

Celebrating Diversity Week

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Celebrating Diversity Week is an opportunity to build awareness, acceptance and pride around the wide range of cultures and ways of life that employees bring to BMC. To celebrate the extraordinary diversity of BMC, there will be live music in lobbies and ethnic foods from various nations for sale in the cafeterias throughout the week.

Schedule of Events

Monday, March 16

Newton Pavilion Cafeteria, Noon -1 p.m.
Anna Borges Duo (Brazilian Jazz)

Tuesday, March 17

Newton Pavilion Cafeteria, Noon -1 p.m.
Pat Loomis Duo (North American Jazz)

Special Presentation (CME Credit Available):

"Communicating with Persons Living with Hearing Loss"
Jonathan G. O'Dell (see facing page)

Wednesday, March 18

Newton Pavilion Cafeteria, Noon -1 p.m.
Yasko Kubota and Archie K Duo (Asian/Japanese Instrumental)

Thursday, March 19

Shapiro Lobby, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Celebrating Diversity Fair (see facing page)

Friday, March 20

Newton Pavilion Cafeteria, Noon-1 p.m.
Lance Martin Band (North American Rhythm and Blues/Jazz)

Cuisine (served in Menino, Newton and Shapiro cafeterias)

Monday: A Taste of South/Central American and Carribean

Tuesday: A Taste of Europe and Ireland

Wednesday: A Taste of Asia and the Middle East

Thursday: A Taste of Africa

Friday: A Taste of North America

Special Presentation



Tuesday, March 17

Noon-1 p.m.

Keefer Auditorium

"Communicating with Persons Living with Hearing Loss"

Jonathan G. O'Dell, Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

CME Credit available to staff upon request.

Since 1991, O'Dell has been employed at the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in a variety of educational, administrative and direct service positions. Currently, he serves as the Assistive Technology Manager and Training Specialist within the Department of Communication Access, Training and Technology Service. At the age of 10, O'Dell lost his hearing due to complications associated with meningitis. Overcoming obstacles throughout his life, he developed a passion for educating others on creating a communication-accessible environment. He is intimately familiar with communication techniques and technologies used by and for individuals affected by hearing loss. O'Dell regularly provides extensive training to medical facilities, emergency service providers and educational entities wishing to create a communication-accessible environment to increase safety, health and efficiency in the workplace.

Celebrating Diversity Fair

Thursday, March 19

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shapiro Lobby

The week's signature event will feature musical performances, displays of cultural items contributed by employees, and information about Employee Resource Groups to showcase how BMC is both inclusive and diverse in thought and perspective.

Program

Noon	Opening Remarks <i>President and CEO Kate Walsh</i>	12:45 p.m.	Aurel D'Agostino <i>Belly Dance</i>
12:15 p.m.	Sidi Joh Camara <i>African Drum and Dance</i>	1:15 p.m.	Silver Leaf Quartet <i>Gospel Group</i>

Employee Resource Groups Represented in the Fair:

Community Outreach/Volunteerism	Multicultural Group & Pastoral Care
Gay/Straight Alliance	Women's Networking
Kickball Group	Working Parents
Military Connected	Young Professionals