

# United Across Campus

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*Western New Yorkers Embracing the World*

# Overview



- ✦ Introductions
- ✦ Overview of the International Institute of Buffalo's Programs
- ✦ Statistics about the foreign born students in local universities
- ✦ Benefits to the native population when working with the foreign born students
- ✦ Barriers and challenges of having foreign born students on campus
- ✦ Adjustment stages
- ✦ How to view cultures
- ✦ What is cultural competency
- ✦ Resources



# Introductions



- ✦ Your name
- ✦ What school you are from?
- ✦ What percentage of your school is comprised of foreign born students?
- ✦ What do you hope to learn today?

# International Institute of Buffalo Programs



- ✦ Refugee Resettlement
- ✦ Ethnic Community Empowerment
- ✦ Employment Services
- ✦ Welcoming Buffalo
- ✦ Volunteer Opportunities
- ✦ (Hello Programs & Friends & Mentors)
- ✦ Interpretation and Translation
- ✦ Survivor Support Services
  - ✦ Human Trafficking
  - ✦ Domestic Violence
- ✦ International Exchange Programs
  - ✦ International Visitor Leadership Program
  - ✦ Open World Leadership Program
- ✦ Global Education Programs
  - ✦ Model United Nations
  - ✦ Academic and Community WorldQuest
  - ✦ GlobalKids
  - ✦ Cultural Competency
  - ✦ Health Education
  - ✦ Great Decisions Series
  - ✦ BABEL Cultural Nights

# International Students in the U.S.



- ✦ 974,926 international undergraduate and graduate students attended U.S. colleges and universities in 2014-2015
- ✦ About 4 % of all college students in the United States are international students
- ✦ One in four people of the youth age 16-26 in the United States are immigrants.
- ✦ One-quarter (24%) of students in Community colleges come from an immigrant background
- ✦ Students from China, Korea and India make up 50% of the Foreign Student base in the US. Students from China account for 31% of this number
- ✦ Students from Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are growing in numbers as their governments invest in scholarship programs to provide to students who study abroad

# International Students in NY State



Between 2008 – 2012:

- ✦ 13,660 college students from around the world studied in the Buffalo Niagara metropolitan area.
- ✦ The region ranked as one of the most popular destinations in the country for international students.
- ✦ Western New York had more students with F-1 visas than all but 13 other metropolitan areas.
- ✦ International students paid \$225 million in tuition and \$92 million in living costs

# Benefits of Working with Foreign Born Students

- ✦ Economic & financial impact (tuition)
- ✦ An opportunity to attract new skills
- ✦ Learn about global issues
- ✦ Get an insight into other cultures
- ✦ Share your culture with others
- ✦ Learn skills to help you with conflict resolution in cross cultural situations
- ✦ Enhance your foreign language skills



# Barriers and Challenges faced on Campus as a result of



- ✦ Language
- ✦ Culture
- ✦ Adjustment
- ✦ Other





# Diversity on Campus



# Barriers and Challenges faced by International Students as a result of:



- ✦ Language
- ✦ Culture
- ✦ Adjustment
- ✦ Racism

Statements from students

In their own words.....



# Adjustment Stages:

*Adjustment Stages:*

*Stage One: Excitement or “Honeymoon period”*

*Stage Two: Withdrawal*

**Stage Three: Adjustment**

**Stage Four: Enthusiasm**



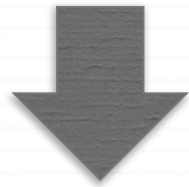
# Culture:

## The Seen and the Unseen

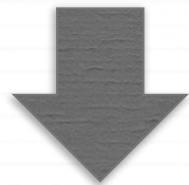


# Steps to Achieving Cultural Competency

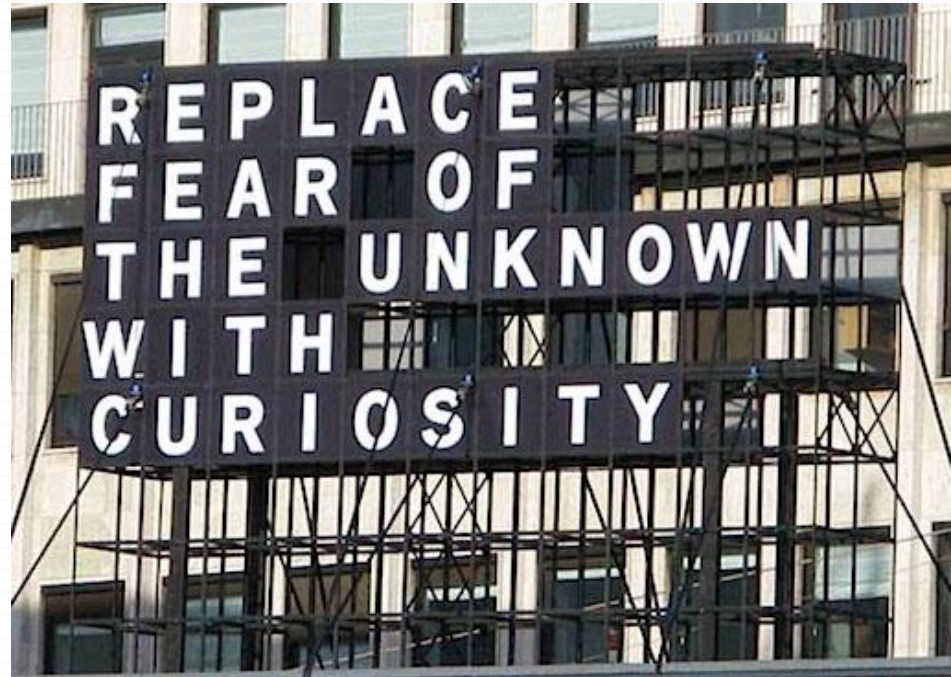
Step 1: Cultural knowledge  
and Awareness



Step 2: Cultural sensitivity



Step 3: Cultural Competency



# HOW OUR UNIQUE PROGRAMS CAN HELP YOUR CAMPUS AND STUDENTS



- ❖ Cultural Orientation Program modeled on our successful refugee resettlement program
- ❖ Cultural Competency Training (for teachers, employees and students)
- ❖ Needs Assessment
- ❖ Case Consultation
- ❖ Internships & Volunteering Opportunities
- ❖ Friends and Mentors Program
- ❖ HELLO Program
- ❖ School Visit by International Delegates
- ❖ Partner with IIB's Model UN Conference
- ❖ Partner with IIB's Health Fairs



# Students in Action



# Q & As





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