Cultural Awareness Week

“Promoting Community Through Social Justice”

October 7th – 10th, 2013

It is an exciting time of the year, as we embark on our Third Annual - Cultural Awareness Week program, held during the week of October 7 - 10, 2013. Our theme for this year is “Promoting Community Through Social Justice,” which focuses on energizing the campus community and beyond to become global citizens. Our opening program, “Unveiling the Wall of Peace and Inclusivity,” begins up with an exhibit, a welcome from Hilbert College President Cynthia Zane, and a keynote address by Crystal Rodriguez, the Executive Director of the City of Buffalo’s Commission on Citizen’s Rights and Community. Her presentation, “Social Justice: Living Through the Eyes of the Community,” will address her experiences as a community builder and examine the roots of the movement as it relates to social justice through the eyes of the community. Not only will we have the pleasure of hearing about her culminating experiences, but our students have the opportunity to participate as well. The Wall of Peace & Inclusivity provides an opportunity to take time to reflect upon what it means to be inclusive and to understand the importance of respecting cultural differences. Using a piece of fabric provided, students will create a visual representation of what diversity means to them and answer the following questions:

1. What brings us all together as a community at Hilbert?
2. How do you promote respect for differences?

Fabric squares will be available in the offices of Student Life, Academic Services and the Student Success Center. Completed fabric squares must be returned by Sept. 23 to Denise Harris, Vice Provost of Student Engagement, in the Student Life Office in Franciscan Hall. The exhibit is made up of several unique pieces of cloth designed by students that expresses their perspectives on diversity and inclusivity. This is only the beginning of what the week has in store. Other events include but are not limited to: film viewings, panel discussions, drumming lessons, and much more.

The program is a collaborative effort between several offices including: Admissions, Academic Services, Campus Ministry, Career Development Center, Center for Excellence and Learning (CEL), Common Ground Club, English Department’s Visiting Artist Series, Hilbert Reads, Honors Program, Human Services and Rehabilitation Services Department, Institutional Advancement, Leadership Development, Multicultural Affairs, Residence Life, Student Activities, and Student Success and Retention. Without the support of the entire campus community this event would not be possible.
Monday – October 7, 2013

Unveiling the Wall of Peace & Inclusivity (P.E.)
Welcome: President Cynthia Zane, Ed.D.
Keynote Speaker: Crystal Rodriguez, J.D., LL.M.
Presentation Title: “Social Justice: Living Through the Eyes of the Community”
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: Lower Level of the McGrath Library

Multicultural Dinner (P.E.)
Featuring Salsa for the Soul and Sol y Sombra
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Upper Level Campus Center

Tuesday - October 8, 2013

Interfaith Panel: “Engaging Community: Social Justice and Religious Faiths” (L.W.S.)
Moderator: Dr. Stan Bratton, Communications Coordinator of Network of Religious Communities
Panelists:
  ❖ Sr. Sharon Goodremote, Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph
  ❖ Dr. Faizan Haq, Lecturer at Cora P. Maloney College at the University at Buffalo
  ❖ Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Congregation Shir Shalom
Time: 1:50 p.m.
Location: Palisano Lecture Room (101 Bogel Hall)

Hilbert Reads (P.E.)
Keynote: Conor Grennan, author of Little Princes
Presentation Title: “Being a Global Citizen in a Diverse World”
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: William E. Swan Auditorium

Wednesday – October 9, 2013

Roundtable Discussion: “Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Ethical Responsibility and Social Justice” (L.W.S.)
Panelists:
  ❖ Lana Benatovich, President of the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York
  ❖ Dr. Gordon Snow, Professor of Social Sciences at Hilbert College
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: 216-218 Paceszny Hall
RSVP to Dr. Smith at asmith@hilbert.edu by October 2, 2013

Film Viewing: Crash (L.W.S)
Reception: 6:15 p.m.
West Herr Atrium
Film: 6:45 p.m.
William E. Swan Auditorium
Thursday – October 10, 2013

Cultural Bazaar (P.E.)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Locations: West Herr Atrium and William E. Swan Auditorium

Come learn more about the importance of “Promoting Community Through Social Justice,” as we celebrate culture. There will be information tables and several performances. Prizes will be given away each hour but you have to be in attendance to win!

Featured Tables:
Bead for Life
Big Brother Big Sisters of Erie County
CAW T-Shirt Decorating
Ilya’s Bellydance & Henna Studio
Iroquois Doll Makers
El Buen Amigo
Gay & Lesbian Youth Services of WNY, Inc.

Hilbert’s Kenya Krew (International Service Learning)
Pride Center of WNY, Inc.
School of Irish Culture
The Learning Disabilities Association of WNY
International Institute of Buffalo
Westside Cultural Bazaar

Cultural Showcases, Presentations, and Performances By:

Woodland Visions Native Arts
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SW 123

West African Drumming Lessons with Mohamed Diaby
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
West Herr Atrium

Japanese Tea Ceremony
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
West Herr Atrium

The Learning Disabilities Association of WNY
Presentation Title: “Overview of Learning Disabilities”
Facilitator: Jewell Snedden
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
140 Paceszny Hall

Explore Middle Eastern Culture and Take a Little Bookmark of Your Name in Arabic
Facilitator: May Shogan
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
West Herr Atrium

Program Key:
Leadership Workshop Series: L.W.S.
Passport Event: P.E.