

D.I.V.E. Certificate

Wilkes D.I.V.E. (Difference. Inclusion. Value. Each other) Certificate program for students through the Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI). The certificate acknowledges your commitment to enhancing multiculturalism and inclusion on the Wilkes campus and community.

How long does the certificate take?

There are different levels of the certificate that can take as few as one semester or up to four years of participation.

What is Global Coffee Hour ?

Take a break and enjoy coffee or tea, cookies, and games and conversations with people from around the world.

Every Wednesday during the semester from 2pm to 4pm in the Savitz Multicultural Lounge on the 2nd floor of the Henry Student Center.

Contact the Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI) by e-mailing Erica Acosta to start recording your progress towards the certificate.

Categories

Bronze

- 5 Diversity Programs
- 3 Global Coffee Hour Events
- 10 Hours of Civic Engagement

Silver

- 10 Diversity Programs
- 8 Global Coffee Hours Events
- 20 Hours of Civic Engagement

Gold

- 15 Diversity Programs
- 12 Global Coffee Hours Events
- 30 Hours of Civic Engagement
- Study abroad (1-6weeks/Alternative Spring Break/Faculty Led)

Platinum

- 30 Diversity Programs
- 24 Global Coffee Hour Events
- 50 hours of Civic Engagement
- Study Abroad (semester/year)



Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI)



Fall 2020 Programs

For questions about any of the events, contact:

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Welcome to Our Neighborhood Social

September 15 | Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Henry Student Center 1st floor Lounge

Meet new people and Campus Resources Co-Sponsored with MSC

Latin Café

September 23 | Time: 3:00 pm – 4 :00 pm | Location: Savitz Lounge

ODI and SOL celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Highlighting some Latin American & Caribbean Baseball Players. Wear your favorite Sports team Shirt .

Chainz/Broken

Two One-Act Plays By Paris Crayton III

Directed by Kalif Troy

A Pre-Recorded Zoom Production

Streaming Saturday, September 26, 2020

In Chainz, a young teen has been gunned down and his killer set free, which leads to protests around the country. One protest in particular gets out of hand and lands 4 black men from four different walks of life in a holding cell at the local police station. In the course of their time together, the four men learn about each other and more importantly, about themselves--and what it is to be an endangered species in America.

Broken deals with the stories of five women who have lost a child due to gun violence. Their stories are imagined by the playwright, but they are inspired by real events where a gun in the wrong hands ended in a tragic outcome. This moving play deals not only with the agonizing pain these senseless deaths caused, but also with the strength of these women and the hope they share for change.

RSVP: only 20 tickets. Please be advised some of the content may contain triggering and/or sensitive material. If you feel triggered please know we will be handing g our resources to support you.

Personal Development series (PD) :

Social Media (Do's and Don't)

October 1 | Time: Noon– 1: 00pm | Location Savitz lounge

We will explore social media etiquette. What you post can impact your future.

By: Patty DeViva, Assistant Director of Marketing

Bringing Visibility to Invisible Disabilities

October 8 | Time: 11:00 am | Location: Savitz Lounge

By Morganne Seitz, First– year student

Don't judge a book by its cover and don't judge a disability by its visibility. This session will specifically address Dysautonomia and the unseen stigma that those with invisible disabilities face. Educational resources on invisible disabilities and Dysautonomia will be provided to encourage discussion and awareness.

8th Annual International-Diversity Series:

"The Impact of Poverty "

Monday: India

November 9 | Time: 6:00 pm | Location: RSVP for ZOOM link

By: Dharti Ray, Coordinator, Diversity and Inclusion Penn State Scranton

Poverty In India: Two-thirds of people in India live in poverty and we will look at the daily impact of poverty during this presentation. Poverty in India impacts children, families, and individuals in a variety of different ways such as child labor and lack of education. India's GDP has increased but the economic boom is only enjoyed by a small percentage of the population.

Tuesday: Tanzania

November 10 | Time: 6:00 pm | Location: Savitz Lounge

By: Dr. Linda Winkler, Professor of Anthropology

Tanzania is a major tourism destination for wildlife safaris in famed Serengeti, adventurers climbing Mt Kilimanjaro, and for the beaches of Zanzibar. However, beyond tourism, it remains a country with great poverty with nearly half the population earning less than two dollars a day. The impact of this poverty is widespread and affects opportunities for education, access to clean water and electricity as well as overall health. Dr. Winkler will discuss examples based on her 20 years of involvement in projects in Tanzania.

Thursday: Venezuela

November 11 | Time: 6:00pm | Location: Savitz Lounge

By: Dr. Linda Gutierrez, Associate Professor of Biology and Jovita Gutierrez, DSS

Hunger and Food dollarization in Venezuela

According to a study by the U.N. World Food Program "one of three Venezuelans is struggling to put food on the table to meet minimum nutrition requirements". Prices of essential food items are dollarized and unreachable to most Venezuelans whose average salary barely reaches \$7 per month. Linda Gutierrez, MD and Jovita Gutierrez, DSS will discuss the reality of this country once considered among the most prosperous in South America.