

UMOJA

A BLACK HERITAGE EXPERIENCE



October 22 – 24, 2010

Green Lake Conference Center

Green Lake, WI

Greetings,

I would like to officially welcome you to Umoja 2010 on behalf of Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran and myself. We are excited that you have decided to join us this year and we hope that you are eager to learn new things and make new friends.

We have a full agenda for this weekend. It is packed full of educational and fun workshops and celebrations. From crafts and stories for the children, to great speakers for the adults, we have something for everyone. Please take a few minutes to read through this program, which includes our itinerary and other important information. We encourage your active participation throughout the weekend so you can get the full benefit of being here.

We look forward to spending this weekend with you. If there is anything we can do to make this experience more meaningful for you, please let us know. In the meantime, have fun, be open to learning new things and embrace your child's heritage.

Sincerely,

Julie Ryno

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Check-in to the: “It is Good that I Exist” Palace
- DINNER

KRAFT LODGE LOBBY

6:30 p.m.

- Welcome
- Libation

KERN LODGE

7:15 p.m. – 8:30p.m.

- Meeting the Queens, Kings, Princesses & Princes
 - Magical Palace Placemats
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BRAYTON CASE A & B

8:45 p.m.

- The Movie

BROWN ROOM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

- Breakfast

KRAFT LODGE DINING ROOM

9:00a.m. – 12 noon

ADULTS

- **9:00 - 9:50 a.m.**
 - Empowering Your School System to Support your Black Child
(CARY/BOEHR ROOM)
 - **Presenter: Mrs. Yvette Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Appleton School District, Appleton, WI**

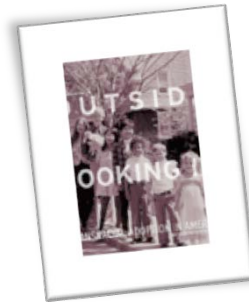


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

9:00a.m. – 12 noon

ADULTS

- **10:00 - 10:45 a.m.**
 - Race Relations in present America: Implications on your African American child
(CARY/BOEHR ROOM)
 - **Presenter: Mr. Ron Dunlap**
 - **Coordinator, CREATE**
- **10:50 – 12 noon**
 - Film - Outside Looking In: Transracial Adoption in America: What Has Changed
(CARY/BOEHR ROOM)
 - **Facilitator: Ms. Julie Ryno**
Co-Founder, UMOJA



CHILDREN

- Welcome To It is Good that I Exist Palace
 - BLACK (0-3):... (Brown Room)
 - GREEN: (4-6).... (Johnson Room)
 - RED: (7-10)..... (Brayton Case A)
 - BLUE: (7-10) (Brayton Case B)
 - GOLD: (11 & Over) (Kern Room)

12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

KRAFT LODGE DINING ROOM

1:15 - 1:40 p.m. GROUP PICTURE

KRAFT DINING ROOM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

1:45 – 4:30 p.m.

ADULTS:

▪ 1:45 - 2:10pm

- Film - Outside Looking In: Transracial Adoption in America: What Has Changed
(CARY/BOEHR ROOM)
 - Facilitator: Ms. Julie Ryno, Co-Founder, UMOJA

▪ 2:15 - 4:30 pm

- Different Strokes For the 21st Century: Opportunities for Families of Mixed Ethnicity (CARY/BOEHR ROOM)
 - Presenter: Mr. Thomas Brooks
 - Managing Director, Alpha Multimedia, Inc., Houston, Texas
 - Best Selling Author, *A Wealth of Family*



CHILDREN

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4:35 – 4:50 p.m. **QUIET TIME**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010**5:00 - 6:00 p.m. DINNER****KRAFT LODGE DINING ROOM****6:30 - 7:30 p.m. It is good that I Exist Palace BRAYTON CASE ROOM**

