Students Travel to London, England

Twenty-seven Wayne County Community College District nursing students traveled to London, England, for a Service-Learning component for nursing students. The students had an opportunity to extend their learning beyond the traditional classroom, and broaden their global knowledge. The students studied at the Guy’s and St. Thomas’ National Health Service Foundation Trust; two teaching hospitals located in central London. Students said they were moved by the District’s initiative to provide them with “that great opportunity” to travel outside of the United States and to study at two leading teaching hospitals in the United Kingdom to compare and contrast the healthcare delivery systems in the United States and the UK.

Irv Jones, President of Escape Tours, in conjunction with staff at St. Thomas’ and Guy’s Hospitals in London, England, designed the format of the Service-Learning curriculum. The lectures included the structure of care and service delivery, the role of a chief nurse and the senior nursing team, caring for the elderly, working as a nurse in accident and emergency rooms, and a lecture by the Chief Nurse, Eileen Sills. The students also learned about pre and post registration training in the United Kingdom, especially at Guy’s and St. Thomas’, the competencies and policies for nursing skills, the role of a nurse caring for children, and protecting patients’ rights.

The students toured the Florence Nightingale Museum, name after the “mother of nursing,” for her achievement in raising nursing to the level of a profession. They participated in an excursion tour of the London Eye, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, the Eye of London, Big Ben, Parliament Square, Westminster, and the Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum. The students also visited the historic Operating Theatre, located in the Herb Garret of St. Thomas’ Church. Here, the students observed how surgeons performed surgery in the 1800s before the use of antiseptics, depending on swift techniques and using alcohol to dull the patient’s senses.

FAMILY PAVING THE WAY

Although MOHAMED NEHME was born in Detroit, his parents moved to America in the 1970’s. He is currently completing his Associate Degree in Science, then he will enroll in a chiropractic program to fulfill his dream of becoming a chiropractor. Mohamed heard about WCCCD through his mother who is an employee at WCCCD. She gave him options to explore other colleges, but he decided to follow in the footsteps of his three older successful sisters who attended WCCCD. “They each credit WCCCD most of their educational success.” When asked whether he thinks WCCCD is a diverse college, he responded: “For the most part I believe WCCCD is a diverse community college, but I feel it can never be too diverse, so there’s always room for diversity. I feel if you offer translation classes to attract diverse groups, and offer multi-lingual classes it would provide the school with a larger array of students.”

Taste Fest Coming August 2008

For years, Wayne County Community College district has been known for holding many events for the community. As a result, the Continuing Education Division has been one of the largest growing divisions in the state of Michigan. The District’s international events are some of the most popular highlighting various cultures to educate the community. These events also bring together a large segment of the international community that lives in the metro Detroit area.

In 2004, the District hosted the second International Taste Fest. This event brought an enthusiastic crowd that celebrated diversity through various culinary and entertainment displays. The occasion included food tastings from various ethnic restaurants, music, dancing and a host of creative activities for children. The focus of the International Taste Fest is to provide a taste of other cultures while engaging activities for the College’s International student populations and the community.

The 2008 International Taste Fest will be Saturday, August 2, 2008 at the downtown campus. This year’s event promises to be an afternoon of exciting cultural entertainment, food and fun, with special highlights on cooking demonstrations by renowned chefs. Mark your calendars, you don’t want to miss this International Cultural Taste Fest.
Mexican Students on the Rise

MARTIN CORRAL came to United States 10 years ago from Mexico. He is a Business Administration student at Wayne County Community College District. He decided to attend WCCCD because of its affordability and also proximity to where he lives. When asked if he thinks WCCCD is a diverse college, his response was, “Yes I think WCCCD is a very diverse college.”

Bridge to Asia

This event showcased the beauty of the Asian American cultures, and their communities to Southeastern Michigan and the surrounding areas. Participants had the opportunity to visit eight different countries in a day, by stopping at educational cultural booths, which gave them insight on each country. The event included artifact displays, hands-on activities such as calligraphy, yoga, henna, origami, colorful exhibits, food and more. There was a stage performance that allowed each country to display dancers, musicians and/or speakers. Participants also had the opportunity to visit marketplace booths to purchase cultural items and works of art.

Dr. Uduma’s Visit to Nigeria

In my recent trip to Nigeria, I was privileged to visit some universities, colleges, law schools, and high schools. I met with some of the administrators and Education Commissioners. My visit took me from the capital city through to some eastern towns such as Enugu, Irosi, Aba, and many more in the south. One common thing I learned from the trip was that the country is bountiful with challenges in the education sector that range from lack of faculty, classrooms, books, and other critical resources. It was evident that the students, school administrators, and government officials I interacted with were eager to engage in learning partnerships with a variety of entities to provide technical education either through online learning or via face-to-face engagement. They expressed high interest in developing a workforce that will help develop the country’s infrastructure and systems. There was consensus on the need for more technical education and career training. WCCCD’s global education initiative through distance learning and study abroad programs puts it in a position to take advantage of the opportunities in countries like Nigeria and beyond. As we celebrate the international diversity present in the student body of Wayne County Community College District, we should continue to develop more global partners through education as they are well positioned to serve as the ambassadors of all that is great about us.

WCCCD PASSPORT TO AFRICA 2008!

As part of its mission to provide a “global” viewpoint, Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is committed to expanding the minds of its constituents through various events focusing on ethnic diversity.

On February 9th, more than 3,300 people, braved the cold to learn about the rich history of the continent of Africa via WCCCD’s 6th Annual Passport to Africa Celebration at the Downtown campus in Detroit.

NIGERIAN SPACE PROGRAM (SUBMITTED BY BONIKE ODEGBAMI)

When the Eastern Campus received the call that Mr. Robert Boroffice would be in Detroit, it was not quite clear what the role of Wayne County Community College District will be in a space technology program, after all, when one hears of space, we think about going to the moon. However, three years ago Nigeria had a major role to play in Nigeria’s space program as part of Mr. Boroffice’s ambitious plans is a communications satellite designed to give remote villages access to the internet. WCCCD’s International Committee has been planning a partnership with various African countries to carry out distance learning programs and lack of infrastructure has been a delay. With the news that Mr. Boroffice shared with the group at the Eastern campus on Thursday, February, 21, 2008, it is clear that the districts can realize plans to proceed with a partnership that could afford over 25% of post high school students an educational opportunity they would otherwise not have qualified for. The event was attended by representatives from the District as well as members of the International Committee.

Eritrea Student Thankful for the Cultural Environment at WCCCD

HANNA ABRABA is from Eritrea, E. Africa. She came to the U.S. in 2005. Hanna has received an Associate of Science Degree and graduated from WCCCD in 2007. She is now a full-time student at the University of Detroit Mercy. Hanna heard about WCCCD through her sister, who graduated from here with a degree in Nursing. She likes the diversity at WCCCD because she says after attending Macomb Community College for a semester, she felt she was one of a few international students in most of her classes. But here at WCCCD, she says she feels a lot more comfortable among the many foreign students from all around the world.

Student Welcomes the Diversity at WCCCD

Shahida Sumi came to the US from Bangladesh in 1997. She is currently enrolled in the Nursing Program and is expected to graduate in 2008. Shahida heard about WCCCD from her brother who is a WCCCD graduate. When asked whether she thinks WCCCD is a diverse College, she responded: “Yes, I definitely think WCCCD is diverse because I see so many different nationalities. The diversity also varies from campus to campus.” Shahida belongs to a Bangladesh Association Club that has members of more than fifty. The group meets once a month to promote and maintain the culture and also to network with others. The club is also open to other nationalities.

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