

Student Activities Holiday Around-the-World Fair

On Wednesday, December 3, Student Activities hosted a Holiday Around-the-World Fair on the East Campus. Performances were held in the PepsiCo Theater and participants enjoyed games in the Atrium.

Several clubs had booths offering holiday cheer and food, including the African Culture Club, Peace Club, Euro Club, Architecture Club, and the Language Arts and Cultural Exchange Society (LACES).

A giant dreidel, a traditional game of chance and one of the most well-known symbols of Hanukkah, was on display to herald the start of the Jewish holiday on December 16.



Representatives from the Peace Club with Dr. Robert Baer (at right), Administrator of Student Activities and Veteran Services.



Students visited the tables of various club.



A giant student-made dreidel was on display.

Veterinary Technology Program Holds Clinical Workshops



Student Taylor Forman (left) with Heckscher Farm Manager Victoria Marr (right), haltering donkeys "Spanky" and "Giuseppe."



Student Erica Griffin (right) examines "Hugo," assisted by Annie Madden, PAWS kennel manager (left).

NCC's Veterinary Technology Program launched its clinical training with student workshops held at two local community partners: Heckscher Farm in Stamford/Stamford Museum and Nature Center (horses, cattle, goats and llamas), and PAWS of Norwalk (dogs and cats).

During the workshops, basic hands-on skills, required by NCC's Veterinary Technology Program, were introduced to the student practitioners from the Introduction to Animal Care class. There are over 300 specific psychomotor skills that the Veterinary Technology students will master over the course of their training.

There are tremendous opportunities for collaboration and outreach within the community as the NCC Vet Tech program builds clinical relationships with shelters, farms, zoos and veterinary clinics. The NCC clinical

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students and faculty are very grateful to the staff and animals at Heckscher Farm and PAWS for helping them kick off their clinical training.

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Anne C. Hermans, DVM, (shown at left) at Heckscher Farm with students from the Introduction to Animal Care class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Varieties of Meditation

Tuesday, December 9, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
West Campus, Physical Activities Studio, H004

Are you looking for inner peace? Would you like to improve your concentration? Join Assistant Director of Wellness Ty Griese, Ed.M., HFS, in learning the practice of meditation to calm the mind and soothe the spirit.

Topics will include preparation for meditation, how to handle distractions, returning from meditation, as well as instruction/experience in several different kinds of meditation – seated, standing and walking.

This workshop is sponsored by the Pitney Bowes Foundation Wellness Center and the Exercise Science and Wellness Clubs. Admission is free.



Webinar: Understanding the Autism Spectrum – Helping College Students Transition and Succeed

Wednesday, December 10, 1 to 2 p.m.
West Campus, Room W221

The Center for Teaching and Learning, in collaboration with Student Affairs, is sponsoring a one-hour webinar that will interest both faculty and staff. Many of us have dealt with students who self-identify on the Autism spectrum, and we are often at a loss as to how to help them succeed in the college environment.

During this webinar, you'll learn how to identify some of the characteristics of those who are on the autism spectrum and get tips on ways to support students, to encourage self-advocacy and appropriate communication, and strategies to address some of the common characteristics such as sensory sensitivities and self-management.

Because this is a "live" webinar, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions of the facilitator, Dr. Peggy Mitchell, a mental health consultant and former psychology professor. Interim Dean of Students Carol Harker will facilitate the questions and discussion. Refreshments will be available.

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