COLA Participates in Global Awareness Fair

On Saturday, October 10, the College of Liberal Arts was surrounded by display tables, free food, arts and crafts, games, prizes, dance, and music representing and celebrating the cultures and religions of the world. The event was called the Global Awareness Fair, sponsored by the Coalition for a Better World, a major outreach program of the North Star Center.

The fair brought together students, faculty, clubs, organizations, academic departments, and various others to celebrate their heritage or religion. "The fair was a chance for people of the RIT community to coalesce on a common ground and to celebrate humanity," said Dr. Elleni Tedla, founder of the Coalition for a Better World.

Among the various participants were faculty and students from COLA. Dr. Jeffery Wagner from Economics, Dr. Hiroko Yamashita from the Language and Literature Department, Dr. Kijana Crawford from Sociology, and the Student Social Work Organization all took part in the festivities.

"One of the major reasons for holding the Global Awareness Fair during Brick City Weekend," said Robert Smith, Director of the North Star Center, "is to bring an awareness to students, as well as visiting friends and family, of the wonderful diversity of the RIT campus."

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home playing Playstation, and hanging out with friends is a bit upset right now," despite his current upsets, he believes that the School Psychology masters program was especially designed to help him meet his professional and personal goals in life.

So why isn't everyone with a B.S. degree rushing to get their master's? One reason may be that most students think the programs are difficult. "I'd have to say the program is very hard," said Aida Alymabaeva, a second-year Public Policy graduate student. "It's very different from my past experiences. However, the knowledge you gain is very applicable."

Sarah Bucher, another Public Policy graduate student admits to the tough workload. "It's very difficult to get through material and understand it at the level that is expected. I must spend about fifteen hours doing work per week," she said. Although she didn't attend RIT as an undergraduate, she said that she is happy she chose RIT for her masters. "RIT is a very, very different school from where I went for my undergraduate study. RIT offers night, weekend, and online classes which are very essential."

If you are thinking about joining the master's program in your field, or just simply set on furthering your education, the students' advice to undergrads are well worth taking. Among them are: be prepared, lean on your professors and advisors for support, and know what you are getting into. These programs require a lot of your time and energy. In the end, however, it is well worth it.●