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MBC Clubs and Organizations: Getting Involved Your Way

Beyond academics, life at Mary Baldwin College is enriched by involvement in a wide variety of clubs and organizations — or students may decide to spearhead a group of like-minded students in the creation of a new organization!

African Student Collective Three words: Explore, articulate, and celebrate! ASK wants women willing to discover the rich diversity that is African culture. They are all about promoting unity at MBC and other colleges.

American Chemical Society is for the beaker babes — those into chemistry and related disciplines. Scienceheads mix social functions and educational opportunities to great advantage.

American College of Health Care Executives has an MBC chapter of health(care) nuts interested in healthcare policy, administration, and wellness with opps for networking top executives at MBC, state, and national levels.

Anointed Voices of Praise is MBC's student-directed, traveling, music ministry of traditional and contemporary gospel music. These ladies know how to bring the house down in a way you won't forget! This music mission has also formed an exchange with a gospel choir in France — AVP went to France in 2004, the French visited us in 2005.

Baldwin Charm is prime habitat for songbirds that fly a cappella and specialize in a light touch with popular tunes and a spirit of fun.

Baldwin Program Board BPB are the gals who pull off the cultural coups. Every year the board fills up the MBC social calendars with movies, entertainers, dancers, and other artistic events. The front line of talent scouting for campus entertainment.

Black Student Alliance is made up of any students who wish to join, including awesome African American sisters in support of one another, with a willingness to share their culture with the MBC community.

Bluestocking, the MBC yearbook, is a great org for students with creative interests in writing, photography, and graphic design. Student staff works to capture the spirit of each school year.

Campus Comments, the *student* newspaper, represents the *student* voice of a *student*-run college with *student* staff who are into writing, journalism, and/or print media, and who encourage all *students* to submit articles and opinion essays. It's ALL about *students*!

Campus Crusade is all about sharing the faith. This all denominations welcome Christian group seeks opportunities to study and discuss the Bible, worship, and pray in a group setting. Fellowship and encouragement are the paybacks.

Caribbean Student Association — More than just blue water and reggae, this group tells the stories and shares the tradition of Caribbean, South American, Central American, and African culture.

Circle K (sponsored by Kiwanis International) has an active MBC chapter for those who believe in random — and defined — acts of kindness (i.e. community service) through volunteer service on campus and in the community.

College Democrats and **College Republicans** give members opportunities to work for their party or to learn about a party and the political process. Members meet with similar clubs from surrounding colleges, and others from party headquarters in Washington DC and the local/state committees, as well as host events on campus.

Colleges Against Cancer's MBC chapter is made up of just the right kind of passionate women dedicated to educating the MBC community about American Cancer Society initiatives, research, and advocacy. One of their main events during the year is Relay for Life.

COSMOS: International Club for MBC students from around the globe and any student interested in world cultures — this group hosts the must-do Culture Fest and other events. True to their global nature, they also travel.

Fencing “Hallllo! My name is Inigo Montoya!” Princess Bride fans and sword enthusiasts take up arms! The Fencing Club is for newbies and the more experienced swordswoman. The club is open to all students, faculty, and staff and competes in USFA tournaments and intercollegiate matches.

Greater Things Dance Ministry A truly, and literally, moving experience. This student choreographed and directed liturgical dance ministry seeks to promote spiritual growth through movement. The choreography embraces African American dance expression.

Habitat for Humanity is all about home. The MBC chapter rallies to help families build or renovate homes in the area and raise funds for Habitat projects. You don't have to be Bob the Builder to participate; you just need a heart of gold.

Kuumba Players Kuumba — Swahili for creativity! This theatre group explores, expresses, and celebrates African American life. Thesians and non-thesians welcome.

Latinas Unidas is just the place for uniting Latina sisters and other students interested in Latin American culture.

Libations is the literary megaphone for the African-American voice at MBC. This annual publication allows African-American students the chance to show off their stuff through poetry, prose, short stories, photography, and art.

MBC Dance Company Tappin' toes and dancin' souls unite! The MBC Dance Company explores many different dance forms and participates on and off campus year round. These events include the fall pep rally, holiday parades, performances at basketball games, and a spring show.

Madrigal Singers is for those who enjoy “a polyphonic partsong originating in the 14th century, which is marked by secular text and a freely imitative style and counterpoint ...” (per Webster's). AKA: beautiful madrigal or chamber music by select members of the college choir.

Mary Baldwin College Choir sings. A lot. And beautifully. As a collective of soloist-caliber vocalists, the choir shares the joy of music in concert, at major campus events, and on tour.

Miscellany proves we are quite literary and oh-so-artsy in this annual publication devoted to poetry, prose, short stories, photography, drawings and paintings by students and faculty.

President's Society is for students who've distinguished themselves as all-around achievers and are selected to lead campus tours, host prospective students overnight, and support certain special events and marketing activities.

Riding Club members canter to a different beat with opps for riding at qualified stables and learning more about the art and athleticism of riding.

Soc. Club The Soc. Club is for MBC gals with an interest in Sociology/Social Work. They are all about service activities, community involvement, and peer mentoring opportunities. The Soc. club also works to provide opportunities to gain hands-on graduate studies and occupational information.

The Spencer Society Get ready to dial ... it's The Spencer Society — a select group of MBC women who raise money for the Annual Fund. These students call alumnae/i during fall and spring phonathons. All members are interviewed and chosen by the Annual Fund staff.

Student Government Association is the grand dame of all campus organizations and requires its own set of pages on officers, senators, Honor Council, Judicial Board, lots of committees, and more. Over 250 leadership opportunities. Dive into more info online, then join up!

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is all about go-to-it and get-it-done gals into learning about free enterprise. These go-getters learn to lead, collaborate as a team, and communicate within business models.

S.O.U.L.S. (Sisters Out Understanding and Loving Sisters) know the value of having a safe, accepting, confidential place to give/receive unconditional acceptance about feminist and gay/bisexual/lesbian issues. All members join the discussion and share leadership.

S.V.E.A. (Student Virginia Education Association) networks future educators with those already in the profession through projects in the local community, membership in several professional organizations, and more.

Student Fine Arts Association says you don't have to be an artist to appreciate art. These fine students associate to explore art galleries and museums, host gallery receptions and lectures by nationally known arts pros.

T.E.A.R. (Together for the Earth and Animal Rights) seems like an org for every living thing to freely join at birth. Yet it takes these special women to make us aware of threats to planet earth and the animals who inhabit it — and what we can do about it.

MBC Theatre. Consider this your audition call! All thespians — experienced or not — have a shot at being cast in one or more of five productions (one of them a musical) each year, and sometimes experimental shows.