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CELEBRATE IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH 06.2018



IMMIGRANT Heritage Month JUNE 2018

Join the Celebration

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Reception following)

MLK Center, 630 9th Street, Rock Island, IL

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Keynote Speaker:

Honorable Lt. Governor
Evelyn Sanguinetti

Honorees:

World Relief (Moline)

Quad Cities Alliance for Immigration
and Refugees

Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber

Bob and Blenda Ontiveros

The Illinois Department of Human Rights, in partnership with Western Illinois University and the Chicago Minority Supplier Diversity Council would like to cordially invite you to attend a special celebration for Immigrant Heritage Month.

In recognition of our rich heritage, IDHR will celebrate our diversity by honoring those individuals and organizations who have contributed to America's greatness in various sectors by helping to improve the quality of life for immigrants in the Quad City area.

QCAIR Honored

QCAIR would like to thank the IL Department of Human Rights, Western-QC, Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, the Illinois Bicentennial, and our fellow honorees: World Relief, Moline; GQCHCC, and Bob & Blenda Ontiveros for a wonderful event at the MLK Center in Rock Island!



The plaque for Immigrant Heritage Month, received on National Refugee Day (June 20th), will stand as a daily reminder to continue the work we do for the betterment of not only the Immigrant & Refugee Community, but the Greater Quad Cities Community as a whole. Thank you.



QCAIR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works to serve the immigrant and refugee communities in the Quad City area. Our mission is to build a community among immigrants, refugees, and citizens of the Quad Cities. We connect people to services and communities in the area and partner with other organizations to identify needs and find solutions.



LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Do you want to make a difference in your community? In the lives of Immigrants and Refugees in the Quad Cities Area?

Contact any of our current board members!

Or send an email to: qcair@qcair.org with what you can bring to the position, and if you happen to be an immigrant/ refugee yourself!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Board Members:

Dale Haake

Marsha Jones

Susan Leuthauser

George Barajas

Isaac Carr

Ioan Marcu

Dr. Marcie Phillis

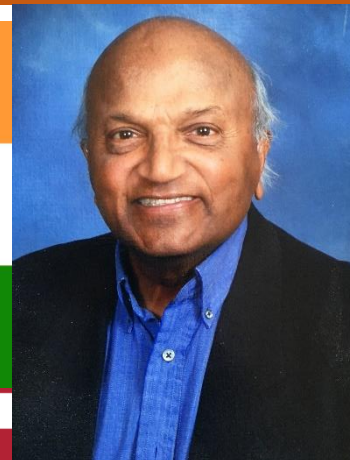
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Grant Curtis, President

Nana Ouro-Agoro, VP

Larry Brown, Treasurer

Meet Our New Board Members!



Vincent
Thomas

&

Dr. Marcie

Phillis

&

Ioan

Marcu



Nana

Ouro-Agoro

QCAIR's

Vice President



SUCCESSFUL EVENTS



Minority Health Conference

The initial event, held on April 21, 2018, was attended by 90 individuals, who could choose from 15 different subjects that affected their health.

The event featured Dr. J. Caudle, a regular presenter on Dr. Oz, a former Miss. Iowa and graduate of Central High School. Planning on next years event has already begun.



JULY 23RD QCAIR'S FIRST LUNCH & LEARN: PUBLIC CHARGE → HELD AT THE CENTER 12 P.M; A DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS CONDUCTED. THANK YOU TO QCI & ONE HUMAN FAMILY FOR ATTENDING!!!

@qcair.org



SOCIAL CONVERSATION

Don't miss out;

drop by!

Every Monday from
4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at
the Center, QCAIR
will host this
community event!

Any questions/

concerns please reach out to Emerald Johnson:
emj288@gmail.com



May 5th NAI Event: QCAIR along with the Esperanza Legal Center, Brooks Law Firm, and Moline Public Library put together a collaborative Citizenship/ Immigration Workshop on May 5th. QCAIR provided an informational lecture in regards to citizenship; the importance and process. Esperanza/ Brooks provided free legal service to answer questions attendees had in regards to their status and immigration paperwork.



Moline Public Library provided space and promoted further services that could be of service to attendees, such as ESL classes. QCAIR looks forward to continued collaboration and is planning the next event for this fall, if not sooner. Stay tuned!



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BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

QCAIR has many volunteer opportunities YOU can get involved with!

- **Mercado: Every Friday 5 – 9 p.m. Moline, IL (until Oct. 26th)**
 - Tend QCAIR's table and inform attendees about QCAIR
- **U.S. Citizenship Honor's Dinner**
 - Attend planning meetings
 - Next meeting TONIGHT: Monday July 30th @ 6 p.m. at QCAIR
 - Spread the word! Hand-out-flyers!
 - Volunteer to help at the Event
- **QCAIR Website**
 - Bloggers
 - Immigration & Refugee Feature Stories
- **Citizenship Paperwork: Assist immigrants fill out documents**
- **Social (ESL) Conversations: Every Monday 4 – 6 p.m. @ The Center; East Wing (1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803)**

GENERAL VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

- Event Planning
- Fundraising
 - Grant Writing
- Outreach
- Jobs Team
- Education & Training
 - Tutoring
- Transportation
- Graphics & Design
 - Press Releases

Contact: qcair@qcair.org if you are interested

or call (594) 594 - 0854



WHY VOLUNTEER?

