



December 2014

International Education Week a Success!

Over 300 students were directly impacted by one or more of the daily events the office of Global Education and International Services hosted as part of International Education Week, November 17 – 21. Events ranged from the “Flags of the Nations Parade” where over 20 students carried their home countries’ flags to the “Globalize your Resume” workshop in the Career and Transfer Center. It was a festive week as we kicked off IEW and celebrated the opening of the office.



MCC Faculty bring back highlights from AAC&U’s Global Learning in College meeting

Cross-Cutting Capacities for 21st Century College Students

In October, Don Beech (Academic Support Services) and Susan Belair (AHPS) attended the AAC&U Conference on Global Education. They report: “What attracted us to this conference was our participation in MCC’s Global Education and International Services (GEIS). As we all collectively work to globalize our campus, our attendance at this conference allowed us to bring back information and models of other campuses’ processes. More specifically, we were able to attend a pre-conference workshop on how to globalize our curriculum. That was particularly exciting for Susan as it also focused on the assessment piece of curriculum revisions. For Don, the information that he gained on Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) was of great interest to him. A few weeks ago, the College had its first Celebrate International Education Week at MCC, where we were able to present some information that we learned from the conference.” Look for more opportunities to learn how to globalize our curriculum coming to Professional Development Week in June!

Professional Development Center

Resources:

[International Education Week resource list](#)

A list of resources compiled by librarian and GEIS Advisory Council member Deb Mohr.

[“Global Learning: Defining, Designing, Demonstrating”](#)

An AAC&U publication that explains “global learning” and provides a rationale for it in the midst of its evolving definition and higher educational context.

[Open Doors Report](#)

This annual report published by the Institute of International Education provides data on international students in the U.S. as well as study abroad by American students.



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Save the Date!

HGHRP - Faculty Human Rights Workshop

January 5, 2015, at 11 am

Warshof Conference Center, Flynn Campus Center, Forum (3-130)

TCC Workshop - "Transformative Teaching for Transformative Learning" with Dr. Dee Fink

<http://www.monroecc.edu/webdbs/mcccal.nsf/AllEvents/CA879A974EFB706185257DAB006ED0DD?OpenDocument>

January 13, 2015

Two workshop options

- 8:30-11:30am
- 12:15-3pm

Warshof Conference Center, Monroe A/B

United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Event,

World Faiths Fair

February 2, 2015, 11 am – 1 pm

Warshof Conference Center, Flynn Campus Center, Atrium

9th Annual Voices of Vigilance Program featuring Peter Balakian, Colgate University

March 3, 2015, 7 pm

Warshof Conference Center, Flynn Campus Center, Monroe A/B

Reading and book signing by Rolf Potts, author of the books *Marco Polo Didn't Go There* and *Vagabonding*

April 16, 2015, 7 pm

Warshof Conference Center, Flynn Campus Center, Monroe B (3-205A)

GEIS Professional Development Workshop – June 15, 2015, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Warshof Conference Center, Monroe B

Did You Know?

We have 101 international students (those students here on an F-1 student visa) hailing from 43 different countries as you can see from our list below. We have over 300 immigrant students from over 80 countries.

Nation	# of Students	Nation	# of Students
Anguilla	1	Kenya	1
Australia	3	Kuwait	1
Bahamas	1	Morocco	2
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	Myanmar	2
Brazil	2	Nepal	1
Bulgaria	1	Netherlands	5
Cameroon	2	Nicaragua	1
Canada	6	Rwanda	1
China	12	Saudi Arabia	6
Czech Republic	1	Slovenia	1
Egypt	2	South Korea	5
Finland	1	Suriname	2
Hong Kong	2	Switzerland	1
Hungary	1	Taiwan	2
India	7	Thailand	2
Indonesia	1	Turkey	5
Ireland	1	Ukraine	3
Israel	2	United Arab Emirates	1
Italy	1	United Kingdom	3
Jamaica	2	Venezuela	2
Japan	1	Vietnam	2
Kazakhstan	1		

Culture in the Classroom

Curious whether one of your students is from another country and wonder the best way to ask?

- ☑ **Tip:** Before or after class share with your student that you are wondering if he or she is originally from another culture. In most cases our international and immigrant students are happy to share where they are from. In fact, most of them appreciate when others take time to show interest in them and their countries.
- ☑ **Tip¹:** Avoid asking, "Where are you from?" because it is ambiguous and potentially offensive. Many students with accents might have been born and raised in Rochester in a family that speaks their first language in the home and English outside the home.
- ☑ **Tip²:** Try asking, "How many students speak a second or third language?" while also sharing (or joking about) what languages (or words from languages) you speak (or don't speak so well). Then ask those that raise their hands to share what the additional languages are. That will generally prompt some of students to self-identify what country they are from. You might find using yourself first as an example (of not being able to master any second language) helps put the class at ease before you ask about other languages.

Cultural Community Corner

Visit the Genesee Center for Arts and Education Darkroom Gallery Photo Exhibit (December 6 - January 9th) on refugees in Rochester.

For information about the exhibit, go to the Community Darkroom Events page: <http://www.geneseearts.org/events/Community-Darkroom-Events-Calendar.php> or visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1565452687022361/>

To listen to the interview with local documentary photojournalist Arleen Hodge Thaler, click on this link:

<http://wxnnews.org/post/connections-refugees-rochester>

Global Favorites List

Consider buying alternative gifts for the holidays [here](#) or [here](#) or [here](#)

Check out this [2 minute trailer](#) of "HAWA" an engaging movie about the immigrant experience (written, directed and produced by MCC Alum, Arzouma Kompaore.)

Put [this](#) on hold at the neighborhood library.

Armchair travel [here](#); get more information about MCC's on location course [here](#).

Like looking at maps? [Here's a new way to think about a map.](#)

Restaurant Review

by Kara Tierney (CHEM)

[SEA Restaurant](#)

741 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607 or 1675 Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, NY 14620

[BEST pho in town](#) at an amazing price. (If you've never had pho, get thee to SEA!)



Wonder what Pho is? Here's Wikipedia's answer: Pho or pho is a Vietnamese noodle soup consisting of broth, linguine-shaped rice noodles called *bánh phở*, a few herbs, and meat. Pho is a popular street food in Vietnam and the specialty of a number of restaurant chains around the world. It is primarily served with either beef or chicken.

Our Vision

Globalization is no longer an emerging trend but a national consensus. Traditionally, the college campus has been a place to prepare students to become engaged citizen in their communities. Today, those communities are increasingly global. MCC will meet the challenge of preparing global citizens by having a multi-dimensional, comprehensive strategy that includes internationalization at home and engagement with global issues and partners.

