

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 2023 Programs

For questions about any of the events, contact:

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Welcome to Our Neighborhood Social

September 14 | Time: 11:00 am – noon

Location: Max Roth room 105

Meet and greet the Office of Diversity Affairs

Stop by for light refreshments



City of Wilkes Barre Multicultural Parade

September 16 | Time: 11-7:00 pm Location: Public Square WB

The Multicultural Parade is a free community event and an opportunity to enjoy Wilkes- Barre's rich diversity. They will have food trucks and live performances .

If you would like to walk with Wilkes email: Erica Acosta for more information

NEPA GAYLA: Theme Satur-Gay Fever

September 23 | Time: 6:00-10:00 pm | Location: Genetti's Hotel & Conference , RVSP with Erica limited Spots available

The purpose of 2023 NEPA GAYLA is to bring people together in the spirit of open celebration and create opportunities for people to connect with new and old friends and allies.



Night on the Town

September 26th | Time: 5:00pm |

Location: Thai Thai

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 :Elevator pitch

October 3rd | Time: 11:00-noon | Location: Savitz Lounge

Bridget Turel, Director, Professional Development and External Engagement at Wilkes University

Come learn how to draft an elevator pitch. The elevator pitch can help you when meeting new employers, internships and a way to better introduce yourself to others. At the end of the session we will be award the top three pitch with an gift. RSVP is required for this event.

Dr. Frank LittleBear

Nov. 2 | Time: 11-1:00 pm | Location: JPAC , Henry Student center 2nd Floor

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: "Citizenship, Immigration and Refugees"

Tuesday: Becoming a US citizen

November 14 | Time: 5:00-6:30 pm | Location: Miller Room , Henry Student Center 2nd Floor

Come and learn about the process of becoming a US citizen with Sra. Joyce Alive. This will be an interactive session.

Wednesday : A Conversation with Fred Ushu Mukelo

November 15 | Time: 4:30pm –5:30 pm | Location: Savitz Lounge, Henry Student Center 2nd Floor

Fred Ushu Mukelo of Scranton and Amy Kuiken. We will be talking about the what does it mean to be a refugee. We will hear from Fred Ushu Mukelo about his own experience as a refugee, and his ongoing work supporting the resettled Congolese/Central African families in the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton area.

Thursday : The Voice Project: Immigration Documentary

November 16 | Time: 5:00 pm –7:00 pm | Location: TBA
Pizza will be served

Immigration is a heated concept in our country today, but who exactly are we talking about? From the creator of *The Voices Project* comes the fifth chapter in a series that highlights stories of real people from groups that are often misunderstood. *The Voices Project: Immigration* documentary shares the stories of five people who are first- and second- generation immigrants and their experiences living in America. This poignant film will ask audiences to reconsider their idea of what being an immigrant means and how similar and different we are from each other.

The producer is Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D. and the Director is Timothy McDermott. There will be a Q& A after with Lalaine Little and Kevin Amaya from 80 minutes Around the World: Immigration Stories

This video includes themes of trauma and is for mature audiences only and is supported by the Lackawanna Arts Council and the Soyka Fund for the Humanities.