I would like to see the college encourage more internationals to live on campus after their freshman year and to make it so they can stay in their on campus housing year round if they so choose. I also hope we can improve transportation options, since most internationals do not have their own cars. All in all, though, I am so excited about how far we’ve come as an institution and think so highly of the international students we have now!

The college has a very diverse population, but there should be more initiatives to bring those diverse groups together.

The college is doing absolutely great on its initiatives regarding diversity. I’d like to see more international students living on campus though.

The college has been successful in the sense that all, if not most, of the internationals students have been provided with adequate financial aid towards their tuition to pursue their education here at Colby-Sawyer College. I would like to see the college take initiatives to bring in students from other international countries that are yet to be represented at Colby-Sawyer College.

I really like that the college hosts important events like International festival and Global Cafe. These events educate a lot about diversity from around the globe. However, I feel sorry for people who do not attend such events to learn about new cultures and traditions. It would be great if we could recruit more American students to those events.

I think the international program has been wildly successful over the years; not many colleges of Colby-Sawyer’s size have such a diverse student body. However, I think the major problem most international students run into once they get here is the housing problem, and that is something the college should work to address to make the program even better.
I am defined by my culture, as is my worldview--the lens that I use to understand the people and events around me.

Therefore, it is imperative that we as individuals understand the various layers of our cultural identity. For some, it may relate more to their ethnic background (“My family is Russian” or “I am Chinese), while others may identify themselves by their race (“I am black” or “I am Asian”). Others may still define their cultural background relative to their religion (“I am Hindu” or “I am Jewish), while some may relate to the layer of their identity based on nationality (“I am American” or “I am Swedish.”). Is this all that our culture is about? The simple answer is no. However, understanding the many layers that impact who we are is anything but simple. I believe it is essential for each of us to first recognize the impact and experiences related to our multicultural identities because only then can we truly understand the experiences of others.

Understanding and relating to other people is what allows us to grow as human beings, practice perspective-taking, and increase our satisfaction in life. Who wouldn’t want that!

My hope is that every student at CSC would take a course related to cultural diversity. I guarantee it would change their outlook and greatly increase their success in the world!

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An impressive cast of International and American students participated in the talent show that concluded the evening’s festivities. Acts from China, Nepal, Japan, Myanmar, Vietnam, and a host of countries from Africa competed for the top three places in the talent show, judged this year once again by a panel of CSC faculty. Talents ranging from cultural dances to musical performances were given, each as powerful and awe-inspiring as the next. Though only one of the acts was able to win the overall competition, the crowd was clearly enraptured from start to finish by the talented students who performed on the stage with passion, dedication, and smiles that conveyed to everyone watching the unmistakable love they had for what they were doing. All in all the festival was a great success. The international students along with the members of the Cross-Cultural Club accomplished something amazing, through teamwork and dedication even in these final weeks of the semester when workloads are heaviest. All those in attendance at the international festival were able to walk away with a sense of community and joy, thanks to the talented students who made this event possible.

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