International Fair brings the world to MC

Japanese drumming in the background, with exotic food scents in the air and children and adults laughing together … it’s the Manchester College International Fair!

The biennial celebration (Sunday, April 11 this year) is focused on the community, to raise awareness of international traditions and share cultural cuisine, says Jacquilline Nagila, director of multicultural affairs for the College. About 3½ percent of the 1,223 students call other countries home, adding a rich diversity to the primarily Hoosier student body.

“As small as we are, we are very diverse,” notes Nagila, a native of Kenya. “So we are trying to provide opportunities for the community to learn about different cultures and realize there’s more to the picture than what they know.”

International students and other members of the campus international organizations will dish out foods from their countries and display and chat about their home customs. The “tour” this year includes more than 15 destinations: Uganda, Nigeria, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Peru, Mexico, Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Japan, Spain, Ireland, Nepal, Cambodia, United States, and Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Manchester has a safety net for success

Success at college requires facing a number of challenges head-on, and at times, those challenges can seem overwhelming. Manchester has a safety net ever-ready for struggling students: SuccessNet. The SuccessNet team receives, and acts upon, referrals from faculty, coaches, staff, students and parents, providing academic and personal support.

The SuccessNet team is comprised of campus experts in health and counseling, academic support, residential life, multicultural affairs, financial services and coaching. When alerted with a concern about a student’s well-being, a team member from the appropriate department connects with the student with opportunities to help get him/her back on track.
If your student is struggling to adjust to campus life or may need additional direction or support, please visit the SuccessNet website, and complete the form. Success is at hand ... a tip is all we need.

Attending Commencement?

Nearly 200 students will receive Manchester College diplomas on Sunday, May 23. The day is a full one, with personal student and presidential recollections at the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service in Cordier Auditorium, and commencement across campus in the PERC at 2:30 p.m.

Graduating students and faculty gown for both events, and many sport the green ribbon indicating they have taken the Graduation Pledge to help make this world a better place. Reservations are not needed for baccalaureate. Graduating seniors each will receive five reserved seating tickets. Unreserved seating fills up fast, so if you plan to attend, please plan to arrive early.

Find all the details at http://www.manchester.edu/Common/Graduation/index.htm.

Got gear?

It’s more than just textbooks! Visit the MC Campus Store for a large and colorful variety of logo gear – from sweatshirts to umbrellas, from backpacks to blankets. Of course, the Campus Store is also your student’s source for textbooks for all classes, greeting cards and personal supplies. And the best part? You can order it all online! Visit the MC Campus Store >

Extend "Family Connections" to Grandparents

Are Grandma and Grandpa asking what’s going on in your MC student’s life? Click here to fill out a simple form – we’ll include them in the mailing list for Family Connections and...
invite them to campus for special events!

Questions? Feedback? E-mail familyconnections@manchester.edu. Click here to unsubscribe to Family Connections.