

## Florida Poly Diversity Fest 2019

The Florida Polytechnic University community includes students, faculty, and staff from a host of diverse cultural, ethnic, and national backgrounds. All are welcome and celebrated as critical parts of the tapestry of people essential to a robust environment. With that spirit in mind, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating the uniqueness of the various groups as well as the similarities that bind us all.

Individuals and groups from around Polk County will join with our students, faculty, and staff to set up education stations on the campus. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about our neighbors and the people who make up Florida Polytechnic University. The Diversity Fest 2019 will also help our students to remain connected to their heritage while studying to become the leaders of tomorrow's high-tech future.

Have fun learning about the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of various nations, people, and social groups. Walk among flags that show the depth of our diversity and sample some of the foods that will be a part of Florida Poly Inaugural Diversity Fest 2019.

## Your participation may include one or both of the following:

- 1- Education Station: table display with items that celebrate and educate others about your identified culture or social group. Items such as:
  - Pictures from your country or social group
  - o Artifacts/Pottery/Art/Clothing from your culture
  - Important historical facts on your culture or social group (immigration history, political achievements, etc.)
  - Notable people from your culture or social group
  - Handouts or literature providing education or supportive material relative to your culture or social group
  - Anything that serves to teach others about your culture or social group

Be prepared to talk about those items, as attendees will be encouraged to circulate around tables to gain more information.

## 2- Stage performance

- o Dances that showcase your culture or social group
- o Rituals/ceremonies from your culture or social group
- o Poem or monologue that represents your culture or social group



This is a family event and is inclusive and respectful of others. Information shared or performances conducted should not be offensive or intended to down grade any person or group from another group, nationality, or culture. Any person or group planning to conduct a stage performance must submit a description of the performance to the organizers by no later than **Monday, Oct. 14**.

The individuals or organizations interested in participating should contact <a href="mailto:diversityfest@floridapoly.edu">diversityfest@floridapoly.edu</a> no later than **Monday, Oct. 14.** Please provide name, email, theme for the exhibit, and social group or culture you're representing.