Welcome back! Let us introduce our staff...

**JODIE COLLINS**  
Program Supervisor  
Originally from Hawai‘i, I have worked in higher education for 19 years. Aside from being family-oriented and taking advantage of what life has to offer, I have a passion for student advocacy and helping students with breaking through barriers within themselves and others.

**AUBREY LEASURE**  
Program Coordinator  
I oversee the day-to-day activities in the Multicultural Center, and I love to take students on trips and help them get involved in campus activities. Before coming to OC, I earned my Bachelor’s degree from Robert Morris University in my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA, then I worked in the non-profit sector. I love hiking or anything to do with fitness!

**KAMERAN BEBANE**  
Student Office Assistant  
I am married to Pari Sofi, and we have two children (ages 23 and 18). We are from Iraq (Kurdistan) and we came to the US in 2016. I worked in the Mine Action Program in Iraq for 18 years. At OC, I completed ESOL and now I am studying Business Technology. Pari and I lead the Conversation Partner Program.

**PARI SOFI**  
Student Office Assistant  
I began to learn English in Iraq at the University of Human Development. I also completed ESOL at OC and am studying Business Technology. I like working in the Multicultural Center because I can support my family and give my kids a good future so they can finish college. I also make the most delicious yaprakh (stuffed grape leaves)!

**HYO CHUNG**  
Student Office Assistant  
Hi y’all, my name is Hyo! I have a bubbly personality and I am excited to meet you. People say I am a computer wizard, so let me know if you need help. I am the President of the International Club. Outside of work, I love to hang out with people from the Residence Hall.

**VALARIE ST. PIERRE**  
Student Office Assistant  
I am Apsa’aloke from Montana. My job at the Multicultural Center is to provide support to the cultural clubs at OC. I plan to get a degree in Ethnic Studies with an emphasis on traditional cultural education. My dream is to one day be the native cultural educator for OC! I am currently studying Lushootseed, the language of the Salish people.
**Diversity Leadership Institute—Apply now!**

The Diversity Leadership Institute (DLI) guides students to reflect upon and learn about themselves and others as members of social groups in context of systems of privilege and inequality. Our goal is for students to then take that knowledge and apply it to their lives. The DLI is facilitated by faculty Dr. James Estrella and Multicultural staff Jodie Collins.

Pillars:
- Identity Development
- Systems of Power and Oppression
- Social Activism

The Institute’s structure is a 4-week intergroup dialogue cohort. The cohort is limited to 10 students. Contact Aubrey at aleasure@olympic.edu with your intent to participate.

**Tuesday, October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12**
12:45—1:45 PM
Multicultural Center

**Spring 2019 DLI**

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**Breaking the Language Barrier**

Students are breaking down language barriers by sharing their native languages to the OC Community. Join us in the Multicultural Center for a short lesson on the following dates:

- **Korean** by HyoSeok Chung
  October 4 12:00—12:30
- **Banbara** by Gie Coulilaly
  October 4 1:00—1:30
- **Hawaiian** by Neychelle Wada-Ballesteros
  October 7 1:00—1:30
- **Apsa’alooke** by Valarie St. Pierre-Hodge
  October 10 12:00—12:30
- **Japanese** by Koki Ito
  October 11 12:00—12:00
- **Malas Bunun** by Umas Nanganvulan
  October 16 12:00—12:30
- **Mandarin** by Lingli Zhu
  October 25 12:00—12:30

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**Birthday Celebration**

Join us to celebrate EVERYONE's birthday with cake and ice cream.

We know lots of our students are away from their families on special holidays like their birthdays. Celebrate your special day with the Multicultural Services community!

Is your birthday this quarter? We will sing to you and enter you for a giveaway! Not this quarter? Come enjoy the celebration anyway!

**Thursday, October 17**
12:00—1:30 PM
Multicultural Services
Bremer Student Center, Room 118
360-475-7680
E-mail: multicultural@olympic.edu

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Conversation Partner Program

Our Conversation Partner Program has continued to grow over the past year, and we would love to have YOU join us! The Conversation Partner Program pairs international students with English-speaking students to provide cross cultural communication, language practice, and a diverse community. It is a great opportunity to make new friends AND designed to fit around your schedule! Sign up today in the Multicultural Center.

Summer Strong

Some of our staff attended the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in Portland, OR this summer. We spent 4 days learning from incredible keynote speakers and workshops, gathering new ideas, and planning how we will use our new knowledge and skills during this school year.

Stop by and tell us about your summer! We’d love to hear what you’re up to and what you’ll be working toward this upcoming year.

Cultural Clubs

Do you want to get engaged in campus life and be part of the bigger picture? Fall Quarter is a great time to join a club, step into a club leadership role, or even start a new club! Multicultural Services can help you get involved in the cultural clubs on campus.

Asian Pacific Islander Club
Black Student Union
International Club
Native American and Indigenous Club
Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
LatinX Club—in need of people to help charter!
Middle Eastern Club—in need of people to help charter!

Contact Valarie at vstpierrehodge@olympic.edu or 360-475-7680 for more information about cultural clubs!

Students of Color Conference

We will be heading to Yakima, WA on April 23-25, 2020 for the 30th Annual Students of Color Conference. The trip is limited to 30 students (first come-first served), and you can apply NOW! Stop by the Multicultural Center for an application.

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