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## Diversity Circles Update



Thank you for taking a moment to read our monthly newsletter. If you have any questions or comments about Diversity Circles' programming or the newsletter please feel free to contact Elizabeth Hanson-Delgado at (262)595-3340 or [Elizabeth.Hanson@uwp.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Hanson@uwp.edu).

Thank you and Enjoy!

## *Diversity Circles Facilitator Training*



**When:** Thursday, April 23, 2009: 5-9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 2008: 5-9:00 p.m.

And

Saturday, April 25, 2008: 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** UW-Parkside, 900 Wood Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53141-2000

Tallent Hall, Orchard Room

**Fee:** \$75.00

Checks payable to: UW-Parkside Community Dialogues

**If interested, please request application form from:**

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By Friday, April 17, 2009

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# Annual Diversity Circles In Action Conference Comes to UW-Parkside

March 19th marked the date of the seventh annual Diversity Circles in Action Conference for high school students held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. About 270 students participated from six different Racine area schools.(listed below)

Burlington High School  
Case High School  
Horlick High School  
Park High School  
Union Grove Union High School  
Waterford Union High School

The conference consisted of three breakout sessions:



## [Magdalen Hsu-Li : Smashing The Ceiling](#)

### *Concert and Lecture with Q&A*

In this one hour interactive musical lecture, Magdalen explored the search for cultural identity" through her personal story. Her music and storytelling assisted audience members in finding ways to explore and re-define their own identities.



[The Trevor Project](#) was founded by writer James Lecesne, director/producer Peggy Rajski and producer Randy Stone, creators of the 1994 Academy Award®-winning short film, Trevor, a comedy/drama about a gay 13-year-old boy who, when rejected by friends because of his sexuality, makes an attempt to take his life. This presentation was followed by a discussion and dialogue lead by staff from the [UW-Parkside Student Health and Counseling Center](#), [Rainbow Alliance](#), and the [LGBTQ Resource Center](#).



## [Bittersweet Winds. Honor and Prejudice:](#)

### *Perspectives of the Native Americans World*

This exhibit contained many images that reflect the propaganda that permeated this country in order to maintain various negative attitudes towards Native Americans. However, the exhibit was balanced with accurate portrayals both historical and present day. This exhibit was directly preceded by a large group activity and discussion led by Rita Altmeyer of [UW-Parkside's Sacred Circle](#).

## Conference Thoughts and Feedback

Below, we have compiled some feedback from conference attendees.

Going to the Diversity Conference was a great experience for me. Being from Union Grove, there's not that much diversity in our school so I couldn't wait to see what I was going to learn. I liked the concert and how she told us her story. I also liked the movie. To be honest, I seemed to have more interest in the people I talked to from different schools and what they experienced. For future years, maybe talk to the groups more about what they go through every

day and talk to us more. Because it's interesting to hear from the kids too.  
The food was awesome. -Rachel Loomis

The Diversity Conference was a real eye opener. It also tested my patience in a way, because I didn't agree with what some people were saying and their opinions. I really like the Trevor Project Presentation. I'll admit my eyes got watery during that presentation and I had to leave for a minute. The student video was awesome. It made me even more embarrassed of my school, but I like the fact that my schoolmates saw things they hadn't noticed before. Can't wait till next year's conference. -Julie Esquival

The thing I like about the Diversity Conference is that I learned more than I expected. I learned about the warning signs of suicide and how to help. I also learned about Native Americans and how people are very stereotypical of different ethnicities. The food was also very good. -Katelyn Lappi

I really liked the movie at the end. I think it showed just how much diversity in different schools there actually is. The conference definitely made me rethink how I viewed others, but I think the movie should have had a question in it about, "What do you think of Union Grove" just to see how we are viewed by other schools. -Heather Ladwig.

I really liked how people got to interact with others who they normally wouldn't. It feel that it really changed my attitude and views as well as the attitudes and views of others. -Cimmeon Lacy