Conference will look at diversity

QUEENSBURY -- Diversity and multiculturalism are the topics of a conference SUNY Plattsburgh is holding at its Queensbury campus.

“The More Things Change: North Country Diversity Conference” will take place on June 19 and 20 in the J. Buckley Bryan Regional Education Center at SUNY Adirondack at 640 Bay Road. It is a joint effort of the two campuses and will bring together community and academic leaders from business, law, health, social services, education and others.

Speakers include Deputy Secretary of State for Local Government Dierdre Scozzafava, who will discuss trends in diversity; Elie Chrysostome, Cedimes USA director and SUNY Plattsburgh business professor, who will speak of the importance of entrepreneur-immigrants; Heather Hickland and Sheileen Landrey of the World Awareness Children’s Museum, who will talk about multicultural knowledge and artistic expression in childhood education; Douglas Huntley, Queensbury school superintendent, talking about poverty and diversity in upstate New York schools; and J.W. Wiley of SUNY Plattsburgh’s Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion, looking at the use of discriminatory language.

Costs will be covered by the Plattsburgh College Foundation’s Grant and Sally Webb Endowment Fund.

People wishing to join in the discussion should register for the conference by contacting Lynn Hughes at 792-5425 or lhugh004@plattsburgh.edu. More information is also available online at plattsburgh.edu/branchcampus.

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