

Dear campus colleagues,

Thank you for choosing to present the IEC “Bulletin Board in a Bag”: Religious Awareness in your area this November!

In this packet, and any attached documents, you will find everything you need to begin a great bulletin board.

How to use

We’ve provided several flyer-sized pages of information, intended to get your board started; researching and adding additional information that would be of most interest to your particular residents (relevant communities in their home states/nations, campus/community activities that appeal to their majors and hobbies) can help expand the board and improve its impact.

For the most part, the Board is just print and post ready. Many of the sheets are designed so that you can put one on top of the other and residents can “flip” them to read more (Ex. the Hinduism sheet stapled on top of the facts about Hindusim). If we had it available at the time of publication, we’ve also included or attached information about campus/community events observing this month, that you can post as well. If there aren’t any, you can check the Student Life and IEE website (<https://www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/>) to see what events they have scheduled, and add them to your Board. And, consider making attending one of these events a program for your floor!

Feedback

To help us know where our boards have been, and how residents have responded to them, please email us (igr@du.edu) any/all of the following:

- ☐ Your name, hall and floor where the board is posted
- ☐ A photo or two of the board up on your floor
- ☐ A brief description of any reaction/feedback the board generated on your floor community,
- ☐ And any feedback you have about this board or ideas for other Inclusive Excellence-related identities/issues/observances we could provide for the future.

(And in the unfortunate event there’s any defacement or other negative reaction to the board, please follow your hall’s reporting procedures, and let us know.)

THANKS for sharing this important, and interesting, info with your residents!

Sincerely,

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Religious Awareness

**Do you know
which religions
are represented
on DU's campus?**

Buddhism: 2.4% Christianity: 45.6%
Hinduism: 0.6% Judaism: 5.3%
Islam: 1.5% Other: 15.5%
Unaffiliated/None: 29%

Buddhism



- **300 million followers around the world**
- **name comes from 'budhi', 'to awaken'.**
- **began about 2,500 years ago when Siddhartha Gotama, known as the Buddha, was himself awakened (enlightened) at the age of 35**
- **many practice Buddhism as a philosophy or 'way of life'**
- **Buddhists seek to: (1) to lead a moral life, (2) to be mindful and aware of thoughts and actions, and (3) to develop wisdom and understanding.**
- **Buddhists seek Dharma, or truth**
- **there are many different types of Buddhism, based on country, custom, and culture**

Christianity



- **practiced by about 2.2 billion people around the world**
- **started over 2000 years ago**
- **Christianity is practiced in three primary forms: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant**
- **the holy book of Christianity is the Bible**
- **according to Christians, Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. He conquered sin and death in order to restore humanity's broken relationship with God, the Father**
- **Christians believe that Jesus' sacrifice for humanity saved us from the permanent consequence of our sins and that, through Jesus, individuals can attain eternal life in relationship with God**

Hinduism



- **over 1.5 billion followers**
- **dates as far back as 1400 to 1500 B.C.**
- **most diverse and complex religions, having millions of gods and a wide range of beliefs**
- **main texts of Hinduism are the Vedas, Upanishadas, the Mahabharata, and the Ramayana**
- **though often understood as being polytheistic, supposedly recognizing as many as 330 million gods, it also has one “god” that is supreme—Brahma. Brahma is often believed to exist in three separate forms: Brahma—Creator; Vishnu—Preserver; and Shiva—Destroyer**

Judaism



- **about 15 million followers in the world today**
- **oldest Abrahamic religion (the others being Islam and Christianity), originating in the Middle East over 3500 years ago**
- **main forms of Judaism are: Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed, Reconstructionist, and Humanistic**
- **core beliefs and characteristics: 1) there is only one God with whom they have a covenant 2) In exchange for all the good that God has done for the Jewish people, they keep God's laws and try to bring holiness into every aspect of their lives 3) their central religious document is the Torah 4) Jewish traditional or oral law, the interpretation of the laws of the Torah, is called halakhah 5) spiritual leaders are called Rabbis 6) Jews worship in Synagogues**

[\[www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/ataglance/glance.shtml\]](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/ataglance/glance.shtml)

[\[www.gotquestions.org/Judaism.html\]](http://www.gotquestions.org/Judaism.html)

