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Student International Ambassadors confront stereotypes with film project as part of International Education Week



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BRISTOL, R.I. – Moving to a new country has many inherent challenges; new customs, an unfamiliar language and a different community of people. What can often make these challenges even more difficult are the misconceptions and prejudices that dominate the media’s narrative and influence our perceptions.

A group of International Ambassadors at Roger Williams University are challenging those stereotypes with their short film “Not Defined By The Narrative,” which premiered on Monday as the first event of International Education Week.

“This video aims to reveal a different side of the story by interviewing insiders of nations around the world and capturing their reactions and perspectives to various stereotypes about their countries,” said Anne Sinclair Imondo, a junior Architecture major from Rwanda.



[Video produced and edited by Andrew Kirschenbaum '21]

“We did this video, because all these stereotypes tend to generalize cultures,” said Miranda Rojas, a junior International Relations major from Costa Rica. “Stereotypes don’t define us. They don’t define our culture. Everyone has their own story.”

Roger Williams University is a community that values inclusivity as a core principal. It’s important that we question our subconscious biases and prejudices, to see people as individuals, not just a stereotype.

Be sure to check out the rest of the events below as part of International Education Week.

International Education Week 2018

November 12th to the 16th

MONDAY 12 **Not Defined By The Narrative Premiere**
The premiere of *Not Defined By The Narrative*, a video revealing reactions to stereotypes from countries represented on campus.
Showings at 4:00 and 4:30pm in Mary Tefft White Cultural Center

TUESDAY 13 **Taste of Middle East and North Africa**
Experience cuisine from the Middle East and North Africa in Upper Commons. Come join us for dinner!
4:30-8:30pm Upper Commons

WEDNESDAY 14 **Makeup Around the World**
Explore makeup trends from regions around the world and learn about non-binary and trans makeup with SAGA.
3-5pm Intercultural Center in the Multi Purpose Room

THURSDAY 15 **International Jeopardy Game Show**
Challenges your world trivia knowledge for prizes. Team of three will be competing!
6-7pm GHH G01

FRIDAY 16 **It's A Small World**
Visit tables representing countries from around the world, try global foods, learn new facts and play games!
12-2pm GHH Atrium

In-Bound/Out-Bound Global Experiences Explored
Study Abroad returnees explore their global experiences with our out-bound group.
5:30 -7pm Sailing Center

International Honor Society Induction Ceremony
Phi-Beta Delta will induct 40 new members in a private ceremony.
5:30-7pm North Campus, Great Room

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