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## What is the big MAC at WVU Parkersburg?

It is not a hamburger for sure! MAC stands for the Multicultural Awareness Coalition, a student organization that enhances student, staff, and faculty awareness of the numerous contributions made by diverse groups in the United States in terms of history, culture, language, and achievements and that actively promotes the virtues of democracy, tolerance, and respect for all people, regardless of their cultural or ethnic background, skin color, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, and mental or physical disabilities. It also serves as the university's foreign language club where members share what they know about Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Greek, Chinese, and many other languages and about the ethnic groups found in the United States.

The coalition sponsors guest speakers, goes on educational field trips, brings ethnic foods to share, watches movies in English and in foreign languages, learns games and crafts from different cultures, helps the WVU at Parkersburg Social Justice Committee implement programs; offers workshops, language and culture demonstrations, debates, and panel discussions; gives talks on religion; offers seminars on treating others with civility, kindness, fairness, and understanding; and helps schools with diversity programs. The organization advocates democratic principles, equality, and the intrinsic worth of all human beings. If you are interested in becoming a member, you may contact Prof. R. A. Oldaker, Advisor to MAC, by leaving a message (including your name, e-mail address, and telephone number) in his office box at Office 2300 or by calling him at 424-8246 or sending the information by e-mail to: [randy.oldaker@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:randy.oldaker@mail.wvu.edu) OR [rolinguist@aol.com](mailto:rolinguist@aol.com)

We have a continuous membership drive throughout the semester. **However, we need club officers as soon as possible since our former officers graduated last year.** Our new officers will each serve a one-year term with the possibility of re-election. The club president will serve as a representative on the WVUP Social Justice Committee and will guide the MAC executive committee and regular members in planning this year's activities and events. MAC is looking for students who are interested in foreign languages and cultures within the U.S., who care about others, who like to be involved in activities that are fun and educational, and who want to make our university and community a better place to live, study, and work.



Sincerely,

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