

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SUCCESS

ABOUT OMSS

The Office of Multicultural Student Success (OMSS) seeks to cultivate belongingness, retention and persistence to graduation for students of color, students who demonstrate financial need, first-generation college students, undocumented immigrant students, and students with marginalized genders and sexualities.

Our programs and services support students in and outside the classroom and help build inclusive communities, promote the cultivation of connections, and remove barriers to academic and personal success.

PROGRAM AREAS

First Generation Students

(OMSS) works with first generation college students by developing sustained developmental programs to support these students' college success. Beyond managing retention, persistence and empowerment programs, OMSS also serves as an advocacy office for marginalized college students during their time at DePaul.

Scholarships, Leadership, and Service

OMSS provides scholarships to facilitate the retention, persistence to graduation of first generation students and students of color who demonstrate financial need and a commitment to service and academic excellence. Announcements are posted and applications can be submitted through the DePaul Scholarship Connect Website

College Transitions

College transitions programming in the OMSS assists new students in their transitional year at DePaul. Through initiatives such as STARS Peer Mentoring program, the college transition team seeks to improve the sense of belonging and ease transition for our students

Identity Centered Engagement

OMSS provides culturally relevant co-curricular opportunities to participate, connect, and learn within DePaul community centering the experiences of marginalized communities. These experiences work to contribute to student's personal and academic success as well as to their satisfaction with their DePaul experience. This area includes are identity specific student supports detailed below.

Post College Success Programming

With a focus on career and leadership development, the OMSS post college success programming prepares students with upper-class standing for a successful transition to life after graduation. By using identity-conscious approaches in curriculum based programs, we engage students in developing a post-college plan by identifying goals and strategies for career discernment or graduate school matriculation.

CULTURAL AND RESOURCE CENTERS + STUDENT SUPPORT

The OMSS Cultural & Resource Centers, located on the 3rd floor in O'Connell Hall offer identity-centered, programs, initiatives and services that promote student engagement, support and academic success through the development, implementation and assessment of powerful,

collaborative programs and services that support student transitions, contribute to academic success and create connections with university wide resources

- LGBTQIA+ Resource Center
- Black Cultural Center
- Latinx Cultural Center
- Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi- American Cultural Center

OMSS also serves as an institutional liaison for undocumented students providing holistic services to undocumented immigrant students. This includes identity-centered advocacy, career navigation, financial and legal resources, group conversations and ally resources.

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As a result of participating in **Multicultural Student Success** programs, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective decision-making related to personal financial management.
- Demonstrate healthy decision-making related to effective self-care.
- Identify and use relevant campus resources in order to navigate their academic experience.
- Apply the concepts of Socially Responsible Leadership in order to challenge oppressive systems and behaviors and work to create change.
- Construct a career plan towards post-college career success.