

Global Citizenship Journals

Activity #2: 1000 Peace Crane Project Art Installations

Date: October 2016, I went to each one on a different day.

I went to the three different installments of the 1000 peace cranes in the library, CSU and performing arts center.

This event was significant because I got to see the product of many different students and professors working together to make not one, but three stunning art installments. My personal favorite is the one in the performing arts center. Not only do these installments give life and color to the spaces they occupy, but they teach us about diversity. Each crane was created by someone different. These installations taught me about global citizenship because to me they represent many cultures and backgrounds coming together for a common goal. I love looking at art installments, especially incredibly intricate ones like the peace cranes. I'm very glad I was able to see all of them in person.

Activity #3: Global Competency Activity - National Coming Out Day

Date: October 11, 2016

I attended National Coming Out Day with my best friend so that I could support him. We had a ton of fun taking pictures and I loved talking to everyone who came out to support the LGBT community. Unfortunately, we were not the only ones who were there. A preacher from a nearby church came to preach about how being gay is bad and he earned himself an angry group of LGBT supporters surrounding him and questioning everything he was preaching. I was disturbed by this because he picked the day that was supposed to be about being yourself, yet he was standing out there yelling about how you need to be a certain way or you will not go to heaven. Aside from that preacher, I enjoyed my time spent supporting my best friend for who he is.

This experience was very eye opening for me. It started out very positive, I learned that there are many LGBT supporters on this campus who made this event very fun. My best friend felt very accepted at this event and I learned a lot about diversity. The reason for this was because there were two very opposing cultures trying to express their views at the same time, and it was not a very civil encounter. Campus security was called in eventually, and I watched as what was supposed to be a celebration of self awareness turned into a debate of religion and identity. I learned a lot from this experience, I learned that hate and love can co-exist, and that people who identify with a certain religion can be made uncomfortable by the actions of others who share their beliefs, but take them to the extreme.