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Associate Dean for Diversity update

Summer is a busy time for everyone—vacations, college visits, time with family near and far—these are all on our calendars. During this maddening rush, I challenge each of you just to take 5 minutes to ask an acquaintance, a co-worker or a relative about their lives and their road traveled. Even if it's a short conversation, you would be surprised about what you learn, both about the other person and about yourself. Have a great summer, everyone.

Campus Council on Diversity update

DIVERSITY CHAMPION AWARD

Congratulations to Darshan Trivedi!

Darshan was selected for his significant contributions to the diversity climate of Penn State, and for his countless efforts to educate others about the Indian culture.

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Diversity Champions Award

The “Diversity Champions Award” is awarded by the Campus Council to recognize employees, faculty, and students who have contributed significantly to the diversity climate of the Penn State Hershey campus. Recipients of this award have modeled outstanding efforts, passion and dedication to diversity through their service, teaching, and campus activities. Darshan Trivedi, was the recipient of the Diversity Champions Award on June 4, 2014. Darshan was nominated for this award and selected for his significant contributions in promoting a diversity climate here on campus and in our community with his countless efforts to educate others about the Indian culture. Darshan organized and participated in several educational programs including *Diwali* Diversity Grand Rounds, *Holi* the Festival of Colors, *Utsav* the festival of Lights, Indian movie/dinner events, and the World Culture Club *India-Unity in Diversity*. In addition, Darshan has participated in the *Holidays around the World* program for the past 2 years and he has served on the Campus Council on Diversity Holidays subcommittee.



On-the-spot access to culturally competent patient care

Did you know? Judaism is one of the oldest monotheistic religions in the world. Estimates of the number of Jews worldwide vary between 12 and 18 million, primarily living in North America, Israel and Europe. The greatest number of Jews (five and a half to seven million) is in the US; 4.5 million live in Israel. The Jewish people are a religious, cultural and ethnic group with a wide range of spiritual beliefs and practices reflecting particular movements within this religion as well as the many countries in which they have historically and currently resided. Jews are not a race and many Jews are deeply offended by terms such as “the Jewish race”. To learn more facts about different cultures click on this link <http://www.crculturevision.com/subscribers/subfaq.aspx>

Upcoming Events

Iftar Dinner- July 15, 2014

Ramadan Iftar Dinner

The Campus Council on Diversity, the Office for Diversity, Red Rose Intercultural Foundation, and HMC Department of Pastoral Services invite you to share in the beauties of the holy month of Ramadan by sharing with local Muslims and non-Muslims.

Frances M. Leap, Ph.D., Associate Professor
of Religious Studies at Seton Hill University
Tuesday, July 15, 2014 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Penn State Hershey Medical Center Cafeteria

Ramadan includes a month of daily fasting and prayer as a sign of Muslim devotion to Allah. The Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) urged Muslims to invite and share the Iftar meal with friends even if they possess only an olive or a date. Therefore, your presence will be honored and will bring blessings on the host families and their homes. This is a time to learn about Muslims and Islam. Individuals from non-Muslim backgrounds have the opportunity to "break the fast" with their Muslim peers to understand more of the religion of Islam and to observe Muslims in their own tradition.

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