Ideas for Cultural Diversity Bulletin Board

**Purposes of the Cultural Diversity Bulletin Board**
- Information/education
- Celebration of cultural diversity
- A medium to begin the dialogue about cultural diversity
- Resource for students to provide information about student organizations, college departments, events, houses, etc.

**Possible themes for the Bulletin Board**
- Mission Statement and Purpose of Different Organizations dealing with Cultural / Racial Issues
- Calendars of Events
- Convocations
- Different cultural organizations that we have on campus (Chinese Club, Korean Students Association, Afrisa, Pangea, Desi, Men of Color, DBA, Women of Color, Latin American Students Association, Asia Club, American Native Students Association, Coalition of Hmong Students, Club Caribu, etc)
- Definitions of Culture and Cultural Identity
- Information about the diversity of the student body
- Interest Houses (why they exist, why you should stop by, etc)
- Cultural Resources: OIL, ISO, TRIO
- campus climate survey

**Presentation**
- There are more pages than can fit on a single Bulletin Board, so make your choice according to the needs of your floor.
- The slides below only include some of the ideas mentioned above ...feel free to pursue any of the other ideas given as well!

**Additional suggestions/presentation tips**
- Use short information
- Thought-provoking information
- “Did you know?”s (you could possibly use information from class profiles!)
- Interviews of students (Maybe ask for personal anecdotes)
Office of Intercultural Life

The primary mission of the Office of Intercultural Life is to provide programming that fosters intercultural dialogue in the service of greater cross-cultural awareness, empathy, mutual respect, tolerance, and recognition. The Office of Intercultural Life works to fulfill this mission through sponsoring guest speakers, cultural performances, art exhibits, discussion forums, and films. The office also maintains a small library, publishes an office newsletter, and supports a peer-mentoring program.

Meet the Office

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Intercultural Program Assistants

Intercultural Program Assistants are responsible for the coordination of events scheduled for Stimson House and for the planning and execution of events sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Life.

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Host Family Program Student Application

The Host Family program matches an international student with a host family in the Northfield community. The program provides the opportunity for international students to experience American culture through friendship with an American family.

International Student Textbook Exchange

The International Student Textbook Exchange (ISTE) is meant to help reduce textbook expenses for international students. However, the ISTE depends on the generosity of the students themselves. Students can choose either to lend their textbooks to the ISTE for a given period or they can donate the textbooks to the library's permanent collection.

Cultural Ambassador Program

The International Student Cultural Ambassador Program is a free service offered by the Office of International Student Programs that encourages international awareness by providing valuable learning opportunities for local public school students. These students can provide a unique opportunity for area school children to receive a first hand account of what life is like in other countries and share their insight into their home culture.

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The role of the Carleton Chaplaincy is to help deepen the spiritual and ethical life of the campus. The Office of the Chaplain hosts weekly worship services and special religious holiday celebrations representing a variety of faiths. We also sponsor discussion, meditation, and prayer groups, social events, service projects, lectures, and interfaith dialogue.

The Chaplains are available for confidential pastoral counseling and support to individuals regarding concerns about spiritual growth, values, personal crisis, grief, or depression. We welcome the opportunity to be of support to individuals whose concerns may arise from issues of ethnicity, religious faith, sexual orientation, social class, gender, race, or family history.

Student Chaplain's Associates

Student Chaplain Associates serve as a liaison between students and the Chaplain in a variety of ways. Their work includes leading discussion groups, participating in services, supporting religious activities, and meeting with student religious groups.

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The Carleton College TRIO/Student Support Services (TRIO/SSS) program is federally funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The mission of the Carleton College TRIO/SSS program is to assist participants in overcoming social, cultural, financial, personal, academic, and any other challenges to fully participate in the life of the college and ultimately achieve the goal of graduation.

A crucial aspect of the program's mission is to increase awareness of socioeconomic class issues and challenges at Carleton with the purpose of impacting policies, the framing of Carleton values, activities, and decisions to help develop an environment where TRIO eligible students can thrive.

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**INTERCULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**AFRISA**

The objective of the Carleton African Student Association is to increase awareness about Africa and to broaden the African community at Carleton. Membership is open to the entire Carleton community.

**ANPO**

The goal of the American Native Peoples Organization is to provide support, community, and unification for Native American students. It serves to enrich the knowledge of members as well as the Carleton community through cultural activities.

