

FSUnity Day Binds the Community

Florida State University held the third annual FSUnity Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oglesby Union Green on March 22.

FSUnity day was the second part of a two day event. On Tues. night, March 21, they held a panel discussion about diversity in the real world. At the discussion, professionals and students talked about the challenges and successes of being a minority in today's society.

FSUnity Day was set up like a festival with a wide array of booths set up at the Oglesby Union Green. At the event there was food, music, performers, diversity speakers and a unity step show.

This event was put together by FSU United and co-sponsored by the FSU Office of Multicultural Affairs. Some of the participants included various clubs, organizations and honor societies. People were also advertising everything from hair salons to local shops, banks, companies, restaurants, etc.

One of main intents of this event was to unite different minorities and all kinds of people who attend the same university. "The purpose of this event was to take a step towards uniting FSU as a diverse community," said FSUnity Day Chief Coordinator and Panhellenic Treasurer Alexandra Sandarian. "The motto of FSU United is 'one campus, one community' and this is really what we are trying to establish with events like FSUnity Day."

There was even a booth set up promoting the Brazilian martial art of capoeira. “One of the best things for females about joining capoeira is that girls are just as encouraged as guys to try,” said capoeira member Rikki Somers. “It’s a very unique way to work out and at the same time it’s a really positive, supporting atmosphere.”

“FSUnity Day is a great way to meet people and get involved in your community,” said Oscar Arias Sanchez Hispanic Honor Society member Lauren Rego. “One of the intentions of our honor society is to promote more unity among the Hispanics at FSU.”

The Oscar Arias Sanchez Hispanic Honor Society was one of the honor societies at this event trying to gain recognition and recruiting new members. Particularly this honor society wanted to promote an event they are holding this upcoming Tuesday which consists of a panel discussion about disunity among Latinos. “At our discussion we will address some of the issues that are dividing Hispanics as a people,” explained Oscar Arias Sanchez Hispanic Honor Society Vice-President Ricardo Rivera. “Since there are so many kinds of Hispanics with different religions and cultures, this tears us as a race apart.”

According to Sandarian, more than 700 participants joined this event which exceeded the 600 participants at last year’s FSUnity Day. “I consider this event to have been a success because it accomplished bringing students from different walks of life together,” said Sandarian. “Based on the success of this year’s event, we will definitely be holding another FSUnity Day next spring.”

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