Global Engagement Reception

The Office of International Education held the Global Engagement Reception on Friday, February 10th, 2017, at Olympic College Bremer Student Center. International students, host families, and OC staff were invited to the reception. The Office of International Education & Study Abroad highlighted the work of homestay families & our study abroad programs. At the reception, each host family received a beautiful appreciation award. Each award included a picture of their homestay students and a personalized message from their students. Additionally, cultural performances were provided by 3 international students. Haopeng and Yueyuan from China played Chinese traditional instrument called “gǔ zhēng”. Deep from India performed “Bhangra”, one of traditional dances of India. Also, the guests enjoyed language lessons by international student staff and international peer mentors. They learned to say, “welcome to OC” in Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Punjabi, and Vietnamese. This event was successful and we would like to appreciate everyone who attended this fabulous event. We hope to see you next year.—Yifei Chen
India Presentation

On Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 a cultural presentation about India was successfully held by the Office of International Education in collaboration with the Multicultural & Student Programs. The presentation started with the introduction of the history of India, ancient royal kingdoms, Mughal era and British empire. The event room was fully packed with guests who were curious to learn more information about India. Also, students from Intensive English classes attended this event.

During this presentation, I talked about the role of diversity in India by providing a recent political example where Sonia Gandhi, who is a Christian, stepped back despite of winning the presidential election, for Manmohan Singh, who is a Sikh, to serve as the new prime minister of the nation which is consisted of almost 80% Hindu. Furthermore, the then President APJ Abdul Kalam was a Muslim. I also talked about tourism such as Taj Mahal, the Golden Temple, the Oberai Udaivilas, and it was one of the hot topic during the presentation. India is referred to as a holy country with 330 million gods which means more festivals and fun. Therefore I discussed the main festivals celebrated in India, the traditional marriages, and the historical yoga. Music and dance is in the air of India which was discussed how people gather on festival to show their love while dancing on the beats. This was a precious moment in my life to represent the culture, tradition, and other aspects of India as a presenter of this presentation.

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