

# Cultural Times Bulletin

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## ASC Hosted Campus-Wide Student Coloring Contest



First place \$100 Gift Card: Paige Phillips '21

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month (November), ASC hosted a student coloring contest, featuring Native American coloring pages from the 2018 ZenMaster coloring book. Students had creative freedom! The first, second and third place winning entries are featured here along with each winner's comments. Congratulations Paige Phillips '21, Anezka Krobot '21 and Eita Nanda '22. As a total of 26 entries received, thanks to all who participated, ASC hopes to host more coloring contest events for years to come!

"I really enjoyed the thought that went into this contest. I think that the coloring contest provided all students an opportunity to participate in ASC's events. Also, I loved the idea of having more than one coloring page because it allowed students to pick a coloring sheet that suited what medium of art they preferred. I was excited to win because I knew there would be others with much more artistic flair, so I did not expect to win. I would participate in future coloring events because it was so relaxing and it was fun for me to see what my friends and other students created."  
- Paige Phillips '21

"If I'm honest, I didn't come across the coloring contest by myself. My roommate noticed the signs posted around campus and grabbed a coloring sheet for me so that I could join her in coloring, if I wanted to. I didn't even know there were other coloring sheet options, but I liked the one I had a lot. This was a contest that I never thought I'd be lucky enough to be a part of, actually. I love coloring - it helps with my anxiety and is a way for me to express myself artistically despite being rather inept at drawing - and I worked really hard on this piece. I had a lot of fun planning my color choices and carefully blending the background so that it had the effect I wanted. I also tried to choose contrasting colors for the foreground and background, so that the eagle and the overall piece would really pop against the blue sky. I was elated when I got the email saying I had won second place. I'm grateful for the opportunity to show my coloring skills and for the surprise recognition for a hobby which I didn't think I would ever gain. I'm also glad I was able to participate in an event highlighting Native American art and culture, which I've always found extremely beautiful and underrepresented in popular culture. Overall, I hope that more opportunities, like the cultural coloring contest, will arise, because I really enjoyed this one."

- Anezka Krobot '21



Second Place \$50 Gift Card: Anezka Krobot '21



Third Place \$25 Gift Card: Eita Nanda '22

"I really enjoyed ASC's Native American Heritage Month coloring contest greatly, as it promotes diversity on campus and a fun activity to participate in appreciating Native American Heritage. I hope to be involved in activities like this in the future as well!"

- Eita Nanda '22

**Special thanks to the  
Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara  
Counties for judging the contest.**

## ASC Welcomes New Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Fatima Rodriguez Johnson

ASC welcomes Fatima Rodriguez Johnson, MS '98 as the college's first associate dean for diversity and inclusion. Johnson comes to Canisius from the State University at Geneseo, where she previously served as the associate dean of students for multicultural programs and services.

In that role at Geneseo, Johnson was an advocate for students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, implemented educational programs in support of the academic mission, supervised professional staff and students, and served as a resource for the college community. Working in partnership with colleagues, she has been an asset to the development of more than 85 programs each year, reaching some 8,000 students, supervising LGBTQ programs and services, serving as a resource for student recruitment and playing a role in the Equity Scorecard Project at Geneseo.

At Canisius, Fatima will be responsible for developing and overseeing campus wide programs, services, and initiatives that promote diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice while cultivating and communicating this mission as an essential element of a Canisius College education. She will work in collaboration with the ALANA Student Center, chair the college's Racial Diversity Team, and supervise the Academic Talent Search Program, as well as serve as director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program.

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## ALUMS in focus Amber Quinney '18

My overall experience at Canisius taught me life lessons that continue to guide my path today. I learned to always appreciate where I am in my life even when I'm unclear or can't make sense of the circumstances. Coming to Canisius strengthened my sense of purpose. When I transferred from the predominantly black Howard University to Canisius, I had a difficult time transitioning because frankly, I missed my home school. While adjusting to the campus culture was really hard for me, it didn't take me long to find my place on campus. Within 4 weeks of being a new student, I competed in the C.E.O. elevator pitch competition and won the first place cash prize. With the support of

the ASC and others, I got to represent the college at the National C.E.O competition in Kansas City, Missouri. That same year, I was selected to be a WNY Prosperity Fellow (the esteemed entrepreneurial fellowship at Canisius and UB) and earned numerous other honors, academic achievements and scholarship awards. I finished my last semester with a 4.0 GPA, earned ASC's ALANA Achievement Award, and graduated in May! I share these pieces of my story to say this: No matter where you are in your journey, always offer your best and nothing less. Create a standard in your life by letting your authentic light shine. You will learn to appreciate every part of your path and no matter where you are planted, you will bloom. Coming to Canisius strengthened my purpose. Today, I am a small business owner operating two (2) companies that I LOVE. The first is The Amber Quinney Scholarship Academy where, as a Scholarship Coach, I teach high school and college students how to "stack dollars not debt" by applying for scholarship awards. The second is a Charm School for *Sisters*, a self-enrichment program teaching Black/African American girls self-love, sisterhood, and success skills. All in all, there's no better way to live life after college than to live your dreams!

