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MCCC CLUB TO HOST FILM SCREENING OF ‘CROSSING BORDERS’

International Education Week is Nov. 12-16

MONROE, Mich. – In recognition of International Education Week 2012, the Monroe County Community College International Studies Club will host a facilitated screening of the award-winning Crossing Borders Education-produced international film, “Crossing Borders,” on Thursday, November 15.

The viewing and discussion will run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the college’s La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater. This event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Joanna Sabo, MCCC professor of political science, will serve as the facilitator.

The club is presenting the screening in conjunction with the Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education, Michigan State University and the United Kingdom-based organization Crossing Borders Education.

“Crossing Borders” is a 70-minute documentary that follows four Moroccan and four American university students as they travel together through Morocco. In the process of discovering “the other,” they discover themselves.

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Through group travels and frank discussions, the students confront the complex implications of the supposed “clash of civilizations” between Islam and the West. The relationships formed through shared experiences contrast sharply with the media-shaped views Americans and Muslims have of each other. Humor, honesty and a willingness to be challenged all bring the individuals closer to each other, and the relationships that develop disarm hidden stereotypes.

International Education Week is Nov 12-16. This joint initiative of the State Department and the Department of Education is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. It is an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the U.S.

For more information, contact Sabo at (734) 384-4297 or jsabo@monroeccc.edu. More information about the film is available at <http://crossingbordersfilm.org/>.

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