Hale Black Cultural Center

About

The Center is named in honor of Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. who fought to increase opportunities for minority students at The Ohio State University. Dr. Hale was former Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Vice Provost for the Office of Minority Affairs and Special Assistant to the President.

The Hale Center is considered one of the finest Black Cultural Centers in the country. It is housed in an almost 20,000 square foot facility on Ohio State’s south campus and was established on the 11th of October in 1989 under President Edward Jennings. Since its opening, the Hale Center has been renovated on two occasions. Phase I was established for social, cultural and educational purposes. In April of 2000, Phase II was completed leaving the Hale Center with an academic and cultural focused building. The Hale Center is considered one of the few Centers in the country if not the only Center, that has an academic side and a cultural side.

Mission and Vision

The Center’s mission coincides with the larger mission of Ohio State and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Specifically, the Frank W. Hale Jr. Center develops and maintains supportive programs and activities for the development and advancement of all students and particularly African American students. Additionally, it serves as an instrument of orientation and instruction to the larger community on issues of race, politics, economics, community, art and culture. Further, the Center serves as an instrument to stimulate the documentation of the contribution of Blacks to the world of Arts, Letters and Science.
What's Inside the Hale Center

The composition of the Hale Center is complete with 2 state-of-the-art computer labs with a total of 36 computers, several classrooms, a research and reading rooms, a tutorial lab, 2 art galleries named for outstanding artists, and an exceptional art collection.

Classroom Facilities

On Average, more than 12,556 people enter the Hale Center during each of our peak months. There are a total of 28 classes offered yearly in the Hale Center including African American and African Studies, Women’s Studies, Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Swahili and Art.

Student Organizations

The Hale Center has a variety of organizations that use the Center’s facilities. Most of the organizations are student groups. These groups include but are not limited to: Greek organizations, IMPACT, Hispanic Student Services, Student Alumni Council, Women of Virtue and INROADS just to name a few. Students have access to resources that can accommodate programming for 5 people to 300 people.

Strong Community Relationships

The Hale Center has 44 community organizations that utilize our facility. The Hale Center takes great pride in doing what it can to help support the surrounding Columbus community. From blood drives to mentoring and tutoring, the Hale Center and its staff take great pride in its ability to make a difference.

One of our most successful events of the year is our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 1000 people participate in this special event. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Education, Coca Cola, The Ohio Union and a host of other groups. Out of the 1000 participants, 30% filled out evaluation forms and the responses were overwhelmingly positive.