

FINAL EXAM

“The Global Economy”

Participant responses to Gordon Smith’s review at the conclusion of World View’s 2006 Community College Symposium.

What are the most important IDEAS you have learned?

- Globalization is an interdisciplinary work. You will get ahead only if you can get beyond your own specialty and connect the dots of the other disciplines.
- Have a multicultural viewpoint. The United States is not the center of the earth; rather, we are part of a world; avoid stereotypes.
- We need to do more. The media projects the Asians as being naturally smarter than everyone else, but really they just *have* to be more competitive culturally because their population is so large. If half the time kids put into MySpace.com were put into something else, we would be better off.
- Importance of savings and investment for the future, both personal and national.
- Globalization isn’t just about winners and losers; if we adjust, we can all win. When we are the richest country, we need to put our idea of winners and losers in perspective. There’s no sense in the United States crying when the world is an unfair playing field, and we’re at the top of the peak.
- See globalization as an opportunity
- Don’t be so complacent and happy with where we are; keep working. Having too many resources can be a hindrance for us.
- Look at other areas globally in order to recover from changes in economic development; we need to compete globally.

What are the most important ATTITUDES to have in the 21st Century?

- Don’t be so self-centered
- Innovation is critical to stay ahead of the energy curve
- Be comfortable in changing products and services
- Keep responsibility on the individual; the students must have initiative and self-direction
- Realize it is a global economy – we are in it, and we are in it for the long haul; see it as an advantage and opportunity

What ACTIONS are you going to take to prepare your students?

- Make students accountable at an early age; help them understand that they are part of a bigger picture
- Learn another language and culture