Featuring
Storyteller
Teju Ologboni



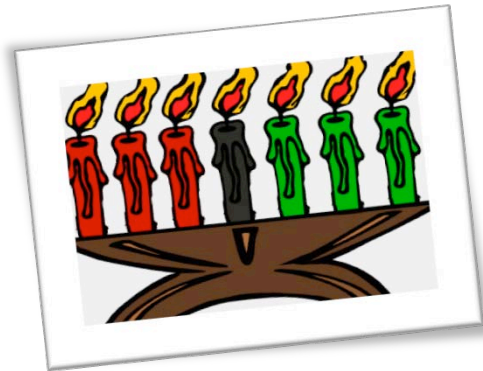
Mr. Tejumola "Teju" Ologboni of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is a master storyteller and folklorist of international renown. He draws listeners into stories with gestures and movements, and sometimes with music made on traditional Africa instruments. Some of his stories are filled with magic and mystical characters, like "the Possum and the Hare;" others are fact like the story of Joshua, a runaway captive who escaped to Wisconsin, and whose case went all the way to the Supreme Court, when a bounty hunter tried to capture and return him to being enslaved. Serious or humorous, political or festive, Teju's stories reflect on longstanding and contemporary cultural perspectives to capture and return him to being enslaved. Serious or humorous, political of festive, Teju's stories reflect on longstanding and contemporary cultural perspectives to give listeners greater understanding of the profound influence of African heritage on our traditions and identities. He is also an author, teacher, consultant, poet, writer, actor, dancer, percussionist, and "verbal illusionist."

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.**MOVIE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

BRAYTON CASE ROOM, A & B



10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

KRAFT DINING ROOM

Featuring



Fried Chicken, Southern Mac & Cheese
Dressing, Corn Bread, Green Beans, Tossed Salad

Sweet Potato Pie

Sweet Tea

CHECK OUT-11: 30 a.m.

UMOJA 2010 PRESENTERS



Mr. Thomas Brooks earned his B.S. Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and his MBA from the University of Maryland. The award-winning author has published several articles, and has been featured frequently on the radio and on television. In 1998, Brooks won a national award from the Career Communications Group in the category of *Technical Sales and Marketing* for his work in corporate America.

Brooks was formerly a Director of Marketing at Lucent Technologies. Since 2002 the entrepreneur has served as the Founder and Managing Director of Alpha Multimedia, Inc., a marketing, public relations and publishing firm.

His bestselling book, *A Wealth of Family: An Adopted Son's International Quest for Heritage, Reunion, and Enrichment*, was named a "Best Books" Award Winner by *USA Book News*. This inspiring adoption and reunion saga delivers timely and provocative viewpoints on multicultural families and powerful insights on how to triumph over racism and poverty. Brooks is one of the most in demand and entertaining keynote speakers on a variety of topics including diversity, multiculturalism, heritage, adoption, education and community service. Mr. Brooks is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. an historical Greek lettered African American fraternity and also the National Black MBA Association. He enjoys public speaking, snow skiing, and running. He lives with his wife and children near Houston, Texas, USA.



Mrs. Yvette Dunlap was born and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology from Mundelein College, Chicago, and completed a Master of Education Degree at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Mrs. Dunlap has served the Appleton Area School District since 2001. Mrs. Dunlap's present responsibilities include the leadership and management of the Student Services Department for the Appleton Area School District. Mrs. Dunlap is a member of Wisconsin's Toward Community: Unity in Diversity (Appleton) and African Heritage Inc. She serves on the board of directors

of the Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI



Mr. Ron Dunlap has devoted thirty-six years to educating young people from k-8 to post secondary levels. For twenty-three years he held the position of principal in Illinois and Wisconsin. He is the recipient of the Appleton, WI, Unity in Diversity Award, and African Heritage Inc. Award for promoting Leadership and Diversity in the Fox Valley Community. Mr. Dunlap is a regular featured columnist for the Appleton, WI Post Crescent Newspaper.