- ☞ MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE
- ☞ BECOME MORE COMPASSIONATE
- ☞ INCREASE SELF-CONFIDENCE
- ☞ MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- ☞ IT'S FUN!

With great pleasure, I present two essays written by Black Hawk College students. James Thompson and Catalina Zambala have written immigration stories. In order to introduce these two essays, I want to take you back to July 4, a little more than a month ago.

My wife and I were visiting a friend who had emigrated from the Philippines. We planned to drive to Colona to watch fireworks. My job was driving our friend's car. My wife and I hopped into the front seats, and our friend put her older son in the back seat behind my wife. Then she started to put her two-year-old son into the car seat behind me. My position confused the younger boy. He thought I was taking him away from his mother. The screaming that followed could be heard a block away and lasted about ten minutes. It took that long for his mother to calm him, coax him into understanding he was not being abandoned.

The two-year-old's screaming took me to images and recordings of other children separated from their mothers. How could I not have made that connection to America's southern border? How could I not wonder what horrors the children experienced as they were taken from their parents? For me, Independence Day in the heartland, the triumphant celebration of American identity, had become the scaring echoes of screaming children.

Two months prior, on April 6, spring semester classes at Black Hawk College had about five weeks left. That was the day the attorney general, Jeff Sessions, announced the so-called zero tolerance policy for illegal entry. Fourteen days later, the *New York Times* reported that more than 700 children had been separated from their families. As reported by the *Washington Post*, nobody knows the exact number of children separated, though rough estimates place the total at more than 2300 and less than 3000.

From that first week in April to the day before graduation (May 16), I listened to my working class students try to process what their government officials were doing and how those actions played out the students' personal lives. As for me, I spent the time wondering how I might help summer students toward developing a foundational awareness upon which they could build a more complex understanding of immigrant and refugee experiences.

I started redesigning my summer English 102, the second of two courses in our college-level composition series. On June 1, the start of Immigration Heritage Month, The National Immigration Law Center posted a video titled *I Am an Immigrant*. That video moved me to realize that students could use their families' immigrations stories to help them develop research writing skills. Three days later, the 102 students were writing about immigration.

One of the essays in the pairing that follows is the result of this summer's experiment. The other essay was written a few years ago. Though they were written so many years apart, the two essays fit well together for the purpose of exploring the idea of American immigration. Thompson's essay exploring his family's immigration story was written for the English 102 class. As you will see, Thompson's essay is the story of past immigration, something distant, something less tangible. The second essay in the pairing, Zambala's essay, was written for an English 101 course and received an honorable mention in a National Council of Teachers of English essay contest. Her essay is a compelling narrative-descriptive work. I believe you will enjoy the exploration of American immigration the essay pairing offers.

With respect,

Galen Leonhardy

IMMIGRATION STORIES

QCAIR will be partnering with local educational insitutions to bring you stories of local community members immigration and refugee stories.

If you would like to include your own personal story to our repitoire (stories can be found on our website QCAIR.ORG) Please email us at QCAIR@QCAIR.ORG

Thank you for being apart of the wonderful community committed to tolerance and understanding in the Quad Cities.

QCAIR is a proud to be a part of greater extended network of individuals and organizations working to make the Quad Cities a Welcoming Place for ALL!



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Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Social Conversations Every Monday @ 4 – 6p.m.**

Free to Everyone!

The Center, East Wing (1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803)

- **QCAIR Board Monthly Meetings –**

4th Wednesday of every Month @ 6:30 p.m.

Open to the Public!

The Center, East Wing (1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803)

- **U.S. Citizenship Honor's Dinner Planning Meeting; July 30th @ 6pm**

Open to the Public!

The Center, East Wing (1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803)

- **Quad Cities Chamber Annual Meeting Aug. 23rd @ 11:30 a.m.**

Tickets Available

Taxslayer Center, Moline, IL

- **Multi-Cultural Festival Sept. 9th @ 12 p.m.**

FREE!

1275 Ave. of the Cities, East Moline, IL (UT HS)

- **25th VIVA Quad Cities Fiesta Sept. 8th @ 11 a.m.**

Free to all participating charities

LeClaire Park

- **Citizenship/ Immigration Workshop Nov. 10th @ 10a.m. – 3p.m.**

Free

Moline Public Library

- **Mercado on Fifth! Every Friday @ 5 – 9p.m.**

June 1 – Oct. 26 (Food Trucks, Vendors)

5th Ave & 12th St. Moline, IL

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