

A watercolor-style illustration of a globe in shades of pink, orange, and white, serving as the background for the entire poster.

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

# MULTICULTURAL

## Gala 2025

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**CULTURAL LEGACIES  
& NEW BEGINNINGS**

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**APRIL 23, 2025**  
**CAMPUS CENTER, BALLROOM | 4-7 P.M.**

**FSC**

# MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Multicultural Committee is to celebrate diversity and to contribute to the creation of a well informed and supportive community through practical engagement. In keeping with the Farmingdale State College Mission, our goal is to promote a culture of diversity and mutual support, so that students and the community know that Farmingdale State College and the State University of New York are committed to fostering a culture of equality, one that celebrates multiculturalism and stands for equality.*

*In this spirit, we see the Annual Multicultural Gala as an opportunity to further this mission by showcasing cultural richness through the sharing of fashion, music, dance, poetry, and food from different countries.*

*We hope this Gala will help us learn more about other cultures, celebrate the diversity within our community, and help strengthen our sense of belonging to the Farmingdale family.*

## MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, & FRIENDS

- Dr. MaryBeth Apriceno, co-chair
- Dr. Nazreen Bacchus, co-chair
- Dr. Mi Ae Lee, secretary
- Ramon Gonzalez,  
FEC representative
- Melissa Aziz
- Sara Mir
- Sue Moon
- Maria Nikolaidou
- Brian O'Keefe
- Mayan Amin
- Florentino Garguilo
- Michaela Penafiel



For more information about the  
Multicultural Committee and future events, visit  
[farmingdale.edu/multicultural-committee](http://farmingdale.edu/multicultural-committee).

# 2025 MULTICULTURAL GALA PROGRAM

Sayeedul Islam  
*Master of Ceremonies*

## WELCOMING

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**4:00 P.M.**

### **Opening Ceremony**

MaryBeth Apriceno & Nazreen Bacchus  
*Chairs, Multicultural Committee*

**4:05 P.M.**

### **Welcome**

Dr. Kevin D. Jordan  
*Vice President of Diversity, Equity,  
and Inclusive Excellence*

**4:25 P.M.**

### **Keynote Address**

Anjana Mebane-Cruz  
*Cultural Anthropologist  
& Associate Professor Emeritus  
at Farmingdale State College*

**4:40 P.M.**

### **BREAK**

## PERFORMANCES

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**5:10 P.M.**

### **Multicultural Kahoot**

Gregorio Diaz-Martinez  
*Undergraduate Research  
Coordinator & Advisor*

**5:25 P.M.**

### **Bangladeshi Cultural Heritage Showcase**

Liyana Manha, Shahpar Islam,  
Nadia Saeedi, & Nazrul Islam

**5:35 P.M.**

### **A Little Piece of Home**

D'Aaliyah Hill

**5:40 P.M.**

### **Collison**

Tameena Qurashi, Ariana Gonsalves,  
& Areesha Imran

**5:45 P.M.**

### **Huddled Masses**

Music by Jon Goldstein  
Lyrics by Emma Lazarus  
& Dana Leslie Goldstein  
Performed by Deborah Hecht  
& Jon Goldstein

**5:50 P.M.**

### **Appreciation Award**

Dr. Laura Joseph  
*Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs & Provost*

**5:55 P.M.**

### **Break for games and crafts**

**6:15 P.M.**

### **Kanha Re**

Nidhi Misra

**6:20 P.M.**

### **FSC Bhangra**

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**6:25 P.M.**

### **Vole**

Kelly Souffrant

**6:30 P.M.**

### **Hero**

Alexis Raven

**6:35 P.M.**

### **Showcasing the Beauty of Modesty**

Muslim Student Association

**6:40 P.M.**

### **Hellenic Dancers of Bluepoint**

St. John's Hellenic Dance Group  
of Bluepoint, NY

**6:45 P.M.**

### **Closing Remarks**



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## DISPLAY TABLES

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### **International Education Committee**

Internationalizing Academic  
Concepts: A Student Perspective

**Visual Communications  
Students, overseen by  
Professor Thomas Germano**  
Visual Communications Students  
Represent and Celebrate  
Multicultural Diversity

**Karitika Kumari, FSC student**  
Golden Femininity

### **Madilyn Bisson & Jessie Snyder, FSC students**

The Wonders of Trinidad

**Florentino Garguilo, FSC student**  
The Art of Being Italian American

**Laiba Idrees & Abdul Ahadi**  
Afghani & Pakistani Unity

**Professor MaryBeth Apriceno**  
Multicultural Games

**Art and Design Club**  
Multicultural Crafts

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