## Advocating for Health Equity & Justice

On Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I was honored to attend the "Health Justice at Upstate: Shifting the Power" conference at SUNY Upstate Medical School. This event was very moving. In the company of, health professionals from many different backgrounds, we discussed health disparities in the U.S. and came to a common ground: 'we will be the change the world needs.'

- Michelle Calhoun '20





## Student Spotlight

Morgan Morris '21



and spinach. A day during that week was dedicated to teaching children at Elm Grove Elementary School about herbs and hydroponics. The children were able to use their five senses to learn about spinach, arugula, and lettuce, just to name a few. By the end, some kids were asking their parents to buy some of the food and were even showing their parents what they learned about hydroponics!

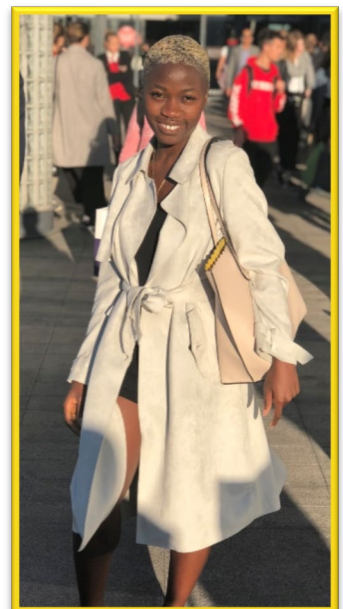
There are a multitude of ways that you can make direct contributions to the community, whether that is by committing to a year of service or joining Campus Ministry. Here are some ways that you can do service while in college:

- Sign up for Teach for America, Americorp, PeaceCorps, JVC Northwest, and other service entities
- Take a service learning class
- Join a club dedicated to service (Circle K, Griffins Giving Back)
- Join Campus Ministry (they do service with 716 Ministries, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, and more)

## Travel turned into Self-Discovery

Monica Boway '19

My study abroad experience was a leap of faith that I will be grateful for forever. It was an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and discover the world through refined lenses and I am glad that I did. In Fall 2018, I studied abroad in Lille, France, a city in the North of France famously known for being a university city and a cultural hub. Contrary to what I am used to in the United States, everything was in walking distance from my apartment. The streets were filled 24/7; the city never slept. I became great friends with students from Brazil, Spain, Vietnam, Thailand, Italy, The United States, Lisbon, Mexico, Canada and, of course, France. I visited Belgium, Italy, Spain and Paris and did solo trips on occasion. Most noticeably, I took a solo trip to Barcelona for 7 days. It was both a freeing and eye opening experience. I would definitely do it again. All in all, my time abroad was one of soul searching, searching for myself, where I belong in the world and finding my passions. It was a much needed time of reflection and growth that I will forever remember.



## Positivity from the Pope

**“This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.”**

**- Pope Francis**

# New Year, New Opportunities!

Check out some of the events ASC and ALANA Clubs are offering this semester!

Stay tuned for additional information

## FEB.

- Canisius College/ASC's MLK Celebration/Grupp Lounge  
**February 5**
- Buffalo's Paul Robeson Theatre/play production of *Native Son*  
**February 9**
- University at Buffalo hosts activist Dr. Angela Davis  
**February 27**
- Canisius College/Academic Talent Search Black History Month Celebration  
**February 28**
- AAS's My Black is Beautiful Week  
**February 11-15**
- AAS' Culture Clash  
**February 22**

## MAR.

- LASAF Carnival  
**March 1**
- Vibe & Paint  
*Unleash your creativity by joining ASC for music, painting and fun.*  
**March 21**
- Performance Troupe on Campus Performance  
**March 28**
- Horseback riding in Eden, NY at Happy Tails Establishment  
**March 30**

## APR.

- Asian American Heritage Month Celebrations  
**April 2- 4**
- Men of Color Summit hosted by Fredonia College  
**April 6**
- Treat Yourself!  
*Improve mind, body and spirit through Yoga and meditation with ASC.*  
**April 25**
- ALANA E-Board Awards  
**April 25**
- AAS Fashion Show  
**April 13**
- AAS- Ball  
**April 27**

## Don't Forget...

**Nomination deadline is fast approaching!**

The Dr. Rev Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Committee is accepting nominations through **Wednesday, February 6** for the 2019 MLK Awards. This honor recognizes Canisius members who promote social justice, racial harmony, civil rights and advocacy for the poor or change through non-violence. Nominations are accepted from faculty, staff and current students of the college. Awards will be presented at the Spring Honors Convocation.

**The ALANA E-Board Awards are right around the corner!**

Selected by ALANA Club Advisors, this award recognizes an ALANA E-Board member who has exceeded expectations in her/his leadership role in an ALANA club. Awards, courtesy of ASC, will be presented at Student Life's annual Leadership Awards Banquet, **Thursday, April 25, 2019**

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## Enter for the chance to win!

**3 WINNERS chosen!**

Unscramble the letters below to enter a raffle to win a REGAL Movie Pass. Deadline: February 8, 2019

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Know a student that ASC should highlight in our CTB? Contact Chandler Hawkins '20 at [hawkin14@canisius.edu](mailto:hawkin14@canisius.edu) to let us know!