

# Diversity

AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## CVTC Diversity Newsletter Celebrates 1 Year!

The *Diversity at CVTC* Newsletter celebrates its 12th issue this month! One year ago in April, the first *Diversity at CVTC Newsletter* was published to promote the awareness and visibility of diversity related events, accomplishments, and highlights both at CVTC and in the greater Eau Claire community. Since the first issue opened to rave reviews in April of 2010,

Diversity Services has experienced major growth through various collaborative initiatives both at CVTC and beyond. From the Strengthening Our Nation pre-college collaboration with UW-Eau Claire that brought multicultural youth into our Nanoscience classrooms for a 1 week course last summer, to the development of Diversity Web (an online diversity resource collection),

Diversity Services continues to expand partnerships and provide valuable services to underrepresented student populations. The quality and quantity of information included in the newsletter has evolved significantly over the last 12 months, and both students and diversity initiatives highlighted in the first issues have matured and continually evolve. Check out the 'Then and Now' section coming up in the May edition to see just how far we have come in 12 short months!

-Mike Ojibway

## Pow-Wow Etiquette Session at CVTC April 12th



A Women's fancy shawl dancer glides across the arena at the Honoring Diversity Pow-wow at UW-Eau Claire last April.

The CVTC Diversity Student Organization (DSO) voted to support the annual Honoring Diversity Pow-Wow at UW-Eau Claire by donating \$500 to the Native American Stu-

dent association that organizes and hosts the event every year. DSO will also have a recruitment table at the Pow-Wow, with information regarding CVTC enrollment, activities, and diversity initiatives. As a token of gratitude, UWEC Retention Coordinator and advisor to the Native American Student Association, will host a special "Pow-Wow Etiquette" session at CVTC on **April 12th from 12pm-1:00pm (BEC 30B)**. Students and staff are invited to attend to review appropriate behav-

ior at Pow-wows, the various Men's and Women's dance styles, the significance of the drum, dancer regalia, and much, much more!

The CVTC Pow-wow Etiquette session precludes the actual Pow-Wow, which is hosted on the UWEC campus on April 16th. Click the flyer below for more information!



\*Admission is only \$3 with a CVTC student ID!

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### CVTC's Diversity Statement:

CVTC welcomes, values, and respects differences and commonalities of all people. By valuing differences, we demonstrate our commitment to treating everyone with fairness and respect. Chippewa Valley Technical College is an affirmative action employer and





## *Irish-American Heritage Celebration a Success!*



*Janelle Glenna & the Irish Dance Company demonstrate traditional Irish soft toe dances!*

Over 60 students and staff attended the Irish American Heritage Celebration on March 24th! The Diversity Student Organization hosted the

cultural heritage celebration, complete with traditional Irish appetizers, music, an Irish soft toe dance performance, and a welcome introduction by CVTC President Bruce Barker. DSO also prepared a historical display highlighting some of the contributions Irish-Americans have made to contemporary society. After a brief informal welcome gathering with food and refreshments, students collectively moved into the auditorium where



*CVTC students were invited on stage to learn a traditional Irish soft toe dance!*

Janelle Glenna & the Irish Dance Company performed traditional Irish soft toe sets. Students were even invited on stage to participate!

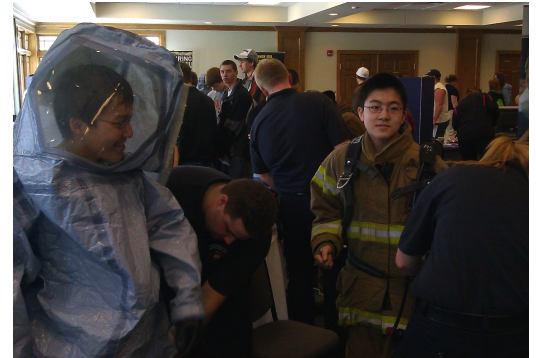
## *Know How to Go Next Stop College Summit Tour*



*CVTC Welding instructor Chrystal Reidt shows a young woman from the WEOP program how to tig weld.*

Over 70 high school students from the Wisconsin Equal Opportunity Program visited CVTC on March 28th as part of the *Know*

*How to Go, Next Stop College Summit Tour.* Students participated in the cluster career fair at Florian Gardens, where they visited with over 30 CVTC programs. The students tried on fire gear with the Fire Medic Program, worked with liquid nitrogen in the Nanoscience area, and learned to operate the tig welder with the CVTC Welding Program instructors. Students also participated in financial aid break-out sessions



in the afternoon at CVTC. The event was sponsored by the Great Lakes program and the Department of Public Instruction's Early Identification Program. Plans are in the works for a similar program next year.

