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Students to gather in Madison for Global Youth Summit

MADISON — More than 170 students from 38 Wisconsin high schools will gather at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Union South Saturday to spend a day learning from college students and each other.

This is the third year the Global Youth Summit has been held to inspire students and give them a voice in their education. The day begins with a welcome message on “What is Culture?” At 9:45 a.m., activities will lead high school students to reflect on their own global interests and experiences and to be part of small group presentations on “What makes someone a global citizen.” At 11 a.m., International Reach students, who recently graduated from high schools in their own countries, will talk about their countries and cultures. At 1 p.m., there will be mini lessons on learning language, facilitated by the UW-Madison Language Institute, followed by each group’s demonstration of their language lesson.

The century old South African Gumboot Dancing demonstration will include a chance for participation at 9:15 a.m. During the noon luncheon, Anaguma Eisa, UW-Madison’s Okinawan Taiko Drumming Club, will perform. The group fuses Taiko Drumming with elements of martial arts, dance, and both traditional and contemporary music.

Teachers, who accompany students from their schools, will have a separate session facilitated by Ken Simon of World Savvy. They will clarify criteria for the Wisconsin Global Education Achievement Certificate, exchange ideas and promising practices, and develop systems and practices that will demonstrate students’ deep thinking, commitment to problem solving, and communications skills related to becoming Global Scholars.

The day’s final session for students and their teachers at 2:30 p.m. will include a presentation on Bayfield High School’s Superior-Bakal Project. This will be followed by small- and full-group discussions on what students and teachers can do to bring more global experiences and global engagement into their schools.

Participating students come from the following high schools: Abbotsford, Bay Port in the Howard-Suamico School District, Bayfield, Brookfield Academy, Cashton, Cuba City, DeForest, Elkhart-Lake Glenbeulah, iForward Charter in the Grantsburg School District, Rock University in the Janesville School District, Johnson Creek, Kettle Moraine Global, La Crosse Central, Lincoln in the Wisconsin Rapids School District, Logan in the La Crosse School District, Madison East, Madison La Follette, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Marshfield, Menomonie, Merrill, Mishicot, Muskego, Nathan Hale in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, Oregon, Plymouth, Pulaski, Rosendale-Cirrus, Shorewood, Southern Door in Brussels, Saint Francis, Sun Prairie, Tomah, Watertown, Wausaukee, Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam, and Whitewater.

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WHO: Students and Teachers from 35 Wisconsin High Schools

WHAT: Global Youth Summit

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, February 28, 2015

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