



You can international
Dance if you
want to

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Donovan Eilert of CCC's Comedy Improv class performs his "Bill Cosby Dance" as part of a game of charades. His goal was to illustrate the word "sweater."

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For the past 25 years, Clackamas Community College has put on an annual event to honor diverse cultures during what is called International Week. This year it can be expected that International Week will be bigger and better than ever.

This is due in part to the \$1,500 grant that Irm Bjerre received to run the event. "It helped me a lot," Bjerre said of the grant. "It helped me pay for the musical groups."

The grant will be used to help the event offer more for students as far as entertainment, such as bands and speakers.

Bjerre said she is excited for this year's event because it will offer a chance for community involvement as well as the involvement of students. "One thing that I really like to do with International Week is not only to have this program available for students but to open the event to the community," Bjerre said.

The program for this year involves a bilingual poetry reading as well as an art exhibit where local artists can show their work. Students can also expect to see a fellow student play violin as well as see professional flamenco dancers.

Student Eboni Frederick-Pettway said she was looking forward to hearing the bilingual poetry reading because "as a Spanish student it is sometimes hard to get the literal translation out of your head and feel the mood."

Each day of the week from May 2 until May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a different country will be represented and celebrated through food, music, skits and other forms of entertainment.

Molly Williams, department chair of English as a Second Language, has been involved in International Week since its beginning. She will be the emcee on Monday and will be in charge of entertainment for the day. She also arranged for her student's band to play on Thursday.

Williams said that students can expect something different every year from International Week. "Every year is different because we have such a wide variety of entertainment," said Williams. She said in the past events have included a number of things such as karaoke, origami and plays.

One big draw to the event is that it provides an opportunity for students to experience ethnic foods. This year food will be provided by Clackamas Associated Student Government throughout the week until May 5. On May 5 a restaurant called Cinco De Mayo will be serving tacos for students.

The event provides students with the opportunity to learn about other countries without leaving campus. To do so, they will have a lot to look forward to the International Week.

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