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Experience Cultures, Taste Flavors of Many Countries at Florida Tech's Free International Festival Feb. 26

MELBOURNE, FLA. — Entertainers will share their cultural talents, and craft and food vendors will do their part in Florida Institute of Technology's Fifth Annual International Festival on Saturday, Feb. 26, from noon to 5 p.m. This free event, a highlight of the university's spring semester activities, will take place at the university's outdoor Panthereum, located off Country Club Drive. The rain location is the Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation.

Food and craft vendors have until Jan. 15 to sign up for the festival.

Every year community singers, dancers and musicians join with Florida Tech international student organizations to present a colorful lineup of ethnic entertainment and cultural displays.

This year's participants include the African Student Association; Saudi Student House; United Arab Emirates students; Sanskriti, the Indian Student Organization; Sons of Norway's Space Coast Vikings; Brevard Indonesian Angklun & Dance; Taiwanese Student Association; the Caribbean Student Association; Colombia Baila, a traditional dance group; Space Coast Asian American Fellowship; Israeli Dancers of Brevard; the Greek American Association of Brevard; Heifer International; Costa Rican students; Hungarian students; Panamá Sueños y Tradiciones; Viera High School's Asian Club;

Melbourne Regional Chamber; Florida Tech School of Psychology Diversity Committee; Florida Tech Persian Association; and TWITCHY, the president's all-faculty band.

Local food vendors, including Hazel's Caribbean Restaurant, La Estancia de Luisa, and Olympia Restaurant, will sell ethnic food specialties, and students will offer handmade jewelry and traditional artifacts for sale. Children will enjoy carnival-type games and activities.

The festival is sponsored by Florida Tech International Student and Scholar Services, Florida Tech Residence Life, WFIT 89.5FM and the Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida. For more information call (321) 674-8053 or visit <http://www.fit.edu/isss/international-fest.php>.

About Florida Institute of Technology

Founded at the dawn of the Space Race in 1958, Florida Tech is the only independent, technological university in the Southeast. With 9,000 students enrolled on main campus, extended campuses and online, Florida Tech has been named a Barron's Guide "Best Buy" in College Education, listed among America's best colleges in U.S. News & World Report, and named as one of just nine schools in Florida chosen by the 2011 Fiske Guide to Colleges. The university offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Fields of study include science, engineering, aeronautics, business, humanities, mathematics, psychology, communication and education. Additional information is available online at www.fit.edu.

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