Dear Alumni,

I am pleased to announce the publication of the first-ever Gallaudet University Multicultural Cookbook! The recipes—contributed by members of the Gallaudet community—include traditional dishes and desserts from cultures around the globe, such as African, Asian, Latino, and Jewish cuisines. We received dozens of recipes from Gallaudet students, alumni, faculty, and staff, making this a true community endeavor.

The cookbooks are $20, and proceeds will go toward an emergency fund for undergraduate students of color at Gallaudet University. Be sure to get a cookbook while you can, as copies are limited! The cookbooks make great gifts, too, so buy more than one. While the cookbook will be sold for $20.00 the gift receipt will be for $14.00 because we have to reduce the cost of books. To order please send a check or money order made out to The Office of Diversity and Equity for Students/MPS.

Although I no longer serve as deputy to the president and associate provost for diversity, I continue my sincere passion for helping students in need. As the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. from Gallaudet, I know first-hand the stress of focusing on academics while borrowing funds to pay for college tuition and materials. According to a 2011 study by Public Agenda, a public policy research firm, the primary reason college students drop out before graduating is the inability to juggle school and work.¹ Today’s students are increasingly saddled with adult responsibilities, such as holding a job, paying rent, and supporting family members. In fact, the study found 70 percent of students who dropped out did so because they needed to work to support themselves.

To help alleviate the financial burden for Gallaudet’s students of color, my former office, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, developed the Multicultural Cookbook as a fundraiser for the Students of Color Emergency Fund, which benefits Gallaudet undergraduate students from traditionally underrepresented groups.

If you are interested in purchasing and cannot attend one of MSP’s events, please contact me by email at angela.mccaskill@gallaudet.edu or Elvia Guillermo at: elvia.guillermo@gallaudet.edu

Thank you for your interest in supporting Gallaudet University’s amazing students.

Sincerely,

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