Indiana University Kokomo to explore global issues

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KOKOMO, Ind. – In an effort to raise awareness and interest in global issues among students and faculty alike, Indiana University Kokomo will host an informative event from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 11, in Kelley Student Center room 130.

The event, co-sponsored by the Office of Campus Diversity and the Office of International Programs, is the brainchild of Student Body President Nida Zia.

“When I was in high school, I came to the campus when it was having this huge international festival,” said Zia. “There wasn’t enough time to plan for a festival like I had attended, but I felt if we took a step in that direction and focused on global issues, maybe the event can become bigger and better each successive year. Due to the current global issues, I felt this was a good time for students to gather, be informed and incorporate a bit of fun too.”

In addition to some students retelling international folk tales and presentations on global technology, nuclear weapons and immigration, attendees can get a taste for the international flair, literally. Zia noted there will be an assortment of refreshments representing various regions throughout the world.

Students will also be able to learn more about programs and classes available that allow them more insight into other nationalities.

“There are more international activities on campus than I think students are aware of,” said Donna McLean of the Office of International Programs. “We also offer overseas classes. In fact, there are quite a few international opportunities for our students.”

Though the event is scheduled for more than two hours, attendees are encouraged to stop by as their schedules allow, said Adrian Thomas, coordinator of campus diversity.

"There's also going to be a discussion format, allowing students time to give their input on current global issues," added Thomas.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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