

Local cross-cultural course leads students through rich diversity of Shenandoah Valley cultures

The “Local Context” cross-cultural course is just one way EMU students can fulfill the university’s cross-cultural requirement. While many students choose the traditional semester-long international travel, other students find that a semester living at the Washington Community Scholar’s Center (WCSC) and interning in Washington D.C. fits their needs. There are also shorter trips that work better for students with less flexible schedules, including three-week summer seminars and the local cross-cultural experience.

“If it wasn’t for the program, there’s no way I could have completed the requirement,” said Kristy Wertz as the group left the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center. A nursing student, full-time patient care technician at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, wife and mother, Wertz noted the impracticality of leaving her family and job behind for a full semester, or even three weeks.

“Here I’m learning about the wide variety of populations that live in Harrisonburg, and the resources available to them. As a nurse, it’s crucial that I know how to best serve my patients. Like the parenting program we just saw,” she said, pointing back at the Simms Center. “How great was that?”

Four cyclists cross Virginia with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resistance Ride

After 300 miles, 10 days and several flat tires, a group of 30 college students, including four from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), has crossed Virginia on bike, sparking dialogue and voicing concerns about the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The event, officially called the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resistance Ride, was organized by the Virginia Student Environmental Coalition, a group committed to “growing an student environmental movement in Virginia.”

Jordan Luther ’15, Christopher Lehman ’15, Briana Nolt ’15 and rising senior Ryan Swartzentruber participated in the May 9–19 trek, which started in Augusta County and

ended in Norfolk. Riders also came from James Madison University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Mary Washington, Christopher Newport University and the College of William and Mary.

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Undergraduate Students

Two students from Allegheny Mennonite Conference were enrolled in the spring 2015 semester at EMU.

Giving

Allegheny Mennonite Conference churches gave \$7,250 in matching grants to their students at EMU during the year ending June 2014.

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