

Diversity

AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

May, 2011

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Reception May 2nd

CVTC will host an Asian Pacific American Heritage Reception on Monday, May 2nd in the RCU Room (BEC 100A). The event is cosponsored by Pride Alliance, the Diversity Student Organization, and the Student Government Association. This year we welcome guest speaker Blia Vang Schwaan, community liaison for the Eau Claire Area School District. Blia will discuss topics ranging from Hmong culture & history to community needs and issues affecting the local Hmong

population. Pad Thai restaurant in Eau Claire has generously donated a portion of the food to be sold for a recommended \$5 donation per plate (chicken fried rice & egg rolls).

All proceeds benefit the Japanese Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund.

Monday, May 2nd

12-1:30pm

RCU Room (BEC 100A)

(Food sale begins at 11am)



Special Guest Speaker
Blia Vang Schwaan

Blia will cover topics about the Hmong culture, history, and their importance to community diversity!

Food Provided by Pad Thai



Only \$5 per Plate!



All proceeds to benefit the Japanese Red Cross for Tsunami Relief



Renowned Tribal Activist to Speak May 3rd



Humanitarian Activist Mike Wilson checks the water level supply in preparation for Mexican refugees crossing the border into US tribal territories.

Renowned humanitarian activist Michael Wilson will speak at CVTC on Tuesday, May 3rd from 11am-12pm in the Auditorium at the Business Ed. Center. Michael Wilson is

a Tohono O'odham tribal member from Arizona. He is a humanitarian that helps dying and sick refugees fleeing Mexico, as they cross the Tohono O'odham reservation. Poor and starved Men, Women and children are dying, as they cross the desert, some from dehydration. Michael, supplies them with water in order for them to survive and helps them the best he can. He has faced the obstacles of being shunned by some of the Tohono O'odham society because they are against illegal immigration and has been labeled a "terrorist" by the

Tohono O'odham government for his humanitarian efforts. He travels around the states telling his story in order to bring light to the need for humanitarian efforts, how humanitarian efforts affect society, and how members of society who have received the efforts are affected.



This event is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

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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





CVTC Presence at Annual UWEC Pow-Wow



The Diversity Student Organization made their annual contribution of \$500 to the Native American Student Association at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and participated in the day's events. Members

of DSO staffed a CVTC recruitment and information table at the Pow-Wow all day on Saturday, April 16th, and provided pamphlets and brochures to interested community members. This year's gathering brought together over 200 competitive tribal dancers and nearly 3000 spectators from the surrounding community. The CVTC Diversity Student Organizations has contributed \$500 towards the event annually since 2005, and began establishing a presence at the event in 2010!



(left) CVTC AODA student and DSO President Hera Lonetree (Ho-Chunk) dances in the Women's Traditional Competition on Saturday, April 16th.

(above) CVTC Liberal Arts Transfer student and Ho-Chunk Nation member poses in front of fellow CVTC student Brandon Winnehiek's 'P-Dub Productions' Recording Booth.

150 Area 5th Graders Visit & Explore CVTC Programs



CVTC Associate Dean of Health Shelly Olson demonstrates the video equipment in the surgical tech. lab.

CVTC welcomed nearly 150 5th graders onto campus on April 20-21 from the Eau Claire Area School District as part of a new collaboration with the Blugold

Beginnings pre-college access program. The program serves to introduce low-income, first generation, and ethnically diverse youth to college options prior to their senior year in high school. The collaboration stems from CVTC's participation in the College Access Network. Future partnerships under development include the Nanoscience 8th Grade Visit Day on May 24th, and a 'Girls in Nanoscience' day camp this



CVTC welding instructor Chrystal Reidt demonstrates the cutting process in the welding lab.

summer to help young women from the area high school district to explore Math and Science careers and other non-Traditional Occupation programs!

Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the more powerful and larger French army at the Batella de Puebla (Battle of Puebla) in 1862. The celebration is symbolic of the Mexican unity and pa-

triotism that allowed them to defeat the French army that outnumbered them nearly two to one. The date was May 5th (Cinco de Mayo), 1862 when some 3,000 Mestizo and Zapotec Indians defeated Napoleon's army. Today on the fifth of May, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated by native Mexican (and American) people everywhere.

In Mexico, several towns elaborately reenact the Battle of Puebla in a day-long dramatization that includes acting and speeches. In America, Cinco de Mayo is an opportunity to celebrate Chicano culture in general, and is celebrated with huge fairs that include Mexican singing, dancing, feasting, costumes, sports activities, fireworks, and entertainment.

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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