



Dear colleagues:

On February 4, 2014, Chemeketa Community College located in Salem, Oregon hosted the Black Jew Dialogues. This was the first time the Chemeketa students and the campus community as a whole participated in this proactive and educated production. The Black Jew Dialogues uses humor to educate the audience on very real and very hard issues concerning racism in today's society.

As a community college educator, I highly recommend the Black Jew Dialogues to any community college institution no matter what level of cultural competence it may have with its administrators, students, instructors, staff, and the campus community. The characters portrayed by Ron, and Larry addresses the prejudice and racist behaviors that is too often ignored, tolerated, or accepted in our communities, schools, and workplaces. By bringing these issues to the fore front for discussion the walls begin to break down and real-life communication can take place.

Although, this is titled "Black Jew Dialogues" the message transcends across the multicultural and racial lines of the Salem campus community. We had an extraordinary Question and Answer session afterwards, and the students who attended the production asked me to bring them back. I will.

In support of student success,

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