



# ***GLOBAL AWARENESS!***

**The International e-Newsletter of Muskegon Community College  
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Hi everyone.

You have seen the headlines – protests in Egypt, unrest in Tunisia and Syria, the overthrow of the dictator in Libya – now learn the back stories. **Global Awareness Festival**, February 6-10, 2012 will focus on the Middle East and particularly the democratic movements there known as the Arab Spring.

So what else is new in international opportunities this fall? Hopefully you have seen the pictures of **Belize** all around campus. There is a new study/travel opportunity this semester to learn about this small Central American country rich in Mayan history, rainforests and wildlife. While everyone else is shoveling snow in January, you could be tubing into a cave to explore Mayan ruins. Read on for details and visit [www.muskegoncc.edu/Belize](http://www.muskegoncc.edu/Belize).

The trip to **Stuttgart, Germany** is also available in May 2012. Visit our website at [www.muskegoncc.edu/Germany](http://www.muskegoncc.edu/Germany) . If hiking in the Alps, visiting German castles and touring international businesses is for you, then check out this trip to the heart of the European Union's economic powerhouse. Ask all those grandparents, aunts and uncles, moms and dads, who want to give you something for the holidays, to contribute to your study/travel fund.

Join a **Culinary Cultural Excursion** to enjoy a taste of Ethiopia at the GOJO Restaurant Wednesday September 28. Watch your email for details.

Meet some international students studying at MCC during **International Education Week** in November. At the panel presentation Monday night the students will share a bit about life in their home country – what they do for fun, what they like to eat, what music and movies they watch. There will also be movies, a trip to a Persian restaurant and a travelogue about Oxford England this week.

But enough from me, this is your International Newsletter, so read on to discover what is happening on campus to bring the world a little closer to you and help you become a global citizen in a global world.

Kathy



## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### Culinary Cultural Exchange (CCE)



Join us in a visit to Ethiopia! Our next CCE is September 28, 6pm at **GoJo Ethiopian Cuisine** (421 Norwood SE Grand Rapids. 616-459-3383) Authentic Ethiopian dishes include a wide selection of vegetarian options. All of the dishes are served with Injera (Ethiopian flatbread). This bread is traditionally used in lieu of utensils. Prices range from \$6.95-\$12.95 for traditional Ethiopian food like Siga Watt or Doro Watt (Spiced beef watt or spiced chicken watt, served with injerra and Siga Watt or Doro Watt Combo (spiced lentils and a portion of Aliche (vegetable combination of potato, cabbage, and green pepper with spices), Watch your email for information and directions.

### Tres Vidas – Overbrook Theater – October 3, 7:00pm!



**Tres Vidas** celebrates the life, times and work of three significant Latin and South American Women: painter **Frida Kahlo** of Mexico, peasant activist **Rufina Amaya** of El Salvador and poet **Alfonsina Storni** of Argentina. **Tres Vidas** offers powerful portrayals of each woman and includes the singing of traditional Mexican folk songs as well as Argentinean popular and tango songs made famous by Mercedes Sosa and Carlos Gardel. Since 1993, **the Core Ensemble** has toured nationally to every region of the United States and internationally. .

Tres Vidas Demo Video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzaZ7RchRYc>

### Travelogue Belize!



Join Kathy Pollock and Kathy Tosa as they present an exciting travelogue of their trip to Belize. Thursday October 13, 6:45 – 8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. A reception with samples of cuisine from Belize will be available. This travelogue will be of particular interest to those considering the Travel/Study Opportunity to Belize for Students and Faculty coming this January 3-8, 2012.



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Kathy Tosa and Kathy Pollock

- **International Student Panel – Monday**
- **International Movie – Tuesday**
- **Travelogue Oxford –Wednesday**
- **Culinary Cultural Excursion – Thursday**



**Monday November 14 – MCC’s 11th Annual International Panel Discussion** 6:45–8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education. Last year’s event drew over 70 MCC students to listen to our international students from Vietnam, Indonesia, Gambia, Bosnia, Poland and Costa Rica. MCC’s international students will be there again this year to exchange ideas. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and take notes. Plan to attend this lively discussion of cultures on a personal level.



