RISE

The Office
of Multicultural
Student Engagement



Mission

RISE is a community that aims to protect the retention of undergraduate and graduate women of color (WOC) of Wayne State University to support one another's experienced as WOC at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI). RISE provides a safe space for self-identified WOC to develop Leadership, Scholarship, Sisterhood, and deeper Self-Actualization. Through programming, we create a community that focuses on identity development, promotes self-reflection and embraces intersectionality while celebrating the diversity that influences our lives.

Vision

- RISE sisters will build Leadership by creating opportunities and spaces for WOC to continue to enhance their leadership potential
- RISE sisters will build Scholarship by empowering women to pursue their academic, personal and professional development opportunities both inside and outside of class by discussing different opportunities for them to connect with staff, faculty, alumni and the community
- RISE sisters will build Sisterhood through creating a community that allows us to build solidarity through celebration, affirmation, and conversation.
- RISE sisters will build Self-Actualization through a community of empowerment and support through open dialogue, reflection, and continued validation.



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