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Spotlight Event: Courageous Conversations

**Monday, October 31st at 3:00pm**

Join the Center for Diversity and Inclusion for a community dialogue on "fitting in," "standing out," and cultural appropriation on Halloween day, Monday October 31, 2016. The dialogue begins at 3:00pm. Courageous Conversations is a dialogue series for students, faculty, and staff to gather and discuss current topics relevant to or intersecting with racial justice. Sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (Gallagher 280).

Important Dates

**SGA Elections** will begin on **Wednesday, October 26th**. Voting will be open from 8:00am on Wednesday until 4:00pm on Thursday, October 27th. To vote, go to www.xavier.edu/election.

**Career Chat: Major/Career Exploration** will take place on Monday, October 31st from 12:30pm until 1:00pm in CLC 530. Come learn about which major is the best fit for you.

**International Coffee Hour: Center for Diversity & Inclusion** will take place on Wednesday, November 2nd from 3:30 until 4:30pm on the 2nd floor of GSC.

**Priority Registration** for Spring 2017 semester begins on **Monday, November 7th** until Friday, November 11th. Make sure to remind your first years to clear all their holds and know when their registration opens.

**Xavier Men's Basketball (exhibition) vs. Ferris State** will take place on **Saturday, November 5th** from 4:00 until 6:00pm.

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