

REPORT ON DIVERSITY GRANT AWARD – TRES VIDAS

The Tres Vidas event was a musical/theatrical performance by the group Core Ensemble. The performers used monologues, music, poetry and text to portray the lives of Frida Kahlo, Alfonsina Storni and Rufina Amaya. The event was part of the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and took place at Williams Auditorium on September 30, at 7:00 pm. The performers also used a variety of musical instruments, lights and sound effects to creatively convey their message to the audience about these three important women in Latin American culture.

a. Self evaluation

-Like the other events of the Hispanic Heritage Month, Tres Vidas was co-sponsored by the OMSS, and the Student Government Finance Division with funds requested by HSO.

The event went well, the public response was very positive, and the quality of the performances was impressive. The topic was educational, pertinent to the celebrations of the Hispanic Heritage Month.

-The HSO and OMSS were closely involved in the organization of the event and in providing assistance to the performers before and after the event.

-A few weeks before the event, a small dinner with presentation was organized in order to educate Ferris professional women on the three characters that would be portrayed. This dinner was supported by the Ferris branch of AAUW and the Academic Affairs office.

- In addition to the regular mention in the HHM posters and flyer, the Tres Vidas event was also advertised with individual posters and flyers posted in the community. An article about the event was published in the Pioneer on September 23rd, 2009.

- Information about the event was sent to all FSUS 100 instructors and we did a presentation in one of the classes. Several instructors awarded credits to students for attendance.

-Considering the focus and topic of the presentation we feel that the event served the purpose of educating the community and creating awareness to issues and significant characters of the Latin American history and culture. We would like to have had a larger attendance with more student representation.

-Post event discussion – including Hispanic issues and the Tres Vidas presentation - took place the following day, Thursday, October 1st at 11am in the Rankin Center Founder's Room.

b. On the day of the event, evaluations were available but only 2 were filled out. Attendance and performance numbers are below.

Attendance 200+

Assessments 2

Notable Comments:

-It was excellent!

-Wonderful presentation

Assessment for Post-performance Discussion

O Attendance 35

O Assessments 7

O Notable Comments:

-Loved It!

-There are two sides to immigration. We only heard one. You guys are awesome, however I think people should come here the proper way and become citizens, thanks.

c. The \$ 4,000.00 requested was used to pay for the Tres Vidas Core Ensemble's fee. The other expenses were paid with the Student Government funds.