The Social Equity and Title IX Office hosts and supports campus-wide programs, celebrations, dialogues and trainings. In addition to funding diversity commissions and councils (see back page), the office was pleased to host Libby Roderick for two trainings on “Difficult Dialogues” this year. Those who attended either workshop may now participate in her culminating Train the Trainers session on May 20-24. Please email social-equity@iup.edu to RSVP.

Many campus entities offered outstanding and significant programs throughout the year. Of special note, the Free Speech Project hosted multiple events, the Six O’Clock Series touched on a variety of important topics, and the Office of International Education offered numerous engaging experiences. Likewise, the “Elephant in the Room Series” and “Second City Interactive Workshops” were presented by the Center for Teaching Excellence, in partnership with Women’s and Gender Studies and several other co-funding offices. “Hard Hatted Women and Women in Action,” a month-long exhibit, was presented by the University Museum, and the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement provided many opportunities for the campus community to increase diversity and inclusion awareness. Thank you to all involved for providing these events.

Please refer to the online Diversity Events Calendar for a compilation of all such programming. In order to centralize and highlight the many notable efforts on campus, please be sure that all CMS users are entering their department or organization events on this calendar.

Notable Programming and Events

The It’s On Us movement is centered around ending sexual violence on campuses and in organizations nationwide. The campaign has encouraged over 300,000 people to pledge to end sexual violence, and is present on over 500 campuses. Help IUP become the school with the most pledges by visiting the IUP Haven Project website. While there, be sure to watch the It’s On Us IUP video.

It’s On Us

Elise Glenn will speak on Civil Rights and Title IX at a Tea & Talk with international students on April 19 at 2:00 p.m. in 325 Delaney Hall.

Photo Above: Ahmad Tahat, Muslim Student Association President, spoke at the March 21 solidarity and support gathering for the Indiana and IUP Muslim community.

Day-long events with Holocaust survivors and scholars culminated in a Six O’Clock panel discussion, “The Dangers of Hate.”
The ninth annual celebration of IUP’s LGBTQIA community and ally graduates, Lavender Graduation, will be held on Friday, April 26, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the MCSLE Great Room, Elkin Hall. The university community and all family and friends are invited to attend. Please contact Tedd Cogar at lgbtqia-support@iup.edu.

In April, Dr. Megan Knoch was named the new co-chair of the President’s Commission on Diversity and Inclusion, alongside Dr. Yaw Asamoah.

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women was pleased to host the 2019 IUP Women’s Leadership Awards Reception on March 21 in the Blue Room of Sutton Hall. Since 1986, these awards recognize women for their outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, and community contributions on and off campus. A complete list of winners can be found in the website news section.

Annual events to raise community awareness of the Hispanic culture include fall and spring social gatherings, presented by the Hispanic Heritage Council. On March 30, a Hispanic Dance Carnival was held in the HUB Ohio Room and included authentic food, music, and dancing.

In addition, the Lively Arts at IUP brought Compania Flamenca Eduardo Guerrero: Flamenco Pasion to the campus on October 16. This energetic performance featured classical and contemporary Spanish dance, ballet, and contortion.

In an effort to separate stereotypes from realities of indigenous Americans, the Native American Awareness Council proudly presents numerous educational events throughout each school year. A movie screening of Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock was shown on November 15. Two guest lecturers visited campus this spring: Lawrence Kaibetoney, Navajo teacher, leader, and caretaker of traditions on February 19 and Norman Tulley, artist, educator, and spiritual leader on March 27.

Please visit the Council’s historic marker near the HUB, which denotes what was once the intersection of the Catawba and Kittanning Native American trails.

The Multicultural Affairs and Student Success (MASS) Office hosted several Lunch and Learn events in celebration of both Hispanic Heritage Month (October) and Native American Heritage Month (November).