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MEDIA RELEASE

Video Diverse Dubuque: A Focus on National Origin Wins Award of Excellence from the Iowa Motion Picture Association

A locally produced video entitled "Diverse Dubuque: A Focus on National Origin" received the Iowa Motion Picture Association Award of Excellence in the Corporate and Community Marketing category at the Annual IMPA Awards Ceremony in Des Moines.

The film was selected as the top Corporate and Community production against finalists from Urbandale, Davenport, Des Moines, and Iowa City. The Iowa Motion Picture Awards are given in recognition of outstanding creative and technical achievement in Iowa's moving image production industry, in all its forms.

The video was completed in fall 2008 by Loras College Productions for the National Origin subcommittee of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission. The video explores the modern-day immigrant experience in our community. The film focuses on local residents who have chosen to make Dubuque their home, and is designed to remind us that we are a nation of immigrants sharing common human interests.

Credits on the film include:

Ted Rosean, Associate Producer
Nick Helten, Graphics
Chris Lenart, Producer
Craig Schaefer, Producer

The Commission designed the short film to be used in presentations throughout the community in hopes of fostering dialogue and breaking down barriers fueled by fear. Immigrants to Dubuque who are willing to share the story of their experience in our community are available to present. Presentations can be held for any groups of people including schools, classes, businesses, civic groups, religious organizations, etc. The Commission encourages the community to take advantage of this excellent educational resource by contacting us at 580-4190 to schedule a presentation.