Islam

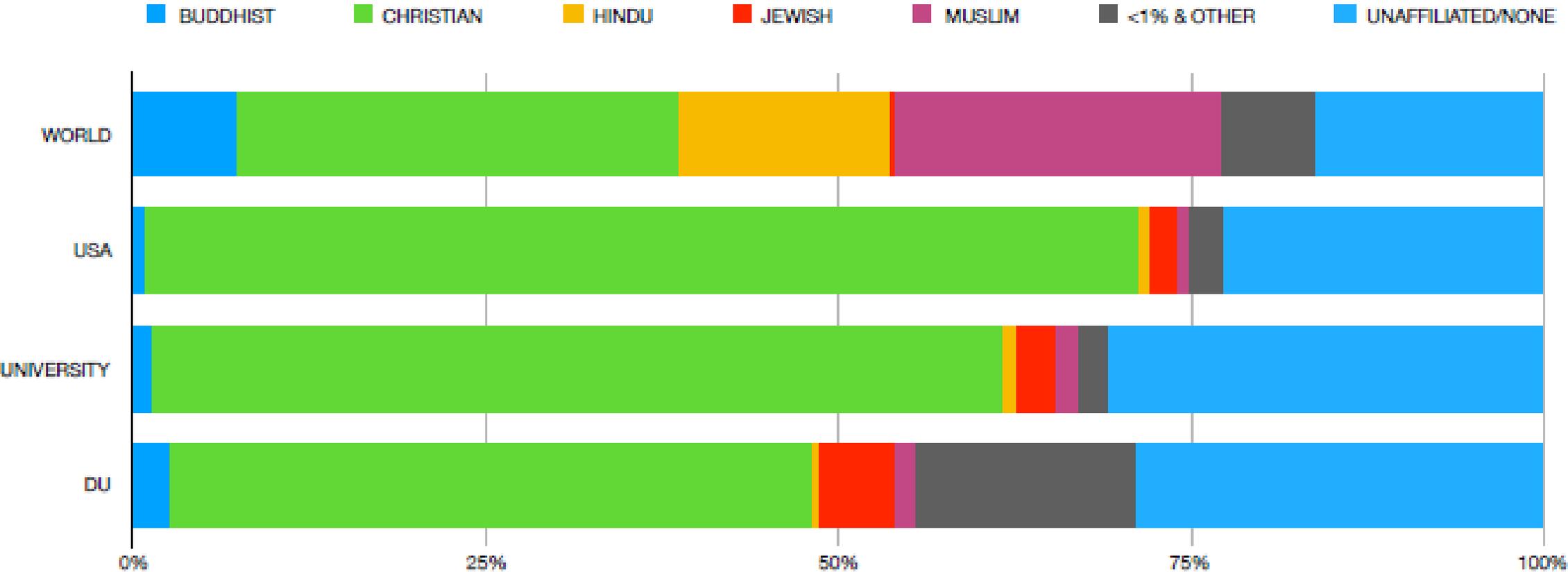


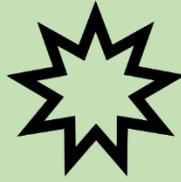
- **approx. 1.8 billion followers in the world**
- **as an Abrahamic religion, Islam has a long history which distinguished itself from Judaism and Christianity around the 7th century**
- **the holy book of Islam is the Quran**
- **beliefs: humans were created by Allah (God) to Worship Him, humankind has free choice in whether to obey or disobey God, but ultimately humans will be held accountable in the next life for the choices made in this life**
- **Allah sent Prophets to teach mankind how to worship Him; including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the last of the messengers, Muhammad**
- **five core tenants: 1) The testimony of faith 2) Prayer 3) Giving of alms 4) Fasting and 5) Pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca**

[\[www.whyislam.org/islam123/what-is-submission\]](http://www.whyislam.org/islam123/what-is-submission)

[\[www.gotquestions.org/Islam.html\]](http://www.gotquestions.org/Islam.html)

DU and the World



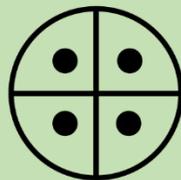


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THE ATTACHED POSTER
WITH EVENTS TAKING PLACE
DURING RELIGIOUS
AWARENESS WEEK!!!**