Some of you may have heard of the “six degrees of separation” theory that every person in the world, all 7 billion of us, are just six people away from knowing one another. The idea is that one “friend of a friend” (times 6) could introduce you to any person in any part of the world!

Whether or not the six degrees of separation theory is true, we can see how much more connected we are in the world today than we were just 20 year ago. We share more experiences, ideas, entertainment, and even language than ever before. Think about the different people you can connect with using Facebook or Twitter, people from literally anywhere in the world! Maybe there is someone in China who loves Beyonce as much as you do, and you both follow her on Twitter, or maybe you knew someone from high school who came from another country, and you are friends on Facebook now. It’s crazy to think that neither of these two websites existed just 15 years ago!

Now, let’s think about these types of international connections here at Stark State. There are more students from different parts of the world attending college here now than ever before. International students come to the U.S. and to Stark State for many different reasons. Some have family and friends here. Others may be looking for opportunities that their home country may not offer.

Whatever the reasons, we find ourselves living and learning with more different types of people. And there are a lot of positive things that can come from this! As you meet people from different cultures, what kind of information can you share about your own culture, and what can you learn from others? Maybe you can try to learn a few Arabic words from a classmate who is from Saudi Arabia! Or maybe you can teach your friend from Brazil how to make a traditional American Thanksgiving meal! We can all improve ourselves by learning from the many different types of people all around us, here at Stark State and in our communities.

Samantha Woolverton
Kent State Intern
Graduates

Patricia Durham - Associate Degree in Technical Studies
Medical Instrumentation Sterilization

Belinda Gall - Associate of Arts

Michael Law - Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education

Sarah Looman - Associate Degree in Human and Social Services

Robert Watterson - Associate of Science

Dean’s List Fall 2013

Cynthia Bishop
Tricia Bittaker
Samantha Christ
Nathaniel Culberson
Karyn Curry
Tracey Faust
Amanda Fontana
Tiffany Ford
Lisa Gingerich
Val Goebel

Krista Heighway
Mauboubeh Heidarimeybodi
Kelly Helmick
Angelette Hendon
Brittany Hornick
Ashley Porter
Leah Raines
Tiffany Schwertfeger
Patricia Sungy
Malikah Williams
Jenn Wiseman

Success doesn’t come to you. You go to it.

Marva Collins
Scholarship Winners

Terry Beauford III
Kelly Helmick
Leberliza Wile

New Students

Madan Adhikari
Beth Blackburn
Destiny Corn
Kasia Eh
Melva Florance
Joyce Harris
Tiara Johnson
Viva Johnson
Anthony King
Hattie Larkin
Rakeshia Lott
Kendra Martin

Giovanni McCain
Bhagawat Mishra
AerreAnna Moore
Davaun Presley
Patrick Russell
Huzefa Saeed
Rahimiradestani Seyedaliveza
Holly Sheridan
Barbara Thomas
Lafawn Sullivan
Jeremiah Weidner
Michaela Wise

The sweet smell of success.
Two of TRiO’s former students, Tara Satterfield and Tanya Guht Pol, collaborated with their high school teacher, Christine Haymond to write a book, “See my Spark, Hear my Voice.” Anyone who works with youth would enjoy what these students have to say. Way to go, girls!

Congratulations to Liza Wile for becoming a U.S. Citizen.

Welcome to Odeysha Gooden’s son, Edwin.

Liza Wile has been accepted into the Aultman College of Nursing. Good Luck!

Tiffany Ford has won the Women’s Soroptimist Scholarship for 500.00 Congratulations!

Congratulations to Madan Adhikari for becoming a U.S. Citizen.

The following TRiO students are Presidential Ambassadors for the college:
- Tiffany Ford
- Amber Hall
- Joyce Harris
- Holly Sheridan

These students will be transferring to four year colleges:
- Sharon Brock
- Richard Hardesty
- Russell Ilg
- April Paw
- Huzaifa Saeed
- Dylan Thomas
- Emmanuel Todd

Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. - Henry Ford