**ASIA**

Asian American Students In America is an organization formed to meet the needs of the Asian and Asian American community at Carleton as well as other members of the Carleton Community with an interest in Asian culture and/or issues that Asian and Asian American students face. ASIA provides a forum for members to fulfill their cultural, social, educational, and political needs.

Other organizations serving Asian and Asian American students include:

- **BARKADA** Filipino Student Association
- **CHS** Coalition of Hmong Students
- **DESI** Dedicated to the Exploration of South-Asian Interests
- **KSA** Korean Students in America
- **Tim Viet** Vietnamese Student organization

**BSA**

The purposes of the Black Student Alliance are to provide a support base for students of African descent, sponsor Black cultural events, and promote awareness of issues in and about the Black community to enrich the lives of all at Carleton.

**Club Caribe’**

The purpose of Club Caribe' is to foster a comprehensive awareness of the Caribbean at Carleton College. Club Caribe' will accomplish this goal through panel discussions, collaborative discussions among different multicultural organizations, film/documentary showings, and through appropriate observance of Caribbean holidays and traditions. Club Caribe' was created out of a need on campus to diversify multicultural programming thus introducing an area of the world which contains populations of people who make up important components of African, Latino, and European histories and diasporas.
COWOC

The Coalition of Women of Color is an organization that creates an environment for women on the Carleton campus that is supportive, fun, and serves as a resource. As a group, COWOC acts upon the cultural, economic, and political issues that affect women of color in our society.

LASO

Latino American Students Organization is dedicated to providing a supportive and comfortable environment for Latina/o students at Carleton. The major goal of LASO is the education of Latina/o students and the Carleton community on the history, culture, and current issues/events of Latina/o communities. LASO events and membership are always open to the entire Carleton community.

Phase 2

Phase 2 was started as a club for the multiracial students on campus who desire a place where they can come to grips with all aspects of their identity or heritage. It is open to all students on campus with the hope that stronger bridges between all the different cultures on campus can be built.

Men of Color

MOC serves as a support network and resource to educate and empower male students of color at Carleton. MOC also encourages campus-wide meaningful and thoughtful discussions as well as actions on multicultural and gender issues pertaining to men of color in the Carleton community.

Middle Eastern Society and Politics

The aim of MESP is to immerse ourselves in Middle Eastern culture (including film, music, food and leisure) and politics. Every week over tea we will discuss current events and their implications. We will also be showing popular movies from the Middle East. Additionally, we will plan activities, including dinners into the Twin Cities.

Minority Students PreHealth Coalition

The Minority Students PreHealth Coalition serves as a support system for minority students interested in going to medical school, graduate schools in the sciences, or other pre-health professions. We invite all pre-health students, not only minorities students to participate in our activities.

Pangea

Pangea, the International Students Club, provides a support group for international students, helping them discover and adapt to life in the US. We increase awareness of international issues and foreign cultures on campus, facilitate communication, and build cultural bridges between international and American students.
List of Interest, Institutional and Language Houses

**ASIA House**
Educational and social programs aimed towards the understanding of Asian and Asian American cultures and issues are held throughout the year.

**Location**: Hunt Cottage  
**Manager**: Prakriti Thapa Magar

**Freedom House**
Freedom House provides a culturally safe space for students of African Diaspora and their allies at Carleton College, and contributes to the environment that facilitates their success. Freedom House residents provide a variety of educational, cultural and social programs related to their culture and issues, while simultaneously providing a cultural comfort zone.

**Location**: Williams House  
**Manager**: Jamaal Magee

**Canoe House**
CANOE House enhances appreciation and the exploration of the outdoors through adventure-type experiences. It hosts pre-trip dinners and post-trip group discussions, as well as offering workshops on bicycle maintenance, rock climbing, cooking in the outdoors and cross-country skiing.

**Location**: Seccombe House  
**Manager**: Kristin Sweeney

**La Casa del Sol**
La Casa del Sol is a house designed to serve both the Latino community at Carleton College, as well as the larger Carleton and local Northfield community, through education and programming. La Casa is an integral part of the Latino community at Carleton because it encourages academic success and community development.

**Location**: Jewette House  
**Manager**: Kristin Sweeney

**Culinary House**
The members of Culinary House strive to have a pleasant community living environment focused around the preparation and enjoyment of good food. Members explore various culinary genres and traditions. Culinary House is a resource for culinary learning and experience.

**Location**: Jewett House  
**Manager**: Khanh Nguyen
**Dacie Moses House**
Located on Union Street, this house is referred to as the Cookie House. Dacie's is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It serves as a place where students can hang out, play games or listen to music. Students and community members gather on Sunday mornings for a homemade brunch. The kitchen is always stocked with ingredients for chocolate chip cookie baking, and there is plenty of coffee, tea and hot chocolate on hand. If you need a place to rest and get away from your studies awhile, stop by Dacie's.

