

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
- 2 Adulting 101

Silver

- 10 Diversity Programs
- 8 Global Coffee Hours Events
- 20 Hours of Civic Engagement
- 5 Adulting 101 workshops

Gold

- 15 Diversity Programs
- 12 Global Coffee Hours Events
- 30 Hours of Civic Engagement
- Study abroad (1-6weeks/Alternative Spring Break/Faculty Led)
- 8 Adulting 101 workshops

Platinum

- 30 Diversity Programs
- 24 Global Coffee Hour Events
- 50 hours of Civic Engagement
- Study Abroad (semester/year)
- 12 Adulting 101 workshops



Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI)



Fall 2022 Programs

For questions about any of the events, contact:

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Welcome to Our Neighborhood Social

September 13 | Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Max Roth

Meet and greet the Office of Diversity Affairs

Stop by for light refreshments



Night on the Town

September 27th | Time: 5:00pm | Location: La Tolteca

Night on the Town provides students the opportunity to experience a local area restaurant. The focus is on learning the history and customs of a cultural group through food and other activities.

Limited seats | Must RSVP your seat with Erica

Adulting 101 :

How do you ask for a reference/recommendation letter?

October 4th | Time: 11:00-noon | Location: Savitz Lounge

By: Erica Acosta, Director of Diversity Affairs

We will be going over some do and don'ts on how to go about requesting someone to be a reference and asking for a recommendation letter.

Food will be provided!!

5th Annual Diversity & Inclusion Student Conference

“Maintaining Hope in Adversity”

Saturday, October 22, 2022 | Time: 9:00 am - 3:00pm

Location: Henry Student Center 2nd Floor Ballroom and Miller Room

Keynote speaker: Rev. Shawn Walker

You will receive a certificate of completion

Scan to register . Deadline is October 15th.



Dr. Frank LittleBear

Nov. 3 | Time: 11-1:00 pm | Location: Savitz Lounge

Frank LittleBear is of Cree Nation Ancestry. A renowned lecturer of Native American Culture, he is also a Musician, Artist, and Author who has been recognized by universities, colleges, museums, and historical societies.



11th Annual International-Diversity Series:

“Women Reproductive Rights ”

Monday: Artist as the Voice of Protest

November 14 | Time: 11:00 am | Location: Savitz Lounge

By Heather Sincavage, Associate Professor of Art &

Director Sordoni Art Gallery

Artists assume the role of society's mirror. As rights are compromised, art acts as an important tool to form the social consciousness. Part of a contemporary art practice often includes social justice as part of creative motivation. Whether working within the museum or as part of a protest, artists move us to act by channeling injustice into visible forms that will support social change. Art activism has an extensive history. This lecture will provide an overview of artists defending women's rights around healthcare and abortion rights, intimate partner violence, rape, and war.

Tuesday: Controlling Abortion Rights in communist Romania

November 15 | Time: 11:00 am | Location: Savitz Lounge

The talk will focus on the 23-year period in which Romania put a ban on contraception and maintained one of the most repressive reproduction policies of the twentieth century. We will examine the short and long-term consequences of the decision, including child abandonment and increased domestic violence.

By: Dr. Andreea Maieran, Associate Professor of Political Science

Thursday: Improving Maternal Health Outcomes

November 17 | Time: 4:30pm | Location: Savitz Lounge

Each year in the United States, about 700 people die during pregnancy or in the year after. Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias. Most pregnancy-related deaths are preventable. Come learn about racial disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and how we can work together to reduce Black maternal mortality.

By: Dr. Troy Lynn Lewis, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice