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