



PARTICIPATE IN THE D.I.V.E PROJECT AND COOPERATION EDUCATION (COOP) COURSE!

Students, you can earn an **academic elective credit(s)** by participating in a **Diversity and Inclusion Valuing Engagement (D.I.V.E.) Project** that is designed to increase your cultural awareness and competencies.

What you'll be doing during the semester: **You choose your learning** through various project tasks you want to explore such as:

- Attend and Promote Diversity & Inclusion on Campus and in Lunch & Learn Meetings
- Research and complete a project that examines an aspect of the diversity and inclusion issue
- Organize Events with the Student Government Association (SGA) and Attend Meetings
- Participate in other Campus Events
- You may also volunteer at LEAD Coalition of Bay County, Chautauqua Charter School, or other non-profit organizations of your choosing

The benefits to You: You'll gain exposure to new experiences that can broaden your point of view by meeting and working with others from diverse cultural, religious, racial and socio-economic backgrounds.

Become more prepared professionally to work and address issues in a diverse society! Build community networks that can develop into future opportunities!

At project (semester end): Each participating student will present reflective content about his/her D.I.V.E. activities and research surrounding critical community issues via a final PowerPoint presentation event.

An additional benefit – Earn Academic Elective Credit: Student may enroll in the Cooperative Education (CO-OP) course and earn 1 (one) or 2 (two) hours of elective credit by completing the tasks and assignments from the D.I.V.E coordinator, Akiko Nakamura, Associate Professor, Natural Sciences. For more information, please contact Professor Nakamura at: 850.769.1551 ext.5148 or anakamura@gulfcoast.edu. ☺

Here's what some students said about their D.I.V.E participation:

"D.I.V.E. opened my eyes to the impact that I, even as one single person, can have on the world and the community around me. Surrounding myself in new experiences allowed me to grow in both wisdom and confidence"....Makay

"The benefit I got out of D.I.V.E. was being able to spark the interests of others to continue to pursue their career choices through what I've learned."....Monica

