Culture in the Community

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Rationale

❖ Our group is all involved in the arts throughout school
  ➢ Understood the importance of exposing children to other cultures in the form of music, art, and dance

❖ Recognize its importance in community/education
  ➢ Emphasize the importance of a connection with different cultures mixed into one

❖ Wish to share passion with others
  ➢ Our collective passion for the arts and culture
Original Goals

- Establish a connection between culture groups in Columbus and schools which persists into at least next year through the scheduling of cultural events
- Expose children in elementary schools to cultural art and customs outside of their own through cultural events scheduled at their schools at least once a year
- Promote cultural groups in Columbus by providing them with business relationships with Westerville Elementary Schools
Later Additions to Goals

❖ Lack of communication from schools, additional goal in mind
❖ Promote Columbus arts group--Dhvani--in community
❖ Made agreement and set up discounted tickets
  ➢ Otterbein Community, Westerville/Worthington Schools, and the Westerville Symphony
Dhvani India Performing Arts Society

- Target people and help promote Dvanni concerts
- Distribute posters around Otterbein and Westerville to be an advocate for Dhvani
- More helpful to advocate for the concerts that they already have
- Take responsibility for being the contact for Dhvani (with the schools)
- Garnered experience promoting cultural events in greater community to college students
Dhvani Performance
Dhvani
Emerson Elementary and Okinawan Dancers

- Set up contact with teacher, Kate Mantenieks, and Columbus Okinawan Dance Troupe
- Met with all members to work out a performance time for this year and in the future
- Okinawan dancers are scheduled to perform in May and will be performing next year at Emerson’s International Week
Okinawan Experience
Dhvani and Emerson Elementary

- Currently establishing a connection with Dhvani and the school
- Pass off contact info to Delta Omicron
- Have Dhvani participate in International Week
Results

❖ Raised awareness for Dhvani festival and other concerts
  ➢ Established an even greater connection with Otterbein and Dhvani

❖ Schools: Emerson Elementary
  ➢ Set Emerson up with more connections for general classroom presentations and the annual International Week

❖ Okinawan Dancers
  ➢ Gave the dance school another connection with Emerson which generates revenue for them and promotes the brand
Future

❖ Continue the connection with Otterbein to be an advocate for Dhvani

❖ Performing arts groups will be able to perform at Emerson Elementary Schools for years to come
  ➢ Benefits the performing groups
  ➢ Enriches and impacts lives of students and teachers for years to come

❖ Connections between Dhvani and Emerson Elementary are currently being pursued
Life Applications

❖ Difficult to get in contact with schools
❖ Emails not always answered in a timely manner
   ➢ Patience is key
   ➢ Persistence is necessary
❖ Those willing to work with you will reach out in return
❖ Stay on top of communication to complete project