

HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE:
HIV/AIDS IN AMERICA AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The Department of Telecommunications will be assisting to the Caribbean Association, in hosting a Health and Wellness Across Lifespans and Nations conference on March 26, 2008. This, hopefully will be the first of many biennial conferences on health and wellness hosted at BGSU. The focus of this first conference is: **HIV/AIDS in America and the Global Community**. We are asking for your attendance and support to achieve this goal.

The Caribbean Association is a student organization on campus aimed at promoting cultural diversity within Bowling Green State University and the wider Bowling Green community. Each year the organization hosts several cultural and educational events to add to the diverse academic environment of BGSU. This spring semester on March 26, the association is hosting an HIV/AIDS Conference, which is focused on promoting AIDS awareness on campus, the nation and in the global community.

As you are surely aware, the HIV/AIDS epidemic is of severe concern for the Minority community, particularly African American and Hispanic communities, and women, in the US and in places around the world such as many nations of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. This conference will present the views of scholars, activists, and community volunteers from BGSU and Toledo, as well as BGSU researchers who focus on East Indian, Caribbean, continental African and US HIV/AIDS scholarship.

Collaborators and other sponsors include: The Graduate College, College of Arts and Sciences, Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, Department of Telecommunications, The Wellness Connection – Student Health Services and Dr. Sharon Subreenduth, School of Teaching and Learning. Hopefully, this will be the first of many biennial conferences on health and wellness hosted at BGSU.

To realize our vision of the AIDS Conference, we hope for your participation and attendance to help foster awareness of the epidemic. Through the conference, we hope to encourage and promote appropriate behavioral practices which can lessen the impact of the disease. The conference also provides a forum for BGSU faculty researchers and graduate students to present their on going research on the subject.

We hope that this will be the launching of another, larger, conference in 2010; therefore the success of this small effort will have a major impact on the study of health and the establishment of a major forum for discussions of global health at BGSU in the future. We hope you can support us in this effort. We thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. For more information please send email to bgsucarib@gmail.com and/ or to Dr. Ewart Skinner at eskinne@bgsu.edu .