



**“Radical Love: Activism Ignited” - Student of Color Conference**

The SOCC initially was just an obligatory conference that my supervisor wanted my colleagues and I to go to as it is the main part of our jobs at the Multicultural Center. Little did I know, it turned out to be one of the most inspiring and eye-opening experiences of my life. All the sessions I went to during SOCC were fun and educating but what resonated with me the most were the last two keynote speakers of the conference: Aneelah Afzali and Anida Yoeu Ali. Both are strong, confident, unintimidated and strong Muslim women who had amazing stories to tell regarding the struggles and triumphs they had throughout their lives. I had never been as touched and as inspired as I was than during their sessions as listening to their speeches and stories felt a little too close to the heart. Meeting everyone of different colors, races, and identities was truly enlightening and nice as we could all truly had an amazing time together despite our differences.

~ Afiqah from Malaysia

The 28<sup>th</sup> SOCC was an amazing experience for me. If given the chance to be able to take part in it again, I definitely would. I knew nothing about the conference going in, except that it could be emotional and thought provoking. I went into the conference open minded and looking to see if I could find answers about myself. I found answers and I also found questions. So, this experience has truly opened my mind and has made me think about life. It rekindled some of my creative talent and it has pushed me to try and take what I learned from the conference and try and teach it to others. I am glad I was able to attend this event and wish more people could experience something that may take them out of their comfort zone, but come out a new person. ~ Anthony, Conversation Partner



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**Important Dates!**

- May 23 : Last day to officially drop a class and receive a “W” grade
- May 24 : Last day to add/drop a Continuous Enrollment class
- May 28 : Memorial Day holiday
- May 29 : Registration begins for continuing and former students for summer/fall

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## PTK Catalyst 2018

Being a part of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of OC, I was able to participate in their International Conference in Kansas City from April 19th to April 21st. It was an amazing experience for me as there were a lot of sessions presented by amazing people such as Amy Cuddy, Susan Cain, and Daveed Diggs. Being that PTK has been established for a century, this year's international conference was definitely exhilarating and unique as I learned more about myself, the society, technology, and the list goes on. They even had a transfer fair for those who are still thinking of where to transfer to. Despite being an honor society, it surprises me so much when they have social functions at night to help everyone wind down. It was certainly memorable for me as I made connections with people from all over the country, and understand people around me much more. From a personal perspective, I would say that if you are offered the opportunity, join PTK. I'll tell you that you won't regret it. -Afiq-



## Treasure Box



The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in northern Germany is the second biggest city in Germany.

It is a state and at the same time the capital of the state and only city in it. The city that is on the river, *Elbe*, has around 2300 bridges (more than Venice and Amsterdam combined) and it has over 1.7 million inhabitants. With its different districts, it represents a lot of cultures throughout the development and history of Germany. But there is one place everybody who has a chance to go to Hamburg should visit. It's the Elbphilharmonie Theatre. Built on a former warehouse, the *Kaispeicher A*, the Elbphilharmonie opened on January 11th 2017, so it's pretty new in a city that was founded in the 9th century. But with a great cultural range the Elbphilharmonie offers concerts for every generation. For example classical music, jazz concerts, orchestra and choirs. So if you go to Germany don't miss it! -Melissa



## GRADUATION SASH



For those who are graduating, we are going to order a graduation sash to go with your red cap and gown! You can represent your national flag on one side, and the U.S. flag on the other! Let's celebrate your accomplishment at the Commencement ceremony! Contact us by May 10th at the latest at [international@olympic.edu](mailto:international@olympic.edu) to confirm your attendance!! Congratulations!!



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