

INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS

NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Intercultural Affairs promotes personal, cultural, social, and academic growth and development of students from underrepresented populations and encourages opportunities for all students to engage with others across differences by way of dialogues, informal interaction, and programs in alignment with the goals of the Student Affairs Division and the Tech Tomorrow Plan.

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GIVE TO INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS

Tennessee Tech's Intercultural Affairs office relies on generous support to strengthen student success, leadership development, and overall, well-being. Your gift directly supports our students through stipends for participants who meet the requirements of the Reaching Achievement and Committed to Excellence (R.A.C.E.) P.L.U.S., a Professional and Leadership for Undergraduate Student Success Program, departmental scholarships, our Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony celebrating graduating students, and a variety of programs and events that promote academic achievement and wellness.

If you would like to support Intercultural Affairs, you may give through Tennessee Tech's online giving page at this link: [Give Today](#). When completing the form, please select the "Other" option under designation and type "Intercultural Affairs" so that your contribution is directed to our department. Your generosity helps us continue providing meaningful programs, recognition, and resources that empower students to succeed and stay engaged throughout their Tennessee Tech experience.



INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS STUDENT SPACES AND RESOURCES

BCC Lounge Access and Hours

The BCC Lounge serves as our main lounge and houses our offices, the computer lab, Conference Room, and open lounge space for meetings, studying, and intercultural connection. The BCC Lounge is open to all students and departments during regular university office hours Monday–Friday; to use the space after hours, a reservation is required through our office website under “Events” or via this link: <https://www.tntech.edu/intercultural/reserve-space.php>.

We partner closely with the University Police Department (UPD) to open and secure the BCC Lounge for approved after-hours and weekend reservations. UPD closes the BCC Lounge at 10 p.m. Monday–Thursday and is available on call on weekends to provide access for approved users. The BCC Lounge closes at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays



BCC Computer Lab (RUC 258)

The Intercultural Affairs Department offers a welcoming computer lab located inside the BCC Lounge in RUC 258. The lab includes six computers and an all-purpose printer that functions similarly to the main library computers, and students only need their Eagle ID card to print. The computer lab is open Monday–Thursday until 10 p.m., closes at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and is closed on weekends.



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BCC Conference Room

Within the BCC Lounge, there is a Conference Room available to students, student organizations, and departments. The Conference Room features a display screen for presentations, whiteboards for projects or brainstorming, and seating for 12. The Conference Room follows the same schedule as the BCC Lounge and can also be accessed on weekends with a reservation, which can be made by visiting our office website under “Events” or using this link:

<https://www.tntech.edu/intercultural/reserve-space.php>.



Intercultural Lounge (RUC 241)

The Intercultural Lounge is our other lounge space and is designed to be open and accessible for all students. It is not reservable so that students always have a place for studying, educational engagement, and relaxation whenever the Roaden University Center (RUC) is open.



GET INVOLVED WITH INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Intercultural Affairs Department supports a wide range of student organizations that promote learning, professional development, and community building, and all students are welcome to get involved. Academic and professional organizations include NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) and SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers). Social and community-focused groups include UVOP (United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir), ASU (African Student Union), Futuro, BSU (Black Student Union), and the campus NAACP student chapter.

Some organizations have an application process, including Alpha Psi Lambda Co-Ed Latino Fraternity, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Intercultural Affairs Ambassadors, and the R.A.C.E. Programs (Reaching Achievement and Committed to Excellence). Together, these groups offer students opportunities to connect, lead, and enhance their overall Tennessee Tech experience.





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You can also visit our website for programs, events, and resources:
<https://www.tntech.edu/intercultural/about.php>

