

Faculty Senate Announcement

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The Pirate Read aims to orient students to the academic community, to prepare students for the college-level environment, to allow students to share a common reading experience with fellow classmates, faculty, and staff and to enable students and faculty to discuss ideas from the book across the curriculum. The Pirate Read committee brings together faculty from across the campus along with Student Affairs educators to select the book and coordinate various educational and co-curricular activities, including bringing the author to campus.

We are proud to announce the 2014 selection, *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. *The Other Wes Moore* is a story of two kids named Wes Moore, born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question. In alternating narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, *The Other Wes Moore* tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world. [from book cover]

We are currently planning activities for the fall semester. On April 24 from 12:00-1:30pm in Mendenhall 221, there will be a workshop that will provide some ideas of how you could use the book in your classroom. We are also excited to announce that Wes Moore will be on campus on October 21. A LibGuide has been created and is available. Please refer to the Pirate Read website for more information as it develops.