



## **The Importance of Balancing Unity and Diversity In Our Schools and Communities**

**A public event co-sponsored by UW Bothell and Cascadia Community College**

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*BOTHELL, Wash.* - James A. Banks, an internationally-recognized specialist in social studies and multicultural education, tackles a critical topic facing Americans today. At a lecture sponsored by Cascadia Community College and University of Washington Bothell, Dr. Banks will address the need to rethink our concept of what it means to be a citizen. He argues it is important to accommodate new population groups while simultaneously fostering national unity, and will discuss how various countries around the world are approaching the challenge.

Washington state's immigrant population increased by nearly one-third from 2000-2008\*. This trend is expected to continue and makes Dr. Banks' messages relevant at all levels of our community. The impact is widespread, as immigration increases racial, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity in our schools and in our communities.

**Wednesday, February 9**

**3:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Cascadia Community College/UW Bothell**

**Mobius Hall** (<http://www.cascadia.edu/visitors.aspx>)

James A. Banks holds the Kerry and Linda Killinger Endowed Chair in Diversity Studies and is the Founding Director for the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington. He has written more than 100 articles and written or edited 20 books on the topic of multicultural education. His work has been translated into many languages and he is a highly sought-after speaker all around the world. Cascadia's Diversity and Equity Center is proud to partner with UW Bothell's Student Life to support this event.

\*According to the Migration Policy Institute (<http://migrationpolicy.org/>)

***The University of Washington Bothell** combines the benefits of a small campus with the resources and prestige of a world-renowned university. Offering over 30 degrees, options, certificates and concentrations, its curriculum emphasizes close student-faculty interaction, collaboration among students, and hands-on learning.*

**Cascadia Community College** serves more than 5,000 students every year. Cascadia has gained a national reputation for its innovative programs in network and programming technologies, as well as its environmental technologies. Cascadia also boasts the highest transfer rate to 4-year colleges in the state.