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# THE MDC BULLETIN

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# Second MDC Event of the Fall: Seminar on Depression and Anxiety



Graduate students Michael
Pellicane and Madison Quinn from
Dr. Jeff Ciesla's lab presented on the
state of the science in depression
and anxiety research.

The presentation highlighted information about the disorders as well as challenges in conducting research on the disorders, especially with underrepresented populations.

# **Next Event:**

11/7/22 @ 5:30 PM

Careers in Neuropsychology Panel Kent Hall Addition Room 101

Coming Up:

11/15/22 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Taste of Diversity** 

Kent Hall Room 179

Taste of Diversity is back in person this year! Come by KH 179 for a lunch or snack. Graduate students and faculty will be making a variety of different cultural foods for your sampling. Please join us in sharing in the rich variety of homemade culinary concoctions (see next page of this issue for more details). We'll also be collecting donations for the Akron Food Pantry. The following donations were requested specifically: boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned beef stew, and canned soup.

The Multicultural and Diversity Committee Presents...

# Taste of Diversity

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
1:00pm - 3:30pm
Kent Hall Room 179

All faculty, staff, and graduate students welcome!

Faculty & Staff: A \$5 donation is requested.

Students: A \$1 donation is requested.

All proceeds will be donates to the Akron Food Pantry!



# MDC Mentee Highlight

Special shoutout to MDC Mentee Alexis Richeson for her 3-minute thesis presentation this past month.



Alexis received 2nd-place in her group for her presentation on the relationship between different kinds of messaging in sex education and sexual trauma, body shame, and maladaptive eating. She found purity culture messaging was associated with maladaptive eating patterns and sexual trauma while inclusive sex education and not receiving any sex ed were not.

Alexis is a SURE scholar working in both Dr. Himmelstein and Dr. Delehanty's labs. She has been a member of MDC for two years and is currently applying to psychology PhD programs. Great job Alexis!







Many psychology labs are looking for both undergraduate and graduate collaboration. Working in a lab, or multiple labs, is a great way to bolster your CV and help prepare you for the next step in your journey. Speak with your mentor or email Keaton Somerville at ksomerv5@kent.edu for more information.

# November: Native American Heritage Month

November is a time to remember the positive impact Native Americans have had on the cultural development and growth of the U.S., as well as the struggles and challenges they have faced.

1990

President Bush approved the designation of November as National American Indian Heritage Month

1996

President Clinton declared: "Throughout our history, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character. Against all odds, America's first peoples have endured, and they remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence.

source: https://diversitycentral.com/calendar/heritagemonthguide.php

## **Upcoming Native American Heritage Month Events at KSU:**



### NATIVE AMERICAN ART AND CULTURE

Thursday, November 10, 2022 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Join Kent State Geauga and the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) for a presentation on Native American Art and Culture. "American Indians are part of the past, present, and future of the United States." This presentation will "explore histories and cultures of some American Indians (SAAM).

# CELEBRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE AND VETERANS

Saturday, November 12, 2022 - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

This program will highlight Native American and Indigenous cultures while also celebrating Veterans. There will be food, drumming, and historical education. RSVP is Required: https://bit.ly/3FhOKdJ



## Link to register for Native American Heritage Month events at KSU:

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For more information, you can contact the MDC Chair of Retention, Emily Rabinowitz, erabinow@kent.edu, or MDC president, Keaton

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