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A Year of Global Citizenship

Diversity Dimensions Committee 2015 Events

Franklin University ★ Columbus, Ohio

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Introduction and Background

The **Diversity Dimensions Committee** is an 11-member committee coordinated by the Human Resources Department.

Our members represent faculty, staff, adjuncts, and student employees.

Our charge is to foster a culture of acceptance and inclusion through diversity education and awareness activities.

Our primary audience is Franklin faculty and staff.

Our 2015 Theme

With the University's efforts in student education expanding across the globe, the Diversity Dimensions Committee selected the important topic of **Global Citizenship** as its overall theme for 2015.

All of our 2015 events tied into the theme of **Global Citizenship**. A description of how our events tied into our Global Citizenship theme is shown on the slides describing each event.

OFIC grant opportunity

The Ohio Federation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) and Libbey, Inc. offered a grant opportunity to any OFIC member institution. The Diversity Dimensions Committee applied for this grant under the direction of Sarah Gepper, Committee Chairperson. Our grant application was structured around our theme of **Global Citizenship**, and we were successful in being awarded the grant, along with five other Ohio institutions.

The Story of Columbus – February 17, 2015

The Story of Columbus: A Journey Through Our Diversity

Description

- Learn how diversity helped shape and grow our local community.

Ties to Global Citizenship

- To prepare to look outward, it can be helpful to first take a look inward.

Application for our audience

- To understand how our local history integrates with our global perspective.



Importance of Inclusion – April 24, 2015

Importance of Diversity and Inclusion

Description

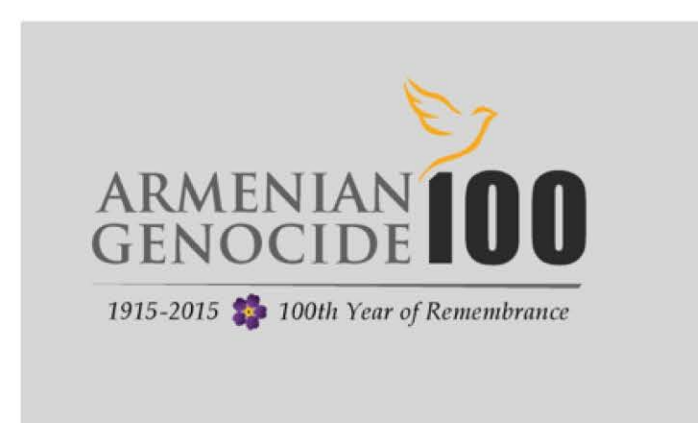
- Poster presentation commemorating the Armenian genocide and reflecting on the importance of the need for inclusion and acceptance of diversity.

Ties to Global Citizenship

- Understanding struggles other countries have faced helps form our global perspective.

Application for our audience

- Learning from the past can help us create a better future.



Exploring Spanish – May–June, 2015

Exploring Spanish!

Description

- Opportunity for the entire Franklin community to explore Spanish in a relaxed and informal manner on a weekly basis.

Ties to Global Citizenship

- Language is the building blocks of a culture, people or country.

Application for our audience

- As Franklin continues to expand and serve students across the globe, the languages spoken by our students will also expand.



Islamic Culture in Focus – June 9, 2015

Islamic Culture in Focus

Description

- Explore elements of Islamic culture including insights on its multi-faceted peoples.

Ties to Global Citizenship

- Understanding a culture helps form a global perspective.

Application for our audience

- Will aid in Franklin's work with Middle Eastern countries.



Diversity of Faith – October 7, 2015

Diversity of Faith – Unity of Values

Description

- An interfaith discussion where local representatives from four religions—Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam—will be here to share the basic tenets of their faith as well as describe how the common value of charity is expressed throughout their faith.

Ties to Global Citizenship

- Part of being a global citizen is not only valuing the differences between cultures but also recognizing and appreciating those elements that create commonalities.

Application for our audience

- With so many cultures now represented in our student population, this knowledge will help our workforce to be more sensitive and aware.



International Engagement Fair – November 5, 2015

International Engagement Fair

Description

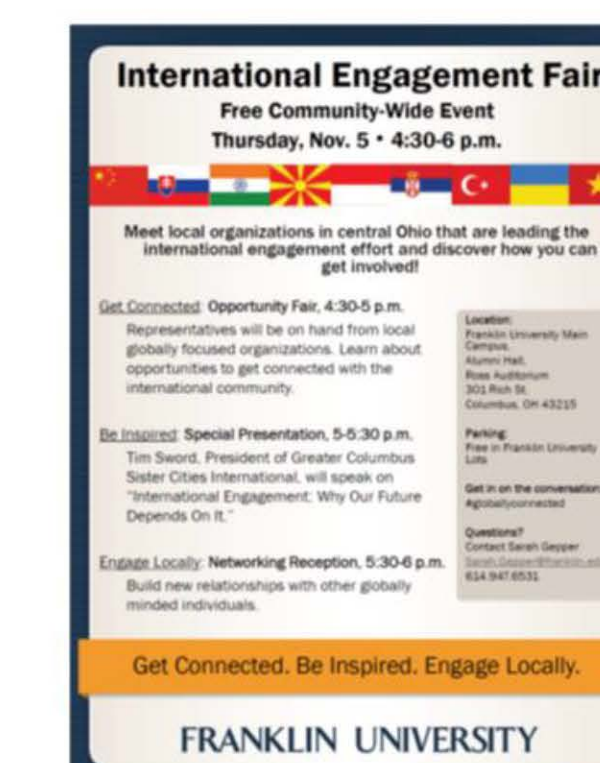
- Meet local organizations in central Ohio that are leading the international engagement effort and discover how you can get involved!

Ties to Global Citizenship

- As global citizens, international engagement is a key vehicle for creating meaningful communication and collaboration across communities, countries and cultures.

Application for our audience

- Get Connected. Be Inspired. Engage Locally.



Impact of the OFIC grant

The OFIC grant stipulated that the funds be used for the activities stated on our grant application, such as speaker fees, event materials, etc.

The grant funds allowed us to enhance our programming. The funds provided access to speakers that we previously had not been able to secure, allowing us to offer stimulating and thoughtful events around our **Global Citizenship** theme.

Sarah Gepper made a presentation to the OFIC Diversity Forum reporting on our success using the 2015 grant funds awarded.

Summary

The goal of the Diversity Dimensions Committee during 2015 was to increase awareness of the importance of diversity, inclusion, and respect among our workforce, using the theme of **Global Citizenship**. We feel our events were successful in achieving that goal, and we are very proud of the accomplishments of the committee during 2015.

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