The Partnerships for Diversity and Inclusion has launched its new Inclusive Community Grants program!

All Wellesley College administrative staff, union staff, students, and faculty are eligible to apply for grants. Programming/activities should promote a welcoming and inclusive campus climate and engage the diversity of our community. There are four broad themes to choose from: Community Immersion, Community Engagement, Leading Outward, and Expanding Outlooks.

Examples of projects and activities include diversity training, workshops, forums, films, community meetups, and networking activities across work units and departments.

Visit our website for additional details & to apply!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
International Women's Day - March 8th at 11:30am in Tishman Commons

Keynote Lecture by Kent Ono: “Asian/Asian Americans and the Media: Representations and Counter-representations” - March 11th at 5pm in Tishman Commons

Stand-up Comedian Kate Rigg: “Slanty-Eyed Mama” - April 4th at 7pm in Pendleton Atrium

Panel: TGNC (Transgender Nonconforming) Identity and Furthering Your Understanding of Your TGNC Students - April 16th at 12:30pm, Location TBD

See more events on our calendar on our website!

DID YOU KNOW?
Cielito Lindo is Wellesley’s only Latina dance organization and is dedicated to sharing the traditional dances of cultures from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain.

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Claire Tam ’15: “For our Albright Institute Wintersession Project, my group explored cultural infrastructure in contested spaces, or areas in which disagreement exists over who can engage with a cultural space and how. Our research highlighted the importance of engaging all stakeholders’ perspectives in the negotiation process. We also emphasized the necessity of creating not simply physical but also discursive spaces. This project helped us recognize that spaces are most effective when they are developed to reflect the fact that culture is complex, evolving, multi-faceted, and serves a multitude of needs for diverse populations. We concluded that spaces, therefore, must be open and accessible so that they can meet multiple and changing community experiences.”

From Tricia Diggins, Senior Gardens Horticulturist: In the fall of 2012, students in Julie Matthaei’s Political Economy class formed the Wellesley Workers Alliance to support the service employee union on campus (IMSEUA) during contract negotiations with the College. The students (Evelyn Haro, Tiana Ramos, Jessica Camacho, and Jessica Gonzales, all ’13), started a petition and organized a sit in of the President’s office to raise awareness of the economic impact of negotiations on workers, especially food service workers. In 2013, the Wellesley Community Alliance was formed by union members, faculty and students to continue the work started by the Wellesley Worker Alliance.

Professor Soo Hong of the education department explores the relationship between schools and families, particularly in low-income communities of color. Each fall, she teaches a seminar (Urban Education) that brings students into Boston schools and community organizations. These experiences in the field allow students to connect with teachers and youth in meaningful ways, often challenging personal assumptions and leading to renewed understanding. These efforts can inspire action— one group of students created a volunteer organization (Stronger Communities Stronger Schools) that develops in- and out-of school youth programming. This form of action-oriented critical multicultural understanding drives Soo’s research as well as her teaching.

Your Community in Action!
See how our students, staff, and faculty are making a difference and building community! If you’d like to be featured in a future issue, contact the Partnerships at partnerships@wellesley.edu.