## *Pride Alliance to Observe Day of Silence on April 15th*



*The Annual Day of Silence occurs every April 15th in protest of the actual silencing of the LGBT community through bullying & harassment.*

The CVTC Pride Alliance organizations, which provides academic and social support to the LGBTQIA community and their allies, will participate in the annual Day of Silence organized by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. Students will take a voluntary oath of silence throughout the day to protest the silencing of LGBTQIA students that occurs through bullying and harassment.

Pride Alliance will have an information table set up in the hallway in front of the Learning Center on April 13th & 14th, and will also sell t-shirts and provide stickers and buttons for the event.

*This is not a CVTC sanctioned event, participating students are encouraged to contact individual instructors if they plan to maintain silence throughout the day, and are responsible to participate in all previously planned classroom activities.*



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# APRIL 2011

Click on event links for more information!

National Autism Awareness Month ♦ Emancipation Day (16th) ♦ Beltane (30th) ♦ [more...](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <a href="#">Scandinavian Couple Dancing</a>	5 <a href="#">Eau Claire Jazz Festival</a>	6 <a href="#">WAGE Film Screening</a>	7 <a href="#">Kitanahpalooza @ UW Stout</a>	8 <a href="#">Drop-In Night @ LGBT Center</a>	9 <a href="#">"Africa Rising" Film Screening</a>
10 <a href="#">Free Practice ACT Exam</a>	11 <a href="#">Women's Health Open Forum</a>	12  <a href="#">Pow-Wow Etiquette Session</a>	13	14	15 <a href="#">37th Annual Viennese Ball</a>	16  <a href="#">UWEC Contest Pow-Wow</a>
17 <a href="#">Heritage Speakers Series</a>	18 <a href="#">Scandinavian Couple Dancing</a>	19 <a href="#">Line Dancing</a>	20 <a href="#">Hmong Fellowship Dinner</a>	21 <a href="#">Women's Business Conference</a>	22	23 <a href="#">Easter Festivities</a>
24	25	26	27 <a href="#">"Out in the Open" LGBT Q&amp;A Panel</a>	28	29	30 <a href="#">Beltane</a>

## Coming Up...

### *Honoring Diversity Pow-Wow, April 16th*

**Where:** McPhee Courts –Across from BEC Pay Lot

**Admission:** \$4 for adults

\$3 with a CVTC ID.

Under 5 and seniors over 55 are Free!

**Grand Entries:** 12:30pm and 6pm

<http://www.uwec.edu/newsreleases/11/mar/0331ContestPowWow.htm>

### *Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month*

**When:** Tuesday, May 3rd 2011

**Where:** RCU Room (BEC 100A)/Auditorium

**Why:** To celebrate the diverse contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made towards enriching America's history, and ensuring its future success.

**Click for more information:**



### *Pride Alliance Q&A Panel Discussion*

**When:** Wednesday, April 27th

**Where:** Auditorium (BEC 100A)

**Why:** "You've got questions, we've got answers." Members of CVTC's Pride Alliance student organization will cover topics from gay marriage, to etiquette, and transgender issues. Knowledge is power!

### *Hmong Fellowship Dinner, April 20th*

The dinner is an opportunity for community members, nonprofit agencies and businesses to come together to reflect on the progress and shifting needs of the Hmong community. Registration at 5pm. Program begins at 5:30pm. Hmong dinner at 6:45pm with light entertainment.

**Where:** UW-Eau Claire, Council Fire Room

# Interested in Joining DSO or Pride Alliance?



**Pride Alliance:** Contact Mike Ojibway for meeting details. (mojibway2@cvtc.edu, 715-833-6343)

**Diversity Student Organization:** Meets every Monday from 11am-12pm in BEC 248B.

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.”

-Maya Angelou

## A Message from the Diversity Coordinator:

Our strong, personalized support system is designed to increase the enrollment, placement, and retention of our students. We offer a variety of services to all multicultural and Non-Traditional Occupation students including:

- Financial Aid Assistance
- Scholarship Application Help
- Academic Assistance & Tutoring Referrals
- Counseling Service Referrals
- Career Planning
- Social Support
- Diversity Student Organization

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by if you have questions!



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## Stop In Today!

(BEC 115, Eau Claire Campus)



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