



—a Ferris State international education newsletter

The 32nd Annual “Virtual” International Festival of Cultures:

Greetings from the Office of International Education. Last December, we unveiled our Ubuntu Mural outside of the Office of International Education. Little did we know that at the same time, the Covid-19 Coronavirus had started spreading in China on its way to becoming a global pandemic. The global pandemic has helped us see the power of Ubuntu in action through the selfless service of the many who have been working on the front lines of this global crisis to provide critical healthcare services and keep other essential services and businesses up and running. Many others are working behind the scenes, including researchers collaborating across the world racing to find a cure to save lives. Yet many more are doing their part to protect the vulnerable among us by staying home, even to the detriment of their livelihoods.

This year, the Office of International Education is hosting and dedicating the 32nd annual International Festival of Cultures to honor the sacrifices of medical professionals, essential workers, their families, and everyone else around the world doing their part to help us overcome this pandemic. In keeping with the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order here in Michigan, the festival will be a virtual event on April 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Twitch platform at: <https://www.twitch.tv/fsuinternational>.

You do not need to create a Twitch account to view the festival. But you can set up a free account to join the chat with our festival hosts. It is super easy to use.

The OIE is partnering with the Department of Humanities (thank you Dr. Scott Cohen), Tuba Bach, and Art Works to host this virtual event. We have invited musicians, singers, dancers, comedians and chefs to share their talent on April 18th virtually. We would like to invite you, your friends, families, our current students, alumni and community members to join us. You will be able to travel the world in 180 minutes by listening to the sweet sound of Rabab as you virtually traverse Lahore’s skyline, learning how to prepare a delicious Vietnamese dish, watching cute twins delight you in the confines of their Palestinian home, and more.

Join us on Saturday, April 18th from your own homes to celebrate the rich tapestry that surrounds us during these challenging times. Let’s celebrate the Ubuntu in us!

Dr. Piram Prakasam
Executive Director, Office of International Education



Upcoming Events:

Virtual
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Join us online for the 32nd annual International Festival of Cultures
Saturday, April 18th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The event will be hosted on the Twitch platform:
<https://www.twitch.tv/fsuinternational>

Join us for international entertainment, recipes, and discussions about how people around the world are helping each other during the global COVID-19 outbreak.

We are all in this together, so let's take some time to celebrate our togetherness in a fun virtual environment!

The poster features a stylized world map with continents in various colors (orange, red, purple, teal) against a light orange background.



Moment In Time:



A fond memory from our 28th International Festival of Cultures celebrated four years ago in 2016.



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