

Alfred University Forum to Offer 'Glimpses of India'

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Alfred, NY -- The last Global Awareness Roundtable of Alfred University's 1999-2000 academic year will feature "Glimpses of India." The roundtable, which is free and open to the public, is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday (April 12) in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. Topics will include the roots, past and present culture, and future of India. A short video depicting a Hindu wedding will be shown. Sareena and Sanjeev Virdee, the children of Crandall Health Clinic attending physician Dr. Tejinder Virdee, will sing a Hindi song. Finally, joined by Rupal Varshneya, the children will dance. Presenting the roundtable will be Arun K. Varshneya, professor of glass science and engineering; and several members of the Steuben-Allegany India Cultural Association, Dr. and Mrs. Virdee, Dr. and Mrs. G.V. Nagabhushana, and Dr. and Mrs. Sharda. The Global Awareness Roundtable is a monthly event designed to introduce the Alfred community to a variety of cultures from around the world. The informal gathering "gives our international faculty, students, and alumni the opportunity to introduce participants to countries as diverse as Japan, Guatemala, and Tunisia," said coordinator Cecilia Beach, assistant professor of French. Anyone interested in giving a Global Awareness Roundtable next year may call or e-mail Beach at 607 871-2883, fbeach@alfred.edu. The series is sponsored by the AU Division of Modern Languages.