has amazing Black History Month programs lined up throughout the month. The Study Abroad Fair and the Undergraduate Research Symposium are two incredible opportunities to learn more about academic programs. If you are still deciding on a major or thinking about changing your major, attend the Exploratory Student Reception. Faculty from all academic colleges will be present to talk to you and answer any questions you may have about certain majors. With all these programs for you to attend, don’t forget to pick up your SophoMORE Madness bracket now (see next page for more information). Let the Sophomore Success Program know if there is anything we can do for you!

**Coming up this month:**

**Black History Month Calendar**

**Study Abroad Fair**
Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Webb Center, North Mall

**Criminal Justice/Sociology Fair**
Thursday, February 7, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Webb Center, North Mall

**5th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium**
Saturday, February 9, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Perry Library, Learning Commons

**Sophomore Success Luncheon College of Education**
Tuesday, February 19, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
Location TBA

**Reality Check: Glamorous Careers**
Tuesday, February 19, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
Webb Center, Williamsburg Room

**Tunnel of Oppression**
Thursday, February 21, 7-9 p.m.
Webb Center, North Cafe

**Exploratory Student Reception**
Tuesday, February 26, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Webb Center, Williamsburg Room

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**Study Abroad Fair**
The Office of Study Abroad sponsors its biannual Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the North Mall of Webb Center. Highlights include drawings for $2500 in Study Abroad Scholarships, information on scholarships available for study abroad students, information on our upcoming Summer Break programs/courses, as well as an opportunity to meet with both faculty who are leading summer programs and ODU exchange students who have recently studied abroad or are currently on exchange at ODU. Opportunities for all majors are available and all students are encouraged to attend!

For more information visit: www.odu.edu/studyabroad

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The Sophomore Success Program is a collaborative effort between Student Transition and Family Programs and Academic Enhancement.
SophoMORE Madness

Have you started your SophoMORE Madness bracket? If not, pick it up today. Follow these easy steps and be on your way to success:

1. Pick up your bracket in SSC 1006 today.
2. Attend programs in the following areas between now and April 25:
   - Academic (2)
   - Leadership & Service (2)
   - Diversity (1)
   - Career (2)
   - Health & Wellness (1)
3. Return your completed bracket to SSC 1006 by April 25.
4. Attend the end of the year sophomore celebration (date TBA) to receive recognition and a prize for completing SophoMORE Madness.

A detailed list of programs and events can be found on the Sophomore Success Events website. There are many events on campus that are beneficial to sophomores, so if you are interested in receiving credit for something not listed contact Liz Boyd (683-7099 or beboyd@odu.edu).

Tunnel of Oppression

Old Dominion University’s Office of Housing & Residence Life will host the Tunnel of Oppression on Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 7-10 p.m. in Webb Center (North Café and Hampton/Newport News Rooms). The Tunnel of Oppression will raise awareness and educate the campus community about systematic oppression that occurs in our society every day. Participants are led through a series of passive displays focusing on various topics, including but not limited to racism, socioeconomic inequality, body image issues, homophobia, and human trafficking.

As a multimedia tour, individuals are surrounded by images, words, and scenarios designed to challenge students’ ideas and perceptions surrounding oppression. Upon completion of the tunnel, participants are able to debrief and discuss their experiences with qualified faculty and staff members. Participants will also receive information on ways to get involved with various organizations that raise awareness about oppression. Contact Carla Green for more information.

A Few Seconds

Second most popular occasion for sending cards: Valentine’s Day
Second most senior member of the Senate (ever): Ted Kennedy (also born in February)
Two countries that celebrate Black History Month: U.S. and Canada
Two zodiac signs of February: Aquarius and Pisces

Are You a Sophomore Looking to Get Involved?
The Sophomore Success Program is looking for a few students to help create and implement sophomore specific programs. This is a great way to get involved on campus! The first meeting will be soon, so contact Liz for more information.