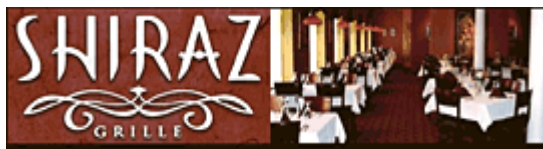
***Tuesday November 15 – Movie - Lawrence of Arabia***

Thomas Lawrence blazed his way to glory in the Arabian desert. As a young British intelligence officer in Cairo in 1916, he is given leave to investigate the progress of the Arab revolt against the Turks in World War I. In the desert, he organizes a guerrilla army and for two years leads the Arabs in harassing the Turks with desert raids, train-wrecking and camel attacks. He eventually helps a British General destroy the power of the Ottoman Empire. 6-8pm



**Wednesday November 16 – Travelogue Oxford** 6:45 – 8:00pm in the Blue and Gold Room. Oxford University has been at the forefront of understanding the world and shaping it for centuries. Since the Enlightenment, Oxford has been one of the world’s most influential and international universities.

Join MCC instructor Kurt Troutman as he presents his exciting trip to Oxford. Kurt currently teaches political science and international relations for the social sciences department.



**Thursday November 17 Culinary Cultural Exchange (CCE). Shiraz Grille** -2739 Breton Road, SE Grand Rapids, 616.949-7447. The word Shiraz is derived from the Ancient City that was at one time the capital of Persia/Iran. Shiraz is renowned for its

wine as well as its poetry. Many great poets have come from this region. Shiraz Grille offers ethnic Persian cuisine for those in search of an authentic cultural experience. Their array of entrees are enhanced with the tastes of Persian herbs and spices. Join us for exquisite food and a memorable dining experience

## Global Awareness Festival 2012 - Focus on the Middle East



The Global Awareness Festival at Muskegon Community College is a week-long event bringing the world a little closer to Muskegon. It includes lectures, discussions, a film festival, ethnic foods, an information fair, global entertainment, artifact displays, 200 flags, and much more! Global Awareness Festival 2012 will be held the week of February 6-10 with focus on the Middle East. Protests in Egypt, unrest in Tunisia and Syria, the overthrow of the dictator in Libya – now learn the back stories. Global Awareness Festival February 6-10, 2012 will focus on the Middle East and particularly the democratic movements there known as the Arab Spring. For more information visit

the GAF website at: <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/gaf>



## *FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS*

### Travel to Belize!



### **Belize Field Studies - Mayan Civilization and Rainforest Ecology January 3-8, 2012**

**ICS 101 BEL / BIOL 101 BEL** is an interdisciplinary travel-study course providing students an introduction to international culture and biology through cultural and biological field studies. This hybrid course will contain online and on-campus components and includes a seven-day visit to Belize. Emphasis will be placed on Mayan culture and the tropical rain forests of Belize. The student will study Mayan culture and history as well as Mayan past and current interaction with the rain forest ecosystem. It is offered in

conjunction with the Sibun Educational and Adventure Lodge in Belize. Beyond tuition and texts, additional costs include the airfare to Belize, package price for room and board, and spending money while in Belize. **Please return the following application by October 15, 2011:** [Application for Field Studies in Belize](#) (PDF)



For more information go to <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/Belize>

## **Travel to Germany! May 2012**



### **German Exchange and International Business and Culture (ICS 101 GER is an International Travel Course)**

Are you looking for an experience that will last a lifetime? Each May, students and faculty from MCC participate in an exchange program with the technical college, Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart Nord, in Stuttgart, Germany. Ongoing for sixteen years, the exchange includes visits to cultural and historical sites as well as local businesses such as Daimler, Porsche and Ritter Sport. Spend eight days in Germany with host families hiking in the Alps, floating down the Neckar River and experiencing Germany. **For more information go to our website at <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/Germany>**



**This could be you!**

## **CDS International**



**CDS International, Inc.**  
**The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship program (CDS)** is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 program from community college students who are interested in experiencing German

culture and everyday life. Don't Just Learn about Germany — Live it, Love it, And Let it Help You Change the World! Imagine everything you'll learn with a full scholarship to study abroad in Germany. This is an experience that can change your life. Since 1983, this congressionally funded youth exchange program has helped to prepare young people for living in a global society. This program will allow you to develop critical intercultural skills while learning what it's like to live and attend school in Germany. For more information go to <http://www.usagermanyscholarship>



## Calendar of Events



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**Travelogue Belize** – Thursday, October 13, 2011 6:45 – 8:00pm in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100.

**Tres Vidas** – Monday, October 3

**International Education Week** – November 14 -18

**Belize Trip/Field Studies** - January 3-8, 2012

**Global Awareness Festival** - February 6-10, 2012

**German exchange Program** – May 2012



*We welcome your input!* Send us your travel stories with pictures to the editor: [Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu)



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