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Wednesday, December 2, 2015

International Education Week 2015 brought a world of excitement to students, faculty, staff and community members, with over 20 fun and educational activities . The Associate Provost for International Programs, the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and MUB staff kicked-off the busy week with the

Opening Reception

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(l. to r.) Leila Paje-Manalo (Director OISS & Education Abroad), Luchen Li (Associate Provost of International Programs), Mary Rhiel (Interim Senior Vice Provost) holding NH governor's proclamation of International Education Week 2015

set=a.750515938388091.1073741967.227763557330001&type=3) in the MUB Food Court. Over 80 students, staff, and faculty took part in learning a foreign language, posing for photographs, enjoying cake and punch, and shopping at the Silent Auction tables. What follows are some of the highlights of the week.

Teas and Coffees from Around the World: The Confucius Institute sponsored a talk about tea culture in China and presented participants with a traditional Chinese tea ceremony demonstration and samplings of at least ten different types of teas (some very rare) from China. The MUB and various student organizations provided coffees for tasting from Vietnam, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Ethiopia. Students from the Middle East served mint tea and cardamom coffee from their home countries. Hundreds enjoyed the refreshments.

The ESL Institute, along with MUSO, organized an **Evening of Poetry and Music**. International and U.S. students, faculty, staff, and community members came together to share their poems or those written by others. The Center for International Education (CIE) hosted an event later in the week called **PechaKucha**, where presenters showed three pictorial slides from their travels and summed up their experiences abroad, all in 3 minutes each. Eighteen faculty, staff, and students presented travel slides from 30 different countries. The audience then had

an engaging discussion about their travels, the impact it had on their education and/or research, and their changed perspective from the experience abroad. Later that night, **MUB featured speaker, Bassam Tariq**, captured the attention of a packed Strafford-Room audience by upending conventional views of Muslim life. His work, through TED talk, video projects, and travel throughout the U.S., aims to promote better understanding of Islam and overcome stereotypes in the media.

Back by popular demand, several of the following events provided enthusiastic participants opportunities to experience foods from different cultures. OISS and the Confucius Institute co-hosted the hands-on **Dumpling and Egg-roll Making party**. Over 100 students and staff participated in the event and learned how to prepare Chinese dumplings and egg rolls. The Vietnamese Student Association served over 230 bowls of Pho, a national Vietnamese noodle soup, in their 3rd annual **Pho Night** event. Students started preparing the rich broth of chicken and beef at 9 in the morning, and doors opened at 6 pm, to feed eager foodies with this delicious soup. The residents of Fairchild Hall planned, prepared, and served 20 dishes from 20 countries to over 130



Marhaba! This group shared traditional Moroccan mint tea and Emirati coffee with fresh dates.

people during the always sold-out **International Luncheon**. And, to top off the week, the Indian Subcontinent Students' Association, put on their annual Diwali, Festival of Lights

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(l. to r.) Mohamamd Raashid Ansari, Siddharth Nigam, and Tirthadeep Das, aka Raashid, Sid, and Tito, ready to demonstrate Bollywood dancing

set=a.752671538172531.1073741971.227763557330001&type=3). The evening provided entertainment with beautifully choreographed skits, music, dance and a fashion show featuring traditional Nepali and Indian dress. Attendees were treated to a tasty dinner of Chicken Curry, Samosas, Mango Lassi, Chana Masala, and other treats.

There were many other events to chose from during an exciting, international week, including a discussion on **Conflict, Transformation and Reconciliation in Rwanda** (<http://unh.edu/unhtoday/2015/11/conflict-and-compassion>). We look forward to your ideas and energy as the planning for International Education Week 2016 begins...

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