**Location**: Dacie Moses House  
**Residents**: Britta Swedenborg

**Sustainable Living House**
Farm and Parr Houses foster awareness and appreciation of sustainable agriculture and sustainable living. Members plant and tend an organic garden, offer educational programs focusing on sustainable living, and host communal dinners.

**Location**: Farm & Parr Houses  
**Manager**: Nathaniel Rosenblum

**F.I.S.H House**
F.I.S.H. House is a place in which to grow spiritually in our walk with God with the encouragement of the other members of the community. It is a community fortified with love, compassion and tolerance that a Christ-like attitude engenders--tolerance for both differences within the Christian faith and for beliefs outside of the Christian faith.

**Location**: Douglas House  
**Manager**: Stephanie Mayer

**Green House**
Green House brings together diverse individual and group environmental interests, serving as a central gathering place to address environmental issues.

**Location**: Geffert House  
**Manager**: Kerstin Johnson
**Jewish Interest House**

Reynolds House serves as the geographic center for Jewish life and culture on the Carleton campus. It provides a comfortable space for kosher meals, Jewish social and cultural activities, and community religious observance of the High Holy Days and Passover. Reynolds offers a welcoming place to gather on Friday nights for services and Shabbat dinner prepared by students, and also for weekly Torah study. Students can join in talks about American Jewish experiences and Israel, some of which are conducted in Hebrew as part of our modern Hebrew program’s extracurricular activities.

The main role of Reynolds House is as a center for Jewish life that is open and accessible to all members of the Carleton community, Jewish or otherwise. Jewish students who are interested in living in one of Reynolds’ three single rooms apply early in spring term for the following year.

**Location**: Reynolds House  
**Manager**: Katherine Reed

**Intercultural Center**

Stimson House serves as the programming center for the Office of Intercultural Life. Programs hosted at Stimson are open to all students, faculty and staff. On a day-to-day basis, Stimson House is a safe space for students to come together to relax, socialize, meet, and study. Our hope is that Stimson House will also be a place where students can have informal but meaningful interactions with students from diverse backgrounds.

**Location**: Stimson House  
**Manager**: Raymonda Reese

**Q & A House**

The goal of the house is to create a 24-hour safe space on campus; to help foster the growth of the LGBTA community on campus; and to provide an alternative living situation that is comfortable for members of the LGBTA community. Q&A House holds potluck dinners, organizes movie nights, and invites speakers. Residential Life works in conjunction with the Gender and Sexuality Center to offer a special interest learning community open to sophomores, juniors and seniors by application.

**Location**: Prentice House  
**Manager**: Lawrence Dykeman

**Science Fiction House**

The members of Science Fiction House imaginatively explore the possibilities of humanity. The house offers a variety of activities such as book discussions, craft projects and movie nights.

**Location**: Benton House  
**Manager**: Emma Turetsky
Wellstone House of Organization and Activism

Residents are a diverse community of students with experience in a variety of different areas of grassroots political or social movements who can foster organization and activism at Carleton. The members seek to become a resource center for campus organizing, and a catalyst for connections between campus, Northfield and Minnesota organizations.

**Location:** Chaney House
**Manager:** Rebecca Canary-King

Women's Awareness House

Women's Awareness (WA) House explores and celebrates the diversity of women and their special needs in the Carleton Community. Through educational and social programming and a communal living space, this house provides a place for all women in the community. WA house also interacts with the Women's Studies Department and the Gender & Sexuality Center on campus.

**Location:** Berg House
**Manager:** Madeline Schaefer
The interest houses were established as learning communities. It is believed that the institutional houses can enhance the quality of life for students and provide excellent venues from which to provide more and better diversity education for all students. These houses are about integrating the residential experience with academic achievement.

The Language House is intended to provide residents with a setting which encourages language acquisition and cultural understanding. Programs offer opportunities for all students to participate in cultural activities and practice foreign language skills.
**Shared Interest Living Communities** provide an opportunity for groups of students to live together for the purpose of exploring a common interest. The group defines goals and objectives, and members of the group agree to work toward achieving the stated goals. Groups can request housing within a traditional residence hall or one of the College’s small houses. If you are interested in living in one of the existing Shared Interest Living Communities or would like to create your own community, please stop by the Office of Residential Life.