Utah Office of
Multicultural Affairs

Happy New Year!

2014: Another Year in the books

Here at MCA we have the opportunity to work with loads of awesome people and amazing organizations. We could write a whole book about it, but we will spare you this time, maybe next year.

We appreciate all the work that you are doing to help make Utah a better place for our multicultural communities.

Here is a brief overview of some of the projects we were able to work on this year.

Nearly 1,700 students and educators from over 50 schools packed the Salt Palace Convention Center for the third annual Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit. Students heard from state leaders and community members and attended workshops on the importance of pursuing higher education.

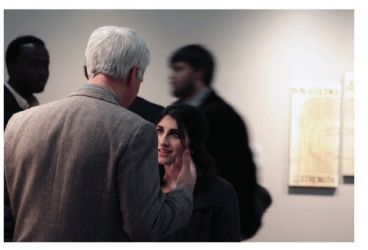
We launched Multicultural Voices, a quarterly publication dedicated to sharing stories from Utah's ethnic communities. These stories are part of a changing narrative that speaks to an ever-expanding cultural diversity.

The Martin Luther King Human Rights Commission welcomed six new members who embody the spirit and vision of Dr. King. They are: Adrienne Andrews, Beth Garstka, Nkoyo Iyamba, Dr. Karen Johnson, Shawn Newell, and Robert Rendon.

During the legislative session, students attended the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol to learn about the legislative process and to become involved citizens. Speakers included Attorney General Sean Reyes, Ross Romero, and Pamela Atkinson.

We have compiled a list of national and local scholarships that cater toward students from all ethnic backgrounds. We update our list every other month to make sure you getting the best information.

MCA Director Claudia Nakano has met with San Francisco bay area Japanese community to encourage better collaboration with Topaz museum board.



Our office partnered up with the Utah Division of Arts & Museums to host a MLK art exhibit to honor the legacy that Dr. King left behind.

The Multicultural Commission expanded their outreach efforts by traveling to diverse communities outside of the Wasatch Front. They visited St. George and Park City to hear from local residents.

Our Office was asked to present on the growing diversity here in Utah to the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation.

We have been asked by multiple Police Dept's and task forces to act as a consultant on cultural sensitivity issues.