



Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Presents:

Inclusion and The Necessity of Belonging in the 21st Century



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Dutchess Community College*

Taconic Hall, Room 209

“Today’s culture is driven on connection and the importance of belonging more than ever. The need for human beings to find a community or a place where they are accepted, loved and needed has become key to surviving in today’s society and culture. There are many inquiries about culture, society and the human connection that appeal for an answer. I will attempt to focus my attention and discussion on two of those many inquiries.

- *Why do we as individuals have a need to belong and be connected?*
- *As a woman and a foreigner, what challenges and advantages have I faced finding a place in American society and culture? “*

Nothando Daisy Bopela is a proud alumna of Dutchess Community College, a place that she credits her growth and maturity in loving education, community and the importance of empowering others. Born in the beautiful country of South Africa, her journey to the United States and learning to navigate new surroundings have allowed her tremendous opportunities that continue to open doors for her. She obtained her Bachelor’s degree from Temple University and MBA from Strayer University and currently working towards acquiring her PhD. She holds a deep passion for helping to develop and empower communities through the power of education and enriching programs. Daisy believes with all her heart that when we as individuals find those whose lives we are each called to change, that is where we find our purpose in this world. She believes that her responsibility to change lives does not only reside within the community and country she lives in today, but also to ensure that lives are changed and enriched in the country she was born.

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