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Diversity Council Names New Director

Mankato-The Greater Mankato Diversity Council Board announces that Bukata Hayes has accepted the position of Executive Director and will begin his new duties Tuesday, September 5. Hayes brings to the council a variety of diversity-based experiences. He serves on a number of area boards including the Latin American Multiethnic Association for Networking and Opportunities, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples, Kiwanis International, Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Institute, Greater Minnesota Ethnic Coalition, Rotary International, Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color and the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee, to name a few. He has also been serving the Greater Mankato Diversity Council as a Prejudice Reduction Workshop facilitator.

Hayes graduated from Bethany Lutheran College with an associate's degree; the College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth with a bachelor's degree; and he is currently pursuing his master's degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Exiting Executive Director Marsha Danielson has served the Greater Mankato Diversity Council since 2004, helping to lay the foundation for the organization. This past year, Minnesota State University, Mankato (MSU) provided Danielson's services as an executive-on-loan. Danielson is returning to her full-time position in MSU's University Advancement Division.