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Hispanic Heritage Month

From Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 OMSA celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Many of our Latin student organizations joined forces to offer discussion groups, dance lessons and several other events for the university community. OMSA, along with the Multicultural Affairs Office at the University of Richmond, collaborated to send students to the Smithsonian Latin Center in Washington, DC. During this trip, students were able to view artwork from various Latin countries and take part in the museum exhibits.

LGBT History Month

This fall, OMSA hosted the first student observance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month at VCU. LGBT History Month is a month-long observance of the history of the LGBT community and civil rights movement that takes place in October and includes National Coming Out Week. The month consisted of a variety of film discussions, social events, speakers and panels that focused on raising awareness on a community and a history that is largely overlooked. Coming Out Week offered an assortment of awareness events centered around the issues of coming out to self, friends, family, and community. Transgender activists from the community participated in a panel that explored issues of gender and the body that allowed students to explore the historical development of the transgender community, what it means, and how gender identity and expression manifest in diverse ways. Finally, Beth Marshack, co-author of Gay and Lesbian Richmond, offered insight into the development of Gay and Lesbian history right here in the capital city.

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Faculty Spotlight

Alena Hampton, Ph.D, Staff Psychologist, University Counseling Services

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