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FIRST ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND MULTICULTURAL COMPETENCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010

“You must be the change you want to see in the world.”
Mahatma Gandhi

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead
Concurrent Sessions

* Promoting Diversity and Acceptance on Campus (Morris – Otsego Grill)
  Marissa Carpenter, Vanessa Griffith & Steven Menges (Diversity Peer Education Program Class of 2010)

Conference participants will share ideas on how to promote and accept diversity on campus. The session will involve presentations, group discussions, and simulated activities that highlight the different components of diversity. At the end of the session participants will, hopefully, be more versed and comfortable in interacting with other students, and the rest of the campus community and beyond, irrespective of their background. Participants, hopefully, will leave with a sense that each student can become an active participant in identifying and addressing issues related to diversity on campus. *(LEAD CREDITS: Critical Thinking; Meaningful Interpersonal Relationships; Values and Ethics; & Diversity).*

* Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone (Morris Hall – Room 104)
  Ashley Clemens, Emily Hooper & Ryan Huttick, (Students for Global Education)

This session creates an open space for participants to address common stereotypes or assumptions. It will foster open communication through interactive activities that encourage participants to step out of their comfort zones – and addressing/appreciating how these assumptions can affect the lives of individuals on a daily basis. At this session, participants will be given an opportunity to actively participate with creating stereotypes in a group setting, while also taking the chance to discuss how these assumptions affect others, the community, and perpetrators of stereotypes. *(LEAD CREDITS: Social Responsibility; Effective Communication; Values and Ethics; & Diversity).*

* Leading by Example (Morris Hall – Bacon Room)
  Giselle Roque Carbuccia & Jasmine Smith (AALANA Mentors)

Session participants will share knowledge of how to be a well-rounded leader. This includes learning how portray a positive attitude especially in times of conflict and when faced with; and how to merge group members’ strengths and weaknesses and build a stronger community. The session will also deal with leadership issues related to conducting meetings, delegating tasks, paying attention to details, and developing listening and time management skills. Participants will be involved in practical activities that acknowledge and recognize the importance of diversity in leadership. *(LEAD CREDITS: Balancing Independence and Collaboration; Organizational Development; Personal Development, & Diversity).*
* Reflect, Regroup, Remind: The 3 R’s to the Remaking of YOU! (Morris Hall – Room 128)

Patrice Bailey, Rokiatou Coulibaly, Oluwakemi Ogunmuko, & Orlando Williams (Caribbean Students Association & For the Fella)

In this program, participants will reflect on the concept of “loving and trusting oneself” and how it relates to promoting diversity and inclusiveness on campus and beyond. The premise that “Once you have learned to love yourself, you will be able to trust others,” will be developed with the active participation of session participants. At the end of the session participants will be able to better articulate the importance of introspection in developing skill sets to foster diversity and inclusion – “You learned to love others because you have learned to love yourself!” (LEAD CREDITS: Healthy Behavior; Meaningful Interpersonal Relationships; Effective Communication; & Diversity).

* Understanding LGBT Issues and Building Allies (Morris Hall – Denison Room)

Devin Dowd, Mega Jenna, & Lauren Russen (Open Minded Unity & Diversity Peer Education Program Class of 2011)

Learn some basic definitions and myths and facts about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally (LGBTQA) community. Hear from a panel of your peers about their experiences and ask them your questions. Get a few helpful hints about how to be a good ally to the LGBTQA community. (LEAD CREDITS: Social Responsibility; Personal Development; Values and Ethics; & Diversity).

* Leadership in a Multicultural Setting: Dr. Caridad Souza (LEAD CREDITS: Leadership Development; Foundations of Leadership; & Diversity)
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