## Fall 2021 Progress



## Remove and/or reduce barriers and challenges to student success on campus

- Help students understand processes to share concerns, challenges and grievances.
- Review division and college wide procedure/policies and advocate for change
- Ensure student spaces are welcoming
- Connect students with opportunities to be involved in advocacy on the local, regional and national level on issues of justice.

Create a professional environment/experience in which we continuously develop our knowledge of and perspective towards justice and equity regarding the many identities that exist within our student body.

- Offer educational opportunities for the SDS staff regarding social justice education and growth
- Create a year long professional development plan for SDS staff relating to justice, equity and compassion.
- Plan time in SDS Staff meeting times to intentionally discuss racial and other forms of discrimination on campus
- Create a system and training for bystander intervention when instances of injustice are taking place.

## Educate our community on the College perspective on Justice and Compassion through SDS run programs and events.

- Full Review of the Residence Life Handbook was completed in Summer 2021. An addition was made regarding gender identity in the halls
- Questions were added to the Residence Life
  Community Feedback Survey about common
  spaces. Feedback will determine changes
  made to spaces in the Residence Halls
- Updates made to the Bias Incident Report and Grievance Process. The Bias Incident Report can be found in multiple places on the website.
- Simplified and clarified Campus
   Demonstration/Protest Policy
- Changes in process to create a space in the International and Intercultural Center.
- Residence Life Student staff took part in trainings
   on Social Justice Topics including:
  - LGBTQ Issues and Resources in MKE
  - · Microaggressions and Privilege
  - White Fragility
- All professional staff in SDS took place in 2 professional development opportunities in the Fall Semester. Staff were encouraged to share what they learned with the division. Topics include:
  - Inclusive Supervision
  - Supporting Minoritized Students
  - · Social Change
  - Ableism
- A movie series was started within the SDS Director's to start difficult conversations.
- The SDS Staff Retreats included either a movie or article read and discussion with full staff.
- Athletics took part in the NCAA Inclusion Forum. Talking about Social Justice issues and differences from LGTBQ, disabilities and mental health.
- Hiring diverse candidates, who reflect the identities of our student body, for positions within the division.
- Develop cultural humility for SDS staff and students at Alverno College.
- Create and provide opportunities for students to engage in on and off campus educational opportunities.
- Support and advocate for the organizations and communities on campus that are advocating and empowering students.
- Listen to students regarding major instances of social injustice and providing space for the students who are impacted by their experiences.

## Bring an understanding of the theory of Servant Leadership and its connection to justice to the Alverno College community.

- Provide information about servant leadership - what is it? How to recognize it in yourself?
- Highlight and share the histories of diverse leaders who may not be discussed in standard curriculum
- Educate about campus services and offices that exhibit servant leadership.

- A Student Organization Spotlight was started on the Lobby TVs in both Austin and Clare Hall to recognize a new student organization every week. Student Activities and Leadership is running a campus wide Student Organization Spotlight.
- Counseling & Health Services collaborated with AMOMA to facilitate a conversation with students about cultural and family barriers to help-seeking.

Community Day is a day that expresses many of the tenets of Servant Leadership

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