Celebrating Diversity Week
March 16-20, 2015

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 Caribbean
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
President and CEO Kate Walsh

12:45 p.m. "Aurel D’Agostino
Belly Dance"

12:15 p.m. Sidi Joh Camara
African Drum and Dance

1:15 p.m. Silver Leaf Quartet
Gospel Group

Employee Resource Groups Represented in the Fair:

Community Outreach/Volunteerism
Gay/Straight Alliance
Kickball Group
Military Connected

Multicultural Group & Pastoral Care
Women’s Networking
Working Parents
Young Professionals