



# THE MULTILANGUAGE CAFÉ LETTER

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY...A BIG SUCCESS!

**T**he *MultiCultural Café* -formerly Multilanguage Café- 5th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, June 1st, 2007 was a tremendous success! In spite of the rainy weather, student turn out was terrific. This says a lot about the MCC growth, direction and milestones successfully reached. It also suggests program readiness for the next level. Thus, the MCC Team wants to THANK everyone for the wonderful show of support, without which we would have nothing of which to boast. Our success is your success!

### First MLC Group - SUMMER 20023



### MCC Team - summer 20073



## WHAT THE SPEAKERS HAD TO SAY...

### Dr. Shouan Pan



“The Multicultural Café is such a wonderful program, I feel proud of it.”

### Dr. Debbie Sloan



“The Multicultural Café is a great medium in the acculturation process. It gives the students a sense of belonging...a sense of community. I am thrilled at how this program has grown.”



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**Dr. Hank Martel**



“The South Campus is the most diverse of all the BCC campuses, so it is most appropriate that the Multicultural Café is located at the South Campus. MCC is a wonderful program.”

**Dr. Chris Mahadeo**

“I am from the Caribbean and there is a good multicultural presence there [and so] I think this is an excellent program...and I know [that] in the years to come this will grow in leaps and bounds.”

**Mrs. Deanne Martel**



“The ‘Silver Box’ [formerly the student organization that housed the MCC] has really snowed into something that is truly important. Having the Multicultural Café is just phenomenal! It is a great avenue to share your trials and tribulations...and I hope that it goes on for many years to come.”

## JOIN THE TEAM

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## Dr. Peggy Green. Celebrating **green** with the MCC!



“In spite of our different cultures, all of us share the same home – Planet Earth! And whereas we as different peoples normally focus on our differences, I would like us to focus on our similarities.”

### **Things we can do for our mutual benefit!**

Reuse paper for scrap paper. Buy washable plates, cups and silverware instead of disposable paper or plastic. Use cloth towels and sponges instead of paper towels.

### **Remember the 3 ‘Rs’**

### **Reduce, Recycle & Reuse!**

Mixed paper, cans and bottles can be recycled on campus. Student life recycles all types of disposable cartridges.

At the store, don’t take a bag unless you need one. Bring your own bags to the grocery store or put purchases directly into your book bag or backpack.

## **FLYING ON WINGS**

Also celebrating with us was WINGS: Women Investigating New Goals & Services. Below is Ms. Inga Rivera, South WINGS Program Representative.



**W**INGS has provides assistance (self-confidence and self-esteem building, career exploration and assessment services) to MCC female members. **THANK YOU!**

To learn more about WINGS, please visit: <http://www.broward.edu/IED/page1269.html>

## **AWARDS!**



Denise Brown presenting award to Renato Cortez, Outgoing MCC Administrative Assistant



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Renato Cortez presenting award to Renato Balducci, Outgoing Portuguese Coach/ now FIU Int'l Student



Renato Cortez presenting award to Joe Suarez, English Coach

## **CONGRATULATION AND BYE BYE!**

**Renato Cortez and Maria Rodriguez** leave MCC this summer. While we congratulate and wish them well, we are extremely sad to see them go. Maria plans to relocate in Sarasota, FL; and Renato intends to complete his BS degree at FIU. Both Renato & Maria provided outstanding service to MCC. Renato spoke with the *MCC Letter* and this is what he said:

**MCCL:** Renato, how did you first learn about MCC?

**RL:** I first learned about MCC while working with Denise Brown in 2005 as a student worker.

**MCCL:** What attracted you most to MCC?

**RL:** Being able to help people. I benefited from learning English through MCC and so I thought it a very good idea to help others do the same.

**MCCL:** How would you describe your time at MCC?

**RL:** A very gratifying experience! I have gained tremendous professional experience especially from Denise Brown. I think I have grown spiritually as well.

**MCCL:** What impacted you the most?

**RL:** The needs of the students out there to learn another language.

**MCCL:** What would you say to students who would like to join the MCC?

**RL:** I would say if you are looking for a fun place to learn a culture and language, MCC is it...

**MCCL:** What is next Renato?

**RL:** Before I move to FIU to continue my studies, I will go to Guatemala to visit my family. There I will also get some rest before moving forward.

**MCCL:** Congratulations and best wishes!

**RL:** Thank you!

## **COMING UP!**

## **“THE AMERICAN CULTURE”**

Web *blogs* --or Web logs-- by esteemed South Campus Counselor, Robert Brasco.