C.H.A.R.G.E. HISTORY

1987: Befriender Program & Affirmative Action Grant to initiate the MAP program—Minority Assistance Program—in response to racial tensions. 20 student volunteers.

1989: MAP is changed “Multicultural Awareness Program”—over 40 student volunteers.

1994: The Multicultural Awareness Program became the CHARGE Cultural Program. CHARGE focuses on ethnicity, particularly the experiences of people of African, Asian, Latino, and Native American heritage.

1995: Expanded to reflect students of Jewish descent; the CHARGE Resource Room, formerly on each quad, now housed on Indian Quad.

2002: CHARGE is re-envisioned with an emphasis on coalition building, documentation, increased publicity and a creative vision.

C.H.A.R.G.E. MISSION

The overarching goals of the CHARGE Cultural Program are to engender a deep respect and appreciation for differences in culture, race, ethnicity, religion, language, national origin, sexual orientation, and gender, as well as to provide an educational forum to discuss these issues and their impact on individuals and groups within the University at Albany community and the wider society.
ALUMNI QUAD CA: SARAH WOLI

My name is Tayo Sarah Woli and I am the CHARGE Assistant for Alumni Quadrange. I’m a sophomore and my major is Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science. This is my first time being a part of Residential Life. I love helping and educating people. I’m very enthusiastic and excited about the CHARGE Multicultural Program and the goals we want to accomplish.

COLONIAL QUAD CA: ASISAT ADEBOLA

Hi, my name is Asisat Adebola and I am currently a CHARGE assistant on Colonial Quad. I am a sophomore with a major in Business and a minor in Sociology. I am open and excited about any ideas that you may have that you would like to see CHARGE present. This is my first year as part of the Residential Life and I am hopeful that “this years gonna be a good year”. If you need to contact me, don’t be afraid to stop by the CHARGE office located on Indian Quad.

DUTCH QUAD CA: JONATHAN TROTMAN

My name is Jonathan Trotman and I will be the CHARGE Assistant for Dutch Quad for the 09-10 academic year. I am a junior here at UAlbany and my major is Economics. This is my first year on Residential Life Student Staff. I am excited for this year and look forward to being of service to my fellow students.
APARTMENTS CA: DEIRDRE LEVY

Hi! My name is Deirdre Levy and I am a senior majoring in Public Policy and minoring in Business. Although it is my last year here at UA, it is my first year in CHARGE. I am very excited about putting on awesome programs, as well as learning about new cultures and ideas.

ININDIAN QUAD CA: JAGDEEP KAUR

I’m the CHARGE Assistant for Indian Quad. I’m a Biology major with a minor in Psychology. I’m a senior, and it’s my third year in Residential Life. I love to meet new people and learn about different cultures. And I’m eager to learn about your culture, so come to the CHARGE office and help us expand our comfort zone.

STATE QUAD CA: VICTORIA BOLESKY

Hello! I’m Victoria Bolesky and I am the CHARGE Assistant for State Quad. I am a junior majoring in Japanese and Chinese and minoring in Political Science and Business. This is my second year being part of Residential Life, but I am very excited about my new position as CHARGE assistant. I love hearing peoples’ stories, so feel free to stop by and talk with me in the CHARGE office.

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Upcoming Programs

September 2009

9/10—Roommate Race, Indian Quad
9/15—Turn off the Radio, Alumni Quad
9/17—A Taste of Diversity, Dutch Quad
9/21—Swaggar Like Mine Colonial Quad
9/24—A Taste of Asian Etiquette, Apartments
9/29—A Taste of the World, All Quads

October 2009

10/1—Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, State/Fountain

Contact the Individual Quad office for Time and Location

VISION

As a vibrant, rigorous and responsive multicultural educational and research center, the University at Albany seeks to enhance knowledge and opportunity for all members of its community.

As an important component of the Department of Residential Life, CHARGE aims to be proactive in creating living and learning communities characterized by respect, curiosity, and openness.