Welcome

Pillar Discussions

By Christopher Longmire
The 5 Pillars of Discussion are centered around the philosophy of “seeking to understand.” We often EVALUATE other people by casting our own judgments/projections of them based off of our experiences. Some of us experience a DISABILITY that can affect our societal and self-worth. Our FAMILY, which has different context depending on the person, shapes our values, how we communicate with people, and much more. GOVERNMENT influences what we know and understand about OUTSIDE things that occur in the world. These discussions serve to diminish the barriers to intercultural communication. They foster cultural competency and self-awareness. In January, roughly 65 students were challenged to expand their cultural thoughts and become more aware of how and why they view the world. Take the step and show up! Check out the event calendar on the other side of this newsletter for upcoming dates! See you soon!

By Wyatt Rose
The Super Smash Bro’s Melee Tournament was held in the Multicultural Center by MSP Student Organizers and the OC Gaming Club. CRT TV’s lined half the MCR as students competed for first, second, and third place prizes! The event was well-attended by students from all over campus with a love of gaming! Our winners were Randall Tabaquin and KC Macabalitao! This event was the first of its kind at Olympic College.

By Anthony Miller
On January 26, ASOC brought 11 students down to Olympia to join WACTCSA in a student rally. In the beginning of the trip, students learned how to present themselves to the legislative members. They were also briefed on some of the recent bills that are being worked on as well as given some great talking points to discuss with their legislative representatives. With this training, the students would be able to voice their concerns about community colleges in a way that the representatives would take to heart. While at the Washington State Capitol, Olympic College students were able to speak to Representatives Drew Hansen and Christine Rolfes and even join Rolfes in the Senate Chamber itself. Overall, it was an amazing trip that allowed our students to realize that they matter to the people running our Capitol!

Legislative Rally

February 9th is National Pizza Day:
“Slices of History”

By Tiamila Davis
On February 9, the Multicultural Center held a pizza event called “Slices of History.” During the event, students were able to learn about where pizza came from as well as popular pizza facts. There was a lot of interaction amongst the students as they went around the center to read different clues that were the answers to the trivia games to “win” slices of pizza. This event was not only a good time, but a wonderful way to engage in building interpersonal skills by meeting new people. With that being said, with the weekend coming up, enjoy your Saturday or Sunday with a piping hot pizza! Don’t forget the toppings! What’s your favorite?

Henna Handprints

By Tiamila Davis
On January 12, the Multicultural Center hosted a Henna Handprint-Making event. This event was a great way for students to come out and show their artistic side while adorning an outline of their own hands with henna-inspired designs using glittery paint. We ended the event with some very creative handprints and with an appreciation of henna tattooing. The event was an awesome way to get together and have fun!
On February 3, we were able to take several students and staff down to Pacific Lutheran University for the South Puget Sound Higher Education Diversity Institute. This is an annual conference hosted by PLU and helps those in higher education to better their campus communities by teaching them the skills needed to do so. This year’s theme was ‘Seeing the Current in the Racial Water’ and the keynote speaker was Dr. Robin DiAngelo. Below are a few reflections and takeaway's from students that attended the conference:

“Attending the PLU Conference was an amazing experience. I learned so many things from Dr. DiAngelo, including how to make a strong stand when it comes to racism towards myself and other ethnicities. The whole conference was meant to make you feel uncomfortable and have moments that would trigger your mind and feelings toward those very hard conversations that surround racism. As we broke off into small groups to discuss questions, I felt like I had a voice and it was heard by everyone at the table.”

-Taneisha Evans, OC Student and MSP Student Liaison Mentor

“The seminar from Dr. DiAngelo was very impactful for what I do in my position as the ASOC VP Diversity & Equity. I think it was a great spin to see this racial justice material presented from the lens of a white perspective; nonetheless a white woman perspective. It gave me some insight as to how white individuals react to discussions about race and the privilege they have as white individuals, yet don’t recognize. These are discussions that should happen more often, and the fact that a white person was able to facilitate this type of work, I think was more impactful than it being a person of color for me in this instance.”

-Christopher Longmire, OC Student and ASOC VP of Diversity & Equity

“The conference was not only a great experience, but an eye opener as well. Although we all know that racism exists, it was just mind-blowing to hear some of the different ways racism is still present today as it was way back then. Even though we as a culture have made a huge step in history today, there will always be a little thing known as “white privilege” and if people don’t hold themselves accountable and truly push for change, then it will continue! I really think that these conferences are a great way for everyone to learn new things not just about others, but themselves as well.”

-Tiamila Davis, OC Student and MSP Office Assistant

For detailed information or to volunteer for any of our events, please visit us in the Multicultural Center in BSC 117 and check in with the Student Organizers. You may also contact us at 475-7680(Multicultural Center)/475-7290(ASOC) or visit our website at olympic.edu/student-life/multicultural-and-student-programs.

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**Winter Quarter Events**

**February 16th**
- **ASOC EC Mtg.** 1-2:30pm, BSC N/S Conference Rm.
- **Movie Showing: CREED** 2:30-5pm, ART 103

**February 19th**
- **Diversity Challenge**
- **Movie Showing: CREED**
- **Diversity Discussion Series: Black Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter**

**February 22nd-26th**
- **Student Art Contest: Celebrate Washington**
- **Diversity Speaker Series: Aisha Fukushima**

**February 23rd**
- **Diversity Speaker Series: Aisha Fukushima**
- **Diversity Discussion Series: Black Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter**
- **American Manhood: The Mask You Live In**

**March 1st**
- **ASOC EC Mtg.** 1-2:30pm, BSC N/S Conference Rm.
- **American Manhood: The Mask You Live In**

**March 5th**
- **Ragtime Musical**
- **Outsiders/GTE Pillar Discussion**

**March 15th**
- **ASOC EC Mtg.** 1-2:30pm, BSC N/S Conference Rm.

**March 16th**
- **Keb’ Mo’**
- **Diversity Challenge**

**March 19th**
- **Rhythmic Circus**

**April 4th**
- **Spring Quarter Begins!**

**April 6th**
- **American Manhood: The Mask You Live In**
- **Diversity Speaker Series: Michael Tun’cap**

**April 19th**
- **Diversity Discussion Series: Black Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter**

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**Valentine’s Day Spa**

Multicultural & Student Programs would like to give a HUGE thank you to OC Cosmetology for primping and prepping students and staff for Valentine’s Day this weekend! Today’s event was AMAZING thanks to your services! We hope everyone felt very special today!