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Global Youth Summit provides international opportunities

MADISON — Students from 30 Wisconsin public school districts will probe what it means to be a global citizen and learn more about other countries and cultures during the Fifth Annual Global Youth Summit on Saturday at Union South on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

About 170 students from across the state will check in at Varsity Hall to begin the day. Following 9 a.m. welcome remarks from Regenold Royston, professor at the iSchool and Department of African Cultural Studies at UW-Madison, students will be part of an interactive demonstration of Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that combines dance, acrobatics, and music. UW-Madison students who are part of the Wisconsin International Scholars Program will facilitate discussions on “What makes someone a global citizen?” Students will be asked to reflect on their global interests and experiences, which may range from language study, to travel, to intercultural interactions. The discussions and group presentations will take place from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

At 11 a.m. International Reach students will conduct informal conversations, talking about their countries and cultures as well as observations they have made about the United States. High school students will be encouraged to ask questions with the goal of learning more about their own country through the eyes of others.

During lunch with International Reach students, the UW-Madison’s Okinawan Taiko Club will perform between 12:15 and 12:40 p.m. Anaguma Eisa is a student organization that offers a cultural fusion of dance, drumming, martial arts, and both traditional and contemporary Okinawan music. At 1 p.m., mini foreign language lessons, facilitated by UW-Madison’s Language Institute will begin. Each group of high school students will learn a different language and present a language lesson to the entire group. The closing session from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. includes a panel discussion by UW students who have either worked or interned abroad.

Participating high school students come from the following school districts, Amery, Appleton Area, Arrowhead UHS, Bonduel, Cedarburg, Cuba City, De Forest Area, Gibraltar Area, Grantsburg, Howard-Suamico, Janesville, Johnson Creek, Kettle Moraine, Lake Mills Area, Madison Metropolitan, Oconomowoc Area, Oregon, Pewaukee, Plymouth Joint, Pulaski Community, Shorewood, Slinger, South Milwaukee, Southern Door County, Tomah Area, Two Rivers Public, Watertown Unified, Wausau, Wausaukee, and Wauwatosa.

Teachers, many of whom accompany students from their schools, will have a separate session facilitated by Laura Koebel, Lou Kindschi, Jane Thompson, Kate Mitchell, Sandra Kowalczyk, and Henry Wend. They will discuss Wisconsin’s Global Education Achievement Certificate, including how to coordinate the program at the school level, what benefits students derive from going through the program, and how the program is recognized among employers or admissions officers at the collegiate level.

The Global Youth Summit is co-sponsored by UW-Madison International Scholars (WISc) Program, ISS International Reach, Language Institute; and the Institute for Regional and International Studies.

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WHAT: Global Youth Summit

WHEN: Program: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017

WHERE: University of Wisconsin-Madison — Union South, Varsity Hall