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Multicultural Alumni Network Gathering 2012

Where else can you engage with students at the block party, chat with the President over drinks, determine the future of alumni involvement with students of color, catch up with old friends, and learn to make ice cream?! Join MCAN for the Gathering 2012, being held September 14-15 - put it on your calendar. Registration information coming soon!



Senior Spotlight: Raymond Raúl Nelson

written by: Beserat Kelati '12

Raymond Raúl Nelson, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio, is getting ready to graduate from Carleton College in June 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology. Ray was first introduced to Carleton College through the Carleton Liberal Arts Experience summer program in the summer of 2006. After enjoying the CLAE program, Ray returned and participated in the Summer Writing Program the following year.

While at Carleton, Ray served as the President of the Carleton Black Student Alliance, as a TRIO/SSS Peer Leader and as an active member of the Latin American Student Organization, Men of Color and the WHOA Hip-Hop Dance Company. When Ray was not on campus, he was traveling through South America and Europe. As a sophomore, he studied Spanish, History and Anthropology in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The following year, he traveled and participated in the Carleton Madrid Program where he examined Spanish Art, History and Urbanism. His love for Latin American studies had him travel yet again to Brazil during the winter break of his senior year to further

understand Brazilian politics and culture.

Ray's interest in culture and politics encouraged him to work on his senior comprehensive thesis about the national ideology of racial mixture in Puerto Rico and how that affected the way in which Puerto Ricans on the island discussed blackness and racism. Through the Mellon Mays Fellowship, he conducted field research and participant observation in Puerto Rico the summer before his senior year.

After graduation, Ray plans to move to Washington, DC to work as a paralegal at the Washington Lawyers' Committee. He will be working on their Equal Employment Opportunity Project for two years before applying and attending law school or graduate school. Ray describes his Carleton experience as "life changing." He continues, "It certainly has opened my eyes more than I could ever imagine academically, socially, and personally. I honestly can't imagine myself growing up over these past four years anywhere else."

2012 MCAN Scholars Program

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MCAN scholarships are supplemental grants intended to help defray the costs of participating in an established program or other endeavor where the work is clearly defined and has goals and outcomes. This year the Multicultural Alumni Network scholars committee reviewed seventeen applications and awarded six Carleton students scholarships to further their research and/or work in an area of their interest. The following students were awarded as MCAN scholars:

1. Akemi Arzouman, junior biology major, will intern at the Astra Tech Headworkers in Mölndal, Sweden. Arzouman will be working on multiple clinical research projects for three weeks.
2. Lauren Chow, sophomore linguistics and women's and gender studies major, will work with Minnesota Coalition against Sexual Assault in St. Paul, Minnesota. Chow will be working with MNCASA staff and community partners who are leading the Demand the Change for Children: Leap Forward for Prevention.
3. Jeweletter Johnson, junior psychology major, will participate in the McNair Scholars program in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The McNair Post- Baccalaureate Achievement program will provide Johnson an opportunity to continue her "research interest and desire to develop her comfort level with individual research."
4. Fue Lee, junior political science/international relations major, will work as an intern at the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center in Washington, DC. SEARAC is a national organization that advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans by empowering communities through advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building to create a socially just and equitable society.
5. Raymond Ngu, junior sociology and anthropology major, will be interning at the Center for American Progress in Development/Strategic Planning department in Washington, DC. As an intern Ngu will be responsible for attending all department meetings and summarizing the Center's activities in order to effectively convey CAP's policy interest to major donors.
6. Sade Smith, junior computer science major, will intern at a web development internship with Almond Consultant in White Rock, New Mexico. Smith will be designing, restructuring and coding web pages belonging to the Los Alamos Public school district.

Once completing their internships, these eight Carleton MCAN scholars will participate in a panel for the Carleton campus and community in the fall of 2012 explaining and

describing how the internship has furthered their interest and career choice. A video exemplifying their experience will soon be uploaded to the Carleton MCAN website. Again, these opportunities would have not been possible without your generous gifts.

MCAN Board Members Needed

The MCAN Board is looking for alumni to serve on its board. The board meets on campus once a year and has several conference calls throughout the year. Board terms are three years. MCAN and its board work to bring interaction between current students and MCAN alumni, conducts fundraising for MCAN targeted programs, plans and hosts the every-four-years MCAN Reunion, The Gathering, and supports the school's efforts to maintain a vibrant and diverse student body.

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