

Middlesex Community College - Diversity Coordinating Council Annual Theme Inquiry Form

The Diversity Coordinating Council (DCC) is composed of MCC faculty, staff, administrators, and students whose purpose is to foster an environment that recognizes and values differences. The DCC is inviting the entire college community to explore the following question -

What are you?

Each of us individually contributes to our Middlesex community. The strength of our College's success is rooted in the richness of our unique identities. If you were asked the question, "What are you?" How would you respond? How do you think others would interpret and respond to your answer? This year, we are asking you to consider the question, "What are you?" to begin the exploration process of what makes our community strong and how each of us can work toward a more inclusive environment in which we develop a better understanding of our humanity.

We are collecting ideas about how the College community may approach this question.

- Do you already address this in your class/program?
- How might your department explore this?
- How will you add this to your class/program?

Here are some examples of possible end products:

- Create a multimedia compilation of products that links to MCC division web pages.
- Create a book of the narratives and images collected.
- Create an exhibit of art and stories based on the theme.
- Create performances based on the stories that are written,
- Student clubs and organizations may create a response for their members.
- Create a puzzle or game where portraits of MCC people and story lines are not matched, then reveal the matches in the Campus Report.
- Entire divisions or departments may create a response for their areas, share it with one another and/or exhibit it.
- Student Lounges - have a Polaroid camera and create an exhibit where students take their picture and write their response to the question "What are you?" on the bottom.

Please describe your strategies on the other side of this paper, including possible end products that will be generated and could be shared with college community.

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