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## **NEPA Diversity Education Consortium presents workshop for professionals to learn how to manage diversity**

DALLAS, Pa. — The Northeastern Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium at Misericordia University (NEPDEC) is presenting the workshop, “Strategic Leadership for the New Millennium,” at Misericordia University on Friday, Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop is open free to NEPDEC members and the public can attend for a fee. Please contact the Misericordia University Diversity Institute at (570) 674-6217 to register for the event. The day-long workshop is also an Interdependence Day event at Misericordia University.

The workshop is being presented by Damon A. Williams, Ph.D., vice provost and chief diversity officer at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The program is geared for leaders in education, corporations, government and health care and non-profit organizations to help their institutions maximize financial and human resources. To achieve this goal, officers, managers and team leaders must embrace and develop organizational capacity to constructively engage in issues of difference and meet the challenges and opportunities presented by the changing demographics of the country. Knowing how to manage diversity is no longer an option, it is a necessity for survival, according to Dr. Williams.

During the workshop, Dr. Williams will discuss the essential resources and support leaders must provide for an organization to successfully achieve its strategic diversity goals. As a scholar, administrator and change agent, Dr. Williams actively engages issues of diversity and inclusion in his research, university leadership, consulting

and public life. The interactive workshop will examine how policies, procedures, recruitment and retention efforts impact bottom-line performance.

NEPDEC is collaboration between 32 regional institutions of higher education, school districts, businesses and governments that strives to create a more inclusive culture and to effectively prepare students and employees for the increasingly diverse communities and workplaces of the future.

For more information about NEPDEC, please call (570) 674-6217 or log on to [www.nepdec.org](http://www.nepdec.org).

Founded and Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in 1924, Misericordia University is Luzerne County's first four-year college and offers 32 undergraduate, graduate and doctorate majors in three colleges in full and part-time formats.

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