



Iowa International Center Newsflash - May - 2016 - Part 2



2016 Passport to Prosperity Award



There's still time - Nominate now!



**Important Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2016
NOMINATIONS DUE! Thank you.**

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The Iowa International Center's Passport to Prosperity Awards Celebration and Gala is a unique and highly inspiring event featuring award presentations to a select number of immigrants and refugees in Iowa, as well as dynamic cultural entertainment and a delicious menu representative of the native countries of each recipient.

Donate today to support our work in welcoming the world to Iowa.

Last year, we honored five outstanding immigrants and refugees at Passport, and welcomed nearly 300 friends, donors and

community leaders at this celebratory event in September.

Know an immigrant or refugee who has made a significant positive difference to the quality of life in Iowa? Narrowing your choice may be difficult with so many worthy immigrants and refugees helping to make Iowa a better place to live today, but our nomination form is quick and easy.

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Simply complete the [Nomination Checklist](#) available on our web site and submit your nomination along with all requested materials and forms **before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016.**

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Questions? Call Dr. Judy Conlin at 515-282-8269, ext. 13 or jconlin@iowainternationalcenter.org

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Support raised through Passport to Prosperity sponsorships and tickets helps the Iowa International Center fulfill its mission to build cultural respect and understanding in Iowa, and to continue our work as a clearinghouse of information and resources for international visitors, immigrants and refugees all year long. Proceeds from Passport to Prosperity support the Iowa International Center's Ray Resource Initiative to maintain and grow our multilingual and educational resources, thereby helping new Iowans in our state thrive!

Save the Date: Passport to Prosperity
Saturday, September 24, 2016
Olmsted Center - Parent's Hall at Drake University
Reception at 6 p.m.
Dinner and Program at 7 p.m.

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DIALOGUE

ENGAGE LOCALLY. THINK GLOBALLY.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Understanding Religious and Cultural Identities

Tuesday, June 7 – Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Meredith Conference Core, 1716 Locust Street

Attendees may bring lunch or purchase food from the Meredith cafeteria.



Dr. Maeve Callan, Ph.D.
SPEAKER

Dr. Maeve Callan has been studying and teaching religion for more than 25 years. Using this knowledge and experience, as well as interviews with leaders and representatives from Iowa's diverse religions, she'll discuss religious and cultural identities. She'll touch on how community members can unwittingly convey insensitivity, either through silence or unknowingly using offensive terms. Dr. Callan will also consider how the media impact people's perceptions of religious and cultural identities, as well as the media's representation of religious diversity in Iowa and beyond.

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Free on-site parking is available in the Meredith parking ramp at 17th and Locust streets.

Complete descriptions of the Dialogue series programs can be found [on the Iowa International Center's web page.](#)

Upcoming Events!

[Saturday May 28 at CelebrAsian - Gateway Park](#)

CelebrAsian is the largest Asian American event in Iowa, showcasing cultural exhibits, history, food, performance artists, sports, martial arts, and family-friendly activities. Please visit the Iowa International Center booth for educational games and fun activities for children and adults. You'll find us at the Diplomacy Village #17, Tent D. See you there!

[Saturday, June 4 at World Refugee Day - Valley Community Center, WDM](#)

World Refugee Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. We want to invite you to celebrate with us the contributions of refugees in Des Moines. Please also feel free to share this with anyone that you think would be interested in attending. This year members from the various ethnic groups in Des Moines will prepare food, dance performances, and music as well as a soccer tournament of 12 teams. There will be a variety of refugee serving agencies on hand sharing the work they do as well including us. We are pleased to be a Sponsor again this year and hope to see you there!

Please visit www.iowainternationalcenter.org for organizational news, event listings, program information, interpretation and translation resources, volunteer opportunities and more!

Please visit www.Welcometolowa.org for a complete listing of resources for new Iowans in 100 languages online.

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