Ms. Rachel Breitrick is from Green Bay, Wisconsin. She is currently a senior at St. Norbert College majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is hoping to find a job in the state of Wisconsin or Illinois. Rachel strongly believes that all children deserve an equal education, and this may be accomplished through incorporating a multicultural curriculum into the classroom. She also believes that she will learn from her students just as much as they will learn from me. As Richard L. Evans once said, “Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them.” As a future teacher, she knows that she holds the key to every child’s success in the classroom. It is her goal in life to provide a classroom environment that is open and accepting of all, embraces diversity, and encourages each child to develop to their full potential. (Teacher, ages 7-10 years old)



Ms. Kari Christiansen grew up in Marquette in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She is currently a senior at St Norbert College pursuing a degree in elementary education. She believes that teaching is a collection of continuous chances to make a difference in the lives of others. She seeks to use her talents to create an environment that truly values, appreciates, and welcomes each person for exactly who they are. She believes the words of Jean Medick, “As a teacher, I feel I have a moral obligations to help the children in my classroom grow toward becoming full human beings and to feel successful. Teaching cognitive skills is not enough” and wishes for each child she interacts with to leave knowing that they are beautiful, talented, and capable of great things.

Ms. Rachel Hermus is from Little Chute, WI, and is currently a senior at St. Norbert College. She is majoring in Early Childhood Education and will be graduating within the next year. Each child is filled with an endless amount of potential and it is our (teachers) job to bring that potential out in each student. She wants her students to gain a passion for learning that will not only help them for school, but whatever endeavors they encounter later in life. "We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion." – Unknown Author



Ms. Kristina Huffman is from Marquette, Michigan and is currently a junior at Saint Norbert College. She is majoring in Early Childhood Education and will graduate in May 2012. She hopes to provide her students with experiences that are relevant to their lives and interests so they learn to love school. She hopes her classroom environment will be a place where students feel safe, encouraged, and challenged, and where they are able to express their ideas. One of her favorite quotes is "to laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ms. Jessica Kaczmarek is from Fish Creek, WI. She is currently a senior at St. Norbert College. She is an Elementary Education student with a minor in Early Childhood. After graduating in May 2011 She hopes to teach in the Green Bay or Fox Cities Area. She truly love working with children, and hopes to make the difference in the lives of the students I teach. As a teacher she wants to provide students with a safe and positive learning environment, where students are valued for their unique differences and giving opportunities for hands-on learning. To her teaching is a journey that never stops, as she is not only the teacher but also the student as she learns from the students she teaches.





Her favorite quote is from Mahatma Gandhi: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Ms. Amber LuMaye grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin. She is currently a senior at St. Norbert College majoring in Early Childhood Education. After graduating she hopes to teach in the Appleton or Green Bay area. She believes that multicultural education is not just a good idea, but necessary in our world since it took many cultures and ethnicities to create the world we have today. She wants to make a connection with every student and make sure to incorporate hands on activities and fun into the classroom. "They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel." - *Carol Buchner*

Ms. Melissa Menne is a junior at St. Norbert College studying Early-Childhood education with an English Language Learner minor. Her hometown is Germantown, WI, just northwest of Milwaukee. Outside of school she competes on the St. Norbert Cross Country and Track and Field teams. She also works in the office of Admissions at St. Norbert College. She knew that she wanted to be a teacher when she was in elementary school and it is something that she very excited about. "Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding" - Albert Einstein



Ms. Carrie Roberts is a junior at St. Norbert College studying early childhood, middle childhood, and early adolescent education and minoring in ELL and Language Arts. She grew up in Manitowoc, Wisconsin on a farm. Throughout the years her family has raised steers, ostriches and emus. She played softball, volleyball and basketball when she was younger but is now more interested in traveling, mission trips and other forms of community service. One of her favorite quotes is "You must be the change you wish to see in the world" (Gandhi). She believes it is such a powerful message. Actions are more powerful than words, therefore if you want to see changes in others, those changes must first start with you.

Ms. Sarah Sulentic is from Schaumburg, Illinois and is currently a senior at St. Norbert College. She is majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education and will graduate in May 2011. She believes that all students deserve an opportunity to succeed in school. She will use hands-on, and creative activities to help engage the students and push them to their potential. She believes that the classroom is a community and will help build one between herself, students, parents and outside community members. "Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops" ~Henry



Brooks Adams.

