A Lifelong Process

We know that taking steps to become a well-rounded educator is a lifelong process. Therefore, the COE Diversity Committee has been busy compiling resources for our second volume of Our Lens.

In honor of Deaf Awareness Week (September 23-30th) we hope you check out this amazing video done by Steve Hartman, a UNO Student, who made this video to promote UNO and Deaf Education/Awareness. 
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0V_M2cxRamk

Please email ideas for future topics or upcoming events to Hanna Wanzenried-Solberg, TED GA, at hwanzenried@unomaha.edu or by dropping off submissions to Roskens Hall 308B. Our Lens is a COE Diversity Committee sponsored project. The next issue will be published in November 2012.
Professional Development & Educational Opportunities

UNO SOLP Fall Leadership Conference, DIVERSITY RECONSIDERED...
Registration Deadline: September 12th by 5:00pm. Please register using this link: https://webapps.unomaha.edu/is/solp/registration/index.php?event=3
The event will be held at Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on Saturday, September 15th. Registration fee: $10.00, refundable on Mav Card after attending (this includes a T-shirt, breakfast, lunch and materials). Questions? Please contact Barb Treadway- Janousek, Director, Student Organizations/Leadership Programs at (402)554-2711.

Omaha Diversity Week – September 12-17th
http://www.omahachamber.org/

COE IDEAS Room Event:
For National Hispanic Heritage Month our own IDEAS Room is showing, When We Stop Counting on Thursday, September 13th from 1:00-3:00 pm in Roskens Hall room 412.

COE Volunteer/Community Connection Fair:
Please stop by the COE atrium to connect with local nonprofits and community agencies that work directly with youth and in the education field. Date: Wednesday, September 19th from 9:00 – 12:00.

UNO Fall Study Abroad Fair: This event will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the MBSC Plaza (inclement weather location, MBSC Dodge room).

Deaf Awareness Week is September 23-30th. Please visit: http://coe.unomaha.edu/sped/index.php

National Mix It Up At Lunch Day – October 30th
http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up/map

Oman Cultural Immersion Program - February 13-27, 2013
The National Council is currently accepting applications to participate in this study visit. MALONE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION: http://ncusar.org/programs/NCUSAR_Malone_Fellowship_Application.pdf

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
~William Butler Yeats
The following list is by no means complete. It is our hope that you use these as suggestions for places to visit and events to participate in and then branch out on your own to find other local programs.

**Mexican Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month:** Celebrations will take place on September 15th and 16th at the Plaza de la Raza (24th & M Streets, Omaha, NE 68107) from noon-midnight. Admission is free. Please call (402) 706-7818 for more details.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Seminar:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm at Creighton University, Mike & Josie Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom, 602 North 20th Street, Omaha.

**Nebraska Families Collaborative Community Advisory Board Meeting:** This is a chance for school administrators, teachers, parents, human service professionals and community members to share their concerns, suggestions and hear about the updates for child welfare and juvenile justice. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Latino Center of the Midlands.


**Save Our Children "2nd Annual Youth Summit 2012":** Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at Fontenelle Park.

**Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands Annual Buddy Walk:** Saturday, October 13, 2012. The event starts at 10:00 am. DSAM has partnered with the Special Education and Speech and Language Departments to bring you this year’s Buddy Walk on the UNO Campus. The Buddy Walk is a 1 mile walk. Please register at: [http://www.ndss.org/Buddy-Walk/Walk-Details/?walk_id=7375](http://www.ndss.org/Buddy-Walk/Walk-Details/?walk_id=7375)

**Empowerment Network Community Meeting:** Saturday, Oct 13, 2012 at North High School from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm.

**Project Interfaith: Digital Faith, Digital Family: The Impact of Technology on the Spiritual Lives of Families** (Part of the Parenting Series). Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at First Central Congregational Church (421 South 36th Street).

**El Mueso Latino:** This local gem currently has 5 exhibits open to the public. We encourage you to them check them out. [http://www.elmuseolatino.org/exhibits.html](http://www.elmuseolatino.org/exhibits.html)
Curriculum, Books & Other Resources

- Diversity eBook Collection at the UNO Library: [http://libguides.unomaha.edu/content.php?pid=10601&sid=2929491](http://libguides.unomaha.edu/content.php?pid=10601&sid=2929491)
- Teaching Tolerance Resource: Speak Up at School [http://www.tolerance.org/speak-up-at-school](http://www.tolerance.org/speak-up-at-school)
- Teaching Tolerance Resource: Responding to Hate and Bias at School [http://www.tolerance.org/hate-and-bias](http://www.tolerance.org/hate-and-bias)

Reflection: Food for Thought

How can you employ what you read in this newsletter to your teaching practice or role as a learner?

What will Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) look like for you over the coming months?

What events will you attend? Remember, if you’re trying something new or going to a different part of Omaha that you are unfamiliar with, it is OK to bring a friend or colleague along to experience the event together. The more the merrier!