



On May 7th and 8th, 2010 the Ohio University Office for Diversity, Access and Equity will host its first conference called *Building Community through Diversity Initiatives*. This undergraduate research conference is supported by an 1804 grant and will bring together a community of students from all Ohio University campuses to present their work on diversity, multiculturalism, intersectionality, and identity in a professional setting. We anticipate this conference will be an annual event; the 2011 conference will be hosted at one of the regional campuses.

The objective of this conference is to cultivate a community of students who are interested in diversity and identity issues, facilitate cross-campus interactions and learning, and provide unique opportunities for undergraduate learning and research. Most importantly, it will help build community between students from the regional campuses and the Athens campus in a welcoming, intellectual, and social context.

The world continues to grow increasingly diverse and many people do not understand what diversity is or how to deal with it in their lives. It is our hope that this conference will make university constituents more aware of and inclusive regarding diversity issues. We look forward to seeing Ohio University faculty, staff, and students from all campuses participating and attending this conference to discuss and learn about the value of a diverse environment.

For more information regarding this conference, please log onto www.ohio.edu/dae/conference or call 740-593-9625.