

## **EMCC International and Intercultural Education** 2010-2011 Key Outcomes

Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC) is an innovative higher learning organization responding to the diverse needs of West Valley communities. Learners have an opportunity to successfully accomplish their educational and personal goals through various college purposes, such as ***Global Engagement***.

*Global Engagement engages “learners in the discovery, contribution and creation of local solutions in response to global issues.”*

To meet EMCC purposes, during the 2010/11 academic year International and Intercultural Education (IIE) supported numerous learning experiences for its students and the community. Examples of activities and their respective learning outcomes include:

### **Study Abroad Scholarship**

EMCC awarded one scholarship to one Estrella Mountain student participating in the Gateway Study Abroad course, ***Prague: City of One Hundred Spires – Summer II*** (June 30 – Aug 4, 2011). The scholarship covered tuition for 3 credits (\$213).

### **Campus Events**

#### ➤ *World AIDS Day*

This event was designed to address issues and misconceptions regarding HIV/AIDS. The programming provided the educational components needed to promote a healthy sexual lifestyle for all attendees. Furthermore, the speaker emphasized that HIV/AIDS has no racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, or sexual orientation biases.

#### ➤ *EMCC Hispanic Heritage Month; VAYA: Latinos in Athletics.*

Hispanic Heritage Month is the stage for issues, interesting topics, and interactive activities related to Latino culture. In an effort to measure participant learning, attendees were given a survey asking them to discuss their level of learning, level of interest, changes in their perspective regarding the topic, and if there were areas they did not agree with or were still unclear.

#### ➤ *Black History Month Movie Series.*

The movie series was designed to help students become aware of issues related to African Americans from various socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds; to understand better the context in which African Americans live; and to gain an appreciation for the rich history and contributions African Americans make to society.

#### ➤ *Native American Heritage Month Activities.*

These events highlighted Native American cultural awareness for students, faculty, staff, and visitors through the presentation of art, dance, music, food, movies, and discussion.

## **Community Events**

### ➤ *Annual Community Wide Black History Celebration*

Each year EMCC and the surrounding communities come together in February to celebrate the contributions of African Americans and how they have impacted the United States and the world. This sharing experience increases communication and awareness from an international and intercultural perspective.