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**LOCAL COLLEGE BRINGS PROGRESS STRATEGIES+ FOR PRESENTATION AND
LEARNING ON STEREOTYPES AND BIAS**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 11, 2014 – At the invitation of Calvin College and its Executive Associate to the President for Diversity/Dean for Multicultural Affairs, Eric K. Foster of Progress Strategies+ gave a work presentation on “Stereotypes, Biases and Assumptions.” Specifically, Calvin College was impressed by the presentation at a conference last year and requested that it would be given to their campus community.

With a background as an activist and policy/legislative senior staffer, Foster provided an overview of inclusion, data, legislative and historical acts and current instances of exclusion that focused on how stereotypes and racial bias influences---and are influenced by---public policy such as welfare reform, drug testing for people on public assistance and immigration reform. Fifty students, faculty and staff open attended to learn how stereotypes and biases.

Foster observed that it was a pleasure to receive the invitation from Calvin College. In addition, it was also inspiring to be received by a campus community so open and willing to learn how stereotypes and biases are not just benign judgments, but rather intentional means for those in power to create public policy to perpetuate myths and do harm.

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