

Westmont College Student Association

Funding Proposal Form

Group Name: Multi-Ethnic Student Association (Intercultural Organization)	Proposal Date: 3/5/18
Contact Person: Sarah Verdegan	Contact Email: sverdegan@westmont.edu
Project Name: "OMG...Like Mixed Babies are Soo Cute!: Exploring Multiracial Identity and the Exotification of Mixed Race People"	Project Date: 3/7 (Wednesday)
Department Affiliation: ICP	Event open to the entire student body? Yes

Has your group submitted a proposal in the past? Yes No If so, when?

Describe the nature of your project (Target population, number of students involved, length of project, etc).

Target Population: Any and all students; as many as Founders will hold
 Number of students involved: 3 M.E.S.A. leaders are primarily leading the event, along with a handful of other M.E.S.A. constituents and ICP leaders who are helping with publicity, set up and during the event. We have invited the whole student body to attend, however.

Length of Project: Will last from 6-8 PM or so on the day of the event.

Note: I believe the "event proposal form" may be more appropriate, but the link is broken on WCSA's website, so for now I filled this out. Since the event is on Wednesday, I would greatly appreciate you expediting this request, or refunding M.E.S.A. after the event if this does get approved but after our event has passed.

What do you hope to achieve with this project?

We hope to expand our students' understanding of multiracial identity, and the problematic nature of exotification. Our M.E.S.A. constituents have had countless experiences in their lifetime, and specifically at Westmont where people have encountered them with subtle hints of racism in the form of exotification of "the other". We hope that our passionate speaker, Erika Bertling, will expose the issues with the simple statement "mixed babies are so cute", and engage attendants on complexities of multiraciality, by also weaving in discussion on whiteness (which is always beneficial at Westmont).

How much money are you requesting from WCSA? (Please provide an itemized budget)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Honorarium for Guest Speaker Erika Bertling	\$200
Snacks for the Event	\$25
TOTAL	\$225

Westmont College Mission Statement

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God’s kingdom by cultivating thoughtful scholars, grateful servants and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.

WCSA Mission Statement:

WCSA is the voice that represents the diverse views, beliefs, needs, and desires of our student body. We seek to unify faculty, staff, administration, and students by promoting communication and initiating change at Westmont College.

?How does your project relate to the mission of the college and WCSA

Our project works to cultivate thoughtful scholars, servants, and leaders by having an event that works to shed light on a topic hardly discussed by people who are not multiracial, and even by people who are multiracial in an increasingly multiracial school, country and world. Additionally, our event strives to form faithful leaders by encouraging our M.E.S.A. constituents who are interested in leadership in ICP by giving them various responsibilities to prepare for the event; and the event fosters faithfulness by working to eradicate problematic, discriminatory and racist thoughts to move closer to what the kingdom of God is intended to look like. In addition to the mission of the college, the event will align with WCSA's mission statement by encouraging a diverse perspective, and a discussion which strives to better understand and hear from voices frequently not heard from. The event will work to unify faculty, staff and administration by creating a space for students, and faculty, staff, and administration to engage in vital learning and discussion. P.S. I can't figure out why this last question became formatted so strangely; I'm sorry!

Payment Logistics:

Pay to: ICO Educational Programming Account #:18-51502-58520__

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General Council Comments:

Action Taken: Pass / Fail

Contact Person Notified? _____

Amount Granted: \$ _____