“If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.” Ignacio Estrada

Ms. Colleen Scanlon is a senior at St. Norbert College. She is studying early childhood education and hopes to become a 2nd grade teacher someday. She especially likes the quote above because it helps summarize her overall philosophy of teaching. When she was younger, she remembers struggling to keep up with her classmates in terms of academic success. She worked very hard to do well in school and remembers giving up many of my summers to be tutored (mostly in math). As an aspiring teacher, she occasionally thinks back to that experience and reminds herself that one of the most important things a teacher can do is get to know his or her students. We all come from various backgrounds. We all think and learn differently. For this reason, she is open and willing to broaden her understanding and knowledge of various cultures and beliefs. Her goal is to make every student feel as successful and proud as she did when her teacher understood her own personal learning needs.



"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

- Maya Angelou

Ms. Ashley Trembl grew up on the foundation that families possess the power in formulating who children have become today and who they are yet to become. She is a senior at St. Norbert College and is pursuing a degree in education and a minor in early childhood education. Her family has played a large role in her success throughout school and ultimately thus far in her own life. She has the passion for working with children and truly loves to learn. Learning never ends and neither does personal growth. She is a highly motivated individual looking forward to making a difference.



Ms. Mandy Walton is from Denmark, Wisconsin. She is a senior at St. Norbert College, majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She is passionate about teaching young children and providing a safe and welcoming environment for her students to learn. She believes that a classroom should be accepting of all children. It should also be student-centered and focused around hands on learning activities. She is going to work to strengthen her students not only mentally, but also emotionally and socially. Her classroom will help students learn to become independent, open-minded members of society. *“Education is a social process, education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.” ~ John Dewey ~*





Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran is currently an Assistant Professor of Education in the Teacher Education Department at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin. She inspired and co-founded the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center in Appleton, Wisconsin. Dr. Delano presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center and Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin. She is the recipient of the Downtown Appleton Rotary Club Charles and Patricia Heeter Award. In 2000, the Wisconsin State Human Relations Association presented her with an Outstanding Human Relations Educator Award. She resides in Appleton with her husband and lifetime friend, Dr. Philips Oriaran.

Ms. Julie Ryno

Ms. Patricia Tate, also known as Grandma Pat, worked for 32 years with United Airlines at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) before retiring in 2001 and moving to Appleton, WI in 2004. Her grandson, Ryan Tolan, is the reason for her move. He was a senior at Appleton North High School as part of Appleton's "A Better Chance Program (ABC)." As a member of Appleton's "A Better Chance" executive board since 2004, she serves on the Student Affairs and the Fund Raising committees. Being involved with young people of all ages is a truly rewarding experience filled with learning, love, laughter, and is a blessing to all involved. Ms. Tate is a member of the Kiwanis "GOLDEN K" group, where she reads to kindergarteners twice a month. She is an active volunteer at Appleton North High School Homecoming and Parent-Teacher Luncheons and Conferences.



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BLACK: Ages 0-3

Ms. Mandy Walton

Ms. Colleen Scanlon

Ms. Rachel Hermus

GREEN: Ages 4-6

Ms. Amber Lu Maye

Ms. Kristina Huffman

Ms. Jessica Kaczmarek

Ms. Sarah Sulentic

BLUE: Ages 7-10

Ms. Rachel Breitrack

Ms. Kari Christiansen

Ms. Melissa Menne

Ms. Ashley Tremel

GOLD: (11 & Over)

Ms. Carrie Roberts

Teaching Activities

The St. Norbert College Teacher Education Students created a Unit Plan for the children. This plan was designed to connect the cultures and heritages of the African and North American Continents. The idea is based on travelling to various countries in the African continent. As we made a stop, the UMOJA travelers were able to see the beauty, history, cultures, and lifestyles of the diversity of the African continent. We end our trip by transferring the cultures to the United States of America by celebrating Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa celebrates Family, Culture, and Community in the United States. We do understand that Kwanzaa does not replace any religious celebrations or holidays.

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY