



GLOBAL AWARENESS!

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Welcome Back!

Classes have begun. Snow is blanketing the world and the sun has gone into hiding. It must be winter in Muskegon. That means it is almost time for Global Awareness Festival!

During the Festival February 7th – 11th you can temporarily leave the cold behind and come “travel” to Europe.

See wonderful pictures by three West Michigan photographers taken during their recent travels to Europe.



Learn about Romania from Michael Soimar in his Keynote speech “Don’t Worry Children, the Americans Will Come to Save Us” or listen to a series of discussions about the European Union. The short films *Crossroads: Inside the European Union*, deal with such topics as Racism and Prejudice, Culture and Nationality, Human Trafficking and the Parliament under Pressure.



Learn how to make gnocchi and see beautiful pictures of Tuscany. Taste international foods prepared by the Booksider.

Discuss wind power in Europe and West Michigan with Steve Warner. Learn how to travel and work in Europe and explore international job opportunities available through the United Nations and the US government.

Hear the music of MCC’s choir and FiddleFace and learn from Theo Spyris, Director of the Midwest Institute about the future of the European Union.

There is something for everyone. Check www.muskegoncc.edu/gaf for details. Come and enjoy.

After your “virtual” travels to Europe if you want to do some actual traveling overseas, MCC has two travel abroad opportunities for 2011-2012.

May 13th – 22nd, 2011 a group of ten students and faculty will travel to Stuttgart, Germany to continue the 15 year exchange program with our sister college, Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart Nord (KSN). The focus of this trip is international business and German culture.



January 2nd – 7th, 2012 a new study abroad program will be offered in Belize. This trip will focus on rainforest ecology, biology field studies and Mayan culture and history.

As the world keeps shrinking, be part of the change.

Kathy



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



GLOBAL AWARENESS FESTIVAL

February 7-11, 2011

Monday, February 7

MCC Choir – Folk songs of Europe Collegiate Hall 11:30 – 12:00

Crossroads: Inside the European Union - No Colors: Racism and Prejudice in Modern Europe – Film and discussion lead by Kathleen Zahrt Room 246 1:30 – 3:00

Overbrook Gallery Exhibit – Europe in focus, Photographs from 3 West Michigan Artists –Opening reception Overbrook Gallery 6:30 – 8:00 Artists' Lecture – Overbrook Theater 7:00-8:00

Tuesday, February 8

Folktales and Fun –shared by MCC's ED 230 Children's Literature Class in Collegiate Hall 1:00 – 4:00

Crossroads: Inside the European Union – Identities: Culture and Nationality in Europe Today Film and discussion lead by Joel Juen Room 248 1:30 – 3:00

Under the Tuscan Sun at an Italian Cooking School - Presentation and demonstration - Blue and Gold 2:00 – 3:00

Science and Technology Seminar –Steve Warner, CEO of Scandia Wind Offshore, “Wind Power in Europe and West Michigan”– Room 1100 6:30 – 8:00 Presentation 7:00 – 8:00

Wednesday, February 9

Global Topic Investigations will explore working abroad, the EU, the UN and much more. See below for details. Blue and Gold Room 9:30 – 3:00.

Information Fair will feature booths highlighting international opportunities for students to study and work abroad as well as cultural differences around the world. Collegiate Hall 9:00 – 1:00.

Wild & Wacky Wednesday –music by *FiddleFace* in Student Union 11:30 – 1:00

The European Union: Its Challenges and Future – Theo Spyris, Director of the Midwest Institute of International and Intercultural Education - Blue and Gold Room 2:00 – 3:00

Keynote Speaker –Michael Soimar, President L-3 Combat Propulsion Systems, “Don't worry children, the Americans will save us” Room 1100 at 6:30 – 8:00 Presentation 7:00 – 8:00

Thursday, February 10

Crossroads: Inside the European Union – Parliament under Pressure Film and discussion lead by Seth Koehler Room 248 1:30 – 3:00

Honors Seminar –hosted by Phi Theta Kappa – Blue and Gold Room 2:00 – 4:00

Seminar-Women Researching Women's Issues –International scholar from Michigan State University will share her insights about European women Room 1100 from 6:30 - 8:00

Friday, February 11

Crossroads: Inside the European Union – Human Trafficking: A crisis for the EU and the World Film and discussion hosted by Sociology Club – Blue and Gold Room 12:40 – 2:30

Events spanning the entire week

An International Film Series will be available daily free of charge and **International Cuisine** will be featured by the campus food service. **International Artifacts** collected from the community will be displayed at the main college entrance along with flags representing approximately 200 nations. For more information see www.muskegoncc.edu/gaf

Global Topic Investigations

Wednesday

February 9, 2011

9:30 – 10:00

German Youth of Today

Angelika Kraemer, Center for Language Teaching Advancement,
Michigan State University

10:15 – 10:45

Going Global, A World of Opportunity

Julianne Hennefeld, Director, Analyst and Influencer Relations at SAP Asia Pte Ltd

11:15 – 11:45

Europe: A Traveler's Dream Destination

Laurie Gasahl, Geographer and Travel Consultant

Break

Music by FiddleFace in the Student Union 11:30 – 1:00

12:45 – 1:15

Overseas job opportunities with the US government

Rob Ewingleben , Ferris State University

1:30 – 2:00

The UN – International Careers You Never Knew About

Thomas Tissue, Muskegon Community College

2:00 – 3:00

The European Union: Challenges and the Future

Theo Spyris , Director Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education



Europe in Focus at Overbrook Gallery

A visual representation of Europe will be on display with the exhibit, “Europe in Focus” January 17 through March 4 in the Overbrook Art Gallery at Muskegon Community College (MCC). The exhibit features the work of three West Michigan photographers, based on

recent travels to Germany, France, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Scotland, and Ireland. The photographers, Nancy Slater, Lee Ann Frame, and David Myers, took the photos during trips in 2010. A reception and gallery talk by the three photographers will be held Monday, February 7 at 6:30pm. See the MCC website for details.



Culinary Cultural Exchange (CCE) - Interested in sampling Irish food in Muskegon? Join a group of adventurous culinary explorers and taste your way through Ireland! Our next CCE is Tuesday February 1, 6pm at **Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 855 Jefferson St., Muskegon, 231-728-3333**. Hennessy's offers Irish and American food with prices ranging from \$6-\$15. Watch your email for a reminder.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS



Stuttgart, Germany May 13-22, 20011. MCC students and faculty will participate in an exchange program with our sister college, Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart. This MCC/KSN exchange program has been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our respective cultures and business practices for over 15 years. The exchange includes visits to cultural and historical sites as well as local businesses such as Daimler, Porsche, and Ritter Sport. Each

participant is hosted by a German student or faculty member of the Kaufmännische Schule Stuttgart-Nord. Joining us this year will be MCC students Melanie Wilhelm, Brendon Stariha, Lance Marczak, Geoff Burr, Stephanie Miller, Zackary Patterson and faculty members Erin Hoffman, Mary Dyke, Joel Juen and Kathy Tosa. For more information see www.muskegoncc.edu/



CDS International, Inc. The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship program (CDS) is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 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>



Travel to Belize with MCC January 2-7, 2012

Do you want to go hiking in the rain forest while observing animals in their natural habitat? How about cave tubing to Mayan ceremonial sites or taking botanical garden tours and identifying plants used

by the ancient Maya for medicinal purposes? Muskegon Community College will offer a new course culminating in a week in Belize January 2012. The course will focus on Mayan culture, biology, and rainforest ecology. Visit the booth at the Information Fair during Global Awareness Festival February 9th Collegiate Hall 9:00 – 1:00. Watch your email for additional information.



CAMPUS EVENTS

International Education Week at MCC

International Education Week was celebrated at MCC during November and included a number of events preparing students for a global environment. The 10th Annual International Student Panel Discussion was held on Monday. Over 70 MCC students listened and learned as MCC's international students from Russia, Vietnam, Indonesia Sweden, Zimbabwe, Bosnia and Costa Rica shared information about their homelands. On Tuesday a German film "North Face" based on the true story about a competition to climb the most dangerous rock face in the Alps, was featured. A group of MCC students and faculty shared an Indian meal



International student panel

Wednesday during our second Culinary Cultural Excursion. On Thursday Dr. Tom Donahue, a humanities instructor at MCC shared his recent travels to India during the Travelogue.



Dr. Tom Donahue



Calendar of Events

Culinary Cultural Exchange (CCE) - Tuesday February 1, 6pm at Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 855 Jefferson St., Muskegon

Global Awareness Week- February 7-11, 2010 Focus on Europe

18th Annual MILLE Conference - Friday-Saturday, March 25-26, 2011 at Edison State College Ft. Myers, Florida

German Exchange Program – May 13-22, 2011

We welcome your input! Send us your travel stories with pictures to the editor:

Tom.Schurino@muskegoncc.edu Also, visit our new website at:

<http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/301.asp>.

