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### ***TASTE OF TRADITIONS A 'GLOBAL' CELEBRATION***

(Lamar, Colorado; April 12, 2010) The Lamar Community College Taste of Traditions on Thursday, April 1 was a great success filled with laughter, dancing and learning, not to mention recipes from around the world. Sponsored by LCC's International Programs and Multicultural Club, it involved staff, students, and community members in the activities.

The evening gave attendees the opportunity to 'taste' cultures from around the world. People sampled dishes from the Ukraine, India and Australia, prepared by Sodexo Food Services. Cuisine 'explorers' tasted blinchiki (Russian crepes) to palak paneer (Indian spinach with curry sauce). Additional colorful displays provided information about various parts of the globe and surrounded the seating. Some of the evening's favorites were "Hairstyles from Around the World" by LCC Cosmetology students, Japanese and other international musical instruments provided by Lamar's music teachers, and a display on the American Civil War.

Fashion preferences around the world vary as greatly as food choices. This was evident as attendees viewed the International Parade of Fashions. Flowing with fabrics of various types, colors and styles, the fashion show was a hit. Many students, staff and community members modeled fashions from around the world, including ones from their native countries.

Not only do tastes in music range greatly from person to person, but global variations of music and entertainment were brought to light at this year's Taste. Ben Holmes, a Highland bagpiper and an Irish step dancer, Laura Farley, both of Denver, brought traditional entertainment from the United Kingdom, including teaching some steps to the audience. Isidora of Pueblo closed out the evening's entertainment with the art and athleticism of tribal and Turkish belly dancing, again inviting audience participants to try to learn basic moves.

The Taste is an annual tradition at LCC and is fun for the entire family with a festival air. Door prizes from local and area vendors were greatly appreciated.

Within the context of a new LCC Multicultural Week in the fall of 2010, next academic year's event will be held in November and offer something for everyone.

If you are interested in becoming involved in LCC's Multicultural Club or would like to take part in the next Taste of Traditions event, contact Amy Thompson, coordinator of International Programs, at [international@lamarcc.edu](mailto:international@lamarcc.edu) or 719.336.1626.

"This is one of the highlights of my work here at LCC," commented Thompson, "it's been a pleasure to see people come together to learn and share. I can hardly wait for next year!" Most importantly, Amy was excited about the community's participation and extended a genuine "Thank you!" to everyone who attended and made it possible.

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