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OCC EVENTS HIGHLIGHT GLOBAL ECONOMIES AND ECOLOGIES

TOMS RIVER, NJ – Ocean County College’s Global Education Committee sponsors events that heighten student, campus, and community understanding of the interconnectedness of diverse cultures and nations, fostering a college climate of global citizenry. This spring the Global Education Committee and the Student Life Committee are sponsoring **Iraqi National Day** on Thursday, **March 18**, and **The Sustainable Future Leadership Program: A Brief Introduction** on Tuesday, **March 23**.

All events are free, open to the public, and held on OCC’s Main Campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ. No pre-registration is required.

Iraqi National Day, presented by Dr. Nidhal Marashi, Assistant Professor of Science, and Musa Marashi, Adjunct Instructor of Computers, will take place from **12:30 to 1:45 p.m.** in the Solar Lounge, College Center.

The OCC community and members of the public are invited to join an exploration of Iraq, a cradle of civilization and crossroads for other civilizations. Participants will learn about Iraq’s many ethnic groups, multi-culturalism, and new modern practices. In addition to learning about the uniqueness of Iraqi culture, attendees will also have the opportunity to view traditional clothing and sample some traditional food.

The Sustainable Future Leadership Program: A Brief Introduction, presented by Jeanine Cava, Public Outreach Coordinator, Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program, will take place from **11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** in Conference Rooms A & B, College Center.

This hands-on session is an introduction to an intensive seminar designed by The Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education, the mission of which is to inspire young people to contemplate their relationship to the world and their ability to influence it. This brief introduction session is designed to challenge participants to: think toward a healthy and sustainable future, begin to develop a shared understanding and vocabulary of sustainability, and become inspired and hopeful about contributing to the shift toward a sustainable future through transformative action, leadership, community involvement, and education.

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