

D.A.W.G. Days 2009 Program Descriptions

What is Love? Baby don't hurt me no more: Exploring myths of interracial/inter religion relationships

This discussion forum will explore cross-cultural dating. Specifically, we will explore Southern views of inter-racial dating and how they impact views that people date interracially because there is dissatisfaction with dating within one's race. We will also discuss racial stigmas associated with interracial dating and the influence of gender and culture on views of interracial dating. We will explore cultural differences in couples including religion, differences in family of origin, and differences in family traditions and practices. Additionally, we will talk about knowing one's self as a cultural being and recommendations for healthy relationships.

Objectives: 1. Explore and challenge existing views of interracial dating. 2. Gain a broader understanding of cultural differences including family of origin, religion, and traditions/practices. 3. Gain a better understanding of the our cultural selves in relationships and how to be a healthy person in a relationship.

Facilitators: Dr. Deenie Tarver, Counseling and Psychiatric Services and Rev. Richard A. Washington, Sr., Pastor First AME Church

It's All About LOVE: Eradicating Hate.

We will discuss the avenues and ways to empower students on the UGA campus to find ways to fight and eradicate hate on campus. Through this program, Dr. Bennett-Alexander will have an open discussion with several different ways to addressing hate and how to overcome it on our campus. We will come to a fun, positive, interactive exploration of our attitudes, biases and actions and discuss ways to assist students in becoming positive student activist when it comes to addressing hate.

Facilitator: Dr. Bennett-Alexander, Associate Professor Department of Insurance/Legal Studies and Real Estate (Terry Business College)

Patchwork of Cultures, Passport to the World: See it, Stamp it, Explore it

Patchwork provides a forum for students to display their culture and talents. Display table are set up for students to showcase items from their heritage, culture, lifestyle, ethnicity and religion. There are also a wide variety of dishes and delights from many

different countries. A stage is set for student performers from singers, dancers, musicians and actors.

Hosted by the Brumby Community

Darius Goes West

Join some of Darius's crew to watch "Darius Goes West." After the viewing, the crew will stay to converse and answer questions.

Meet 15-year-old Darius Weems from Athens, Georgia, who was born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), the most common fatal genetic disorder to affect children worldwide. In 1999, he watched his beloved older brother, Mario, pass away from the same disease at age 19. Soon after, Darius lost use of the muscles in his legs and had to begin using a wheelchair.

A group of Darius' college-age friends decided there was no need for his quality of life to disintegrate along with his muscles. In the summer of 2005, they rented a wheelchair-accessible RV and took Darius, who had never seen mountains, the ocean or even crossed a state line, on the adventure of a lifetime. The ultimate goal of their 7,000-mile cross-country journey was to reach Los Angeles and convince MTV's hit show "Pimp My Ride" to customize Darius' wheelchair. Along the way, they evaluated wheelchair accessibility in America, celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and raised awareness of DMD—particularly among a generation not familiar with Jerry Lewis. They also found joy, brotherhood and the knowledge that life, even when imperfect, is always worth the ride.

Facilitators: Crew Members from Darius Goes West