



# Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance

Since 1996, the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance has sought to dismantle barriers to ensure people of all ethnic backgrounds have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in the life of the community.

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## Meet our LEDA Interns

At LEDA, interns often play an important role in our day-to-day operations, as well as bringing creative new ideas and ingenuity to our organization. This month, we would like to feature a few of our current interns and what being at LEDA means to them.



**Vikki Somsanith**

**Program Intern - Calling All Colors**

"Having the opportunity to intern for LEDA has been wonderful! I was able to assist the Calling All Colors Program where students learn and discuss topics, such as cultural diversity, and the meaning of its impact within their school."



**Heidi Haaksma**

**Marketing & Communications Intern**

"My goal this year is to gain more experience in graphic communications and Marketing. LEDA is helping me reach some of those goals and I am learning even more in the process, not just about marketing, but what LEDA is all about. I am excited to finish this year with more experience, moving my career forward and bringing memories of LEDA along with it!"



**Sylas Linsley**

**Program Intern - Migrant Mentoring**

Sylas Linsley graduated from MSU's Agribusiness Management program and is currently R&D Manager at a produce company in Grand Rapids. She has wanted to get involved in the grower side of the food chain—especially within migrant farmworker communities—and looks forward to contributing to LEDA's Migrant Mentoring program!



**Maiah Matthews**

**Marketing & Communications Intern**

Maiah Matthews is a senior at Calvin College majoring in Digital Communication. She's excited to be one of LEDA's interns because of their mission to dismantle barriers for all people.

If you are interested in an internship at LEDA please [visit our website](#) for more details and [openings](#).

## Volunteer at Calling All Colors

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with student group dialogues and activities at the **Calling All Colors** Spring conferences.

**Volunteers** are needed during the morning from approximately 9-11 a.m. on either or both days of the conference. Click the button below for more information and to sign up!



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## Local News and Upcoming Events

### The History of African Americans in West Michigan

From their courageous journeys to freedom on the Underground Railroad to helping defeat the Axis Powers [Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Japan] during WWII, African Americans have forged a proud history in West Michigan. Presented by Dr. Fred Johnson. [Click here for more details.](#)

**Date:** Tue, Feb. 26

**Time:** 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Herrick District Library, Holland



### Sioux Center Sudan

A play by Jeff Barker about an Iowa teacher who became a missionary nurse. Community members are invited to the free event, which will be followed by panel discussion on missions and a book signing with the author.

[Click here for more details.](#)

**Date:** Sunday, Mar. 3

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Location:** Maple Avenue Ministries, Holland

### ACEH Community Potluck and Cultural Sharing Party

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) invites YOU to its 20th anniversary celebration: "March into the Future" Bring a dish to share from your family background. Come enjoy entertainment, a silent auction of great goods and services, family activities, and delicious foods! [Click here for more details.](#)

**Date:** Sat, Mar. 16

**Time:** 5 - 9 p.m.

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Holland

### LEDA Internship Opportunities

Interested in joining LEDA as an Intern during the Spring or Summer semesters? We invite you to consider our current openings for a [Migrant Mentoring Program Intern](#) or a [Spanish Language Academy Program Intern](#).

\*\*Please also be sure to pass along these opportunities or to review all current opening, please [click here for more details.](#)

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