Introductions:

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MRC MISSION STATEMENT

❖ To educate the campus community through initiatives designed to *increase awareness and understanding of identity and cultural diversity*, its significance in the advancement of all fields of endeavor and in navigating our world.
WHO WE SERVE

- MRC supports all students seeking to learn about and explore identities, diversity and cultural awareness with special emphasis on the following populations:

  - Historically Underrepresented Populations:
    - African American/Black, Hispanic/Non-White, Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian/Asian Pacific Islander, Multicultural, International
  - Religious Students, Student Groups and Organizations
  - Cultural Organizations & Greek-Lettered Community
  - LGBTQ+ Community:
    - Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender, Queer, Inter-sex, Pansexual, Asexual, all other non-binary or gender non-conforming populations and allies
CORE SERVICES

- Resource Center
- Diversity workshops, training and education
- Leadership and professional development
- Cultural events and programs
CORE SERVICES: RESOURCE CENTER

- Resource Library
- Lounge/Meeting Space
- Microwave
- Workroom
- Prayer/Meditation Space
- Student Org Offices
CORE SERVICES: RESOURCES

❖ Resource Library
  ❖ Diversity/cultural books and magazines *(available via the Campus Library, MRC and Campus Bookstore)*
    ➢ Recommend materials for campus library and bookstore
  ❖ Games, movies and activities

❖ Workroom
  ❖ Printing (including large format posters), folding and cutting
  ❖ Button makers, helium and more

❖ Meditation and Prayer Space

❖ Cultural Student Organization Support:
  ➢ MRC serves 100+ cultural student organizations.
    ➢ Collaborations & Culture Connect Grant Funding
CORE SERVICES: RESOURCE

❖ Local minority owned resources and business listings

❖ Culture Connects Newsletter/Weekly:
  ➢ Monthly newsletter published by the MRC
  ➢ Allows Binghamton University students, faculty, and staff to stay up-to-date cultural news and campus-wide events and programs.
  ➢ Weekly email announcement providing updates on cultural events and other related news.

❖ MRC Social Media Campaigns & Website Updates
CORE SERVICES: PROGRAMS

- MLK Series 2018 *(January 15\textsuperscript{th}-24th)*
- Lunar New Year Celebration *(February 22nd)*
- Culture and Food Series *(Culture at Chenango, Global Chef)*

- Other Programs: *(varies throughout the year)*
  - Black History Month *(January 31st – February 28th)*
  - Women’s Empowerment Brunch *(March 24th)*
  - Asian Heritage Month *(April, 2018)*
CORE SERVICES: INVOLVEMENT

MRC Culture Squad Positions

- Program Assistant (paid)
- MRC Student Managers (paid)
- Internship Program
- Culture Connects Volunteer Program
CORE SERVICES: SUPPORT

- MRC provides referral services for any student that experiences difficult situations such as access issues, discrimination or harassment.
  - Visit us in the MRC or on the web to submit a confidential form: [http://www.binghamton.edu/multicultural-resource-center/mrcreport.html](http://www.binghamton.edu/multicultural-resource-center/mrcreport.html)

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CORE SERVICES: SUPPORT

MRC Translation and Interpretation Program:

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TIP provides services:

- For students who’s parents do not speak English.
  - Mandarin, Spanish, Korean, and Turkish (primary languages)
- Connect with MRC if in crisis, regardless of language.
  - Especially in cases of student hospitalization, family emergency, incarceration, death, and other emergency situations
CORE SERVICES: SUPPORT

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TIP Services include:

❖ **Emergency Services:**
  ➢ Provide language services to students and families in emergency situations, or crises where families have limited English language proficiency.

❖ **Non- Emergency Services:**
  ➢ Provide language services to on-campus agencies, local K-12 schools, government agencies, and nonprofit community organizations in non-emergency situations.
  ➢ **Open to student volunteer interpreters**
Discussion Questions for the Group...
Discussion:
WHAT DOES MULTICULTURAL MEAN TO YOU?
Discussion:
WHAT TYPES OF CLUBS WERE YOU INVOLVED WITH IN YOUR PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY?

or
WHAT TYPES OF CLUBS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY?
Discussion:
WHAT CULTURAL EXCURSIONS OR EXPERIENCES ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE STATES?
MULTICULTURAL CONCEPTS:

- Of, relating to, or constituting several cultural or ethnic groups within a society.
- Culture involves at least three components: what people think, what they do, and the material products they produce.
- Thus, mental processes, beliefs, knowledge, and values are parts of culture.
- Culture also has several properties: it is shared, learned, symbolic, transmitted cross-generationally, adaptive, and integrated.
WE ALL HAVE A STORY TO TELL....
QUESTIONS FOR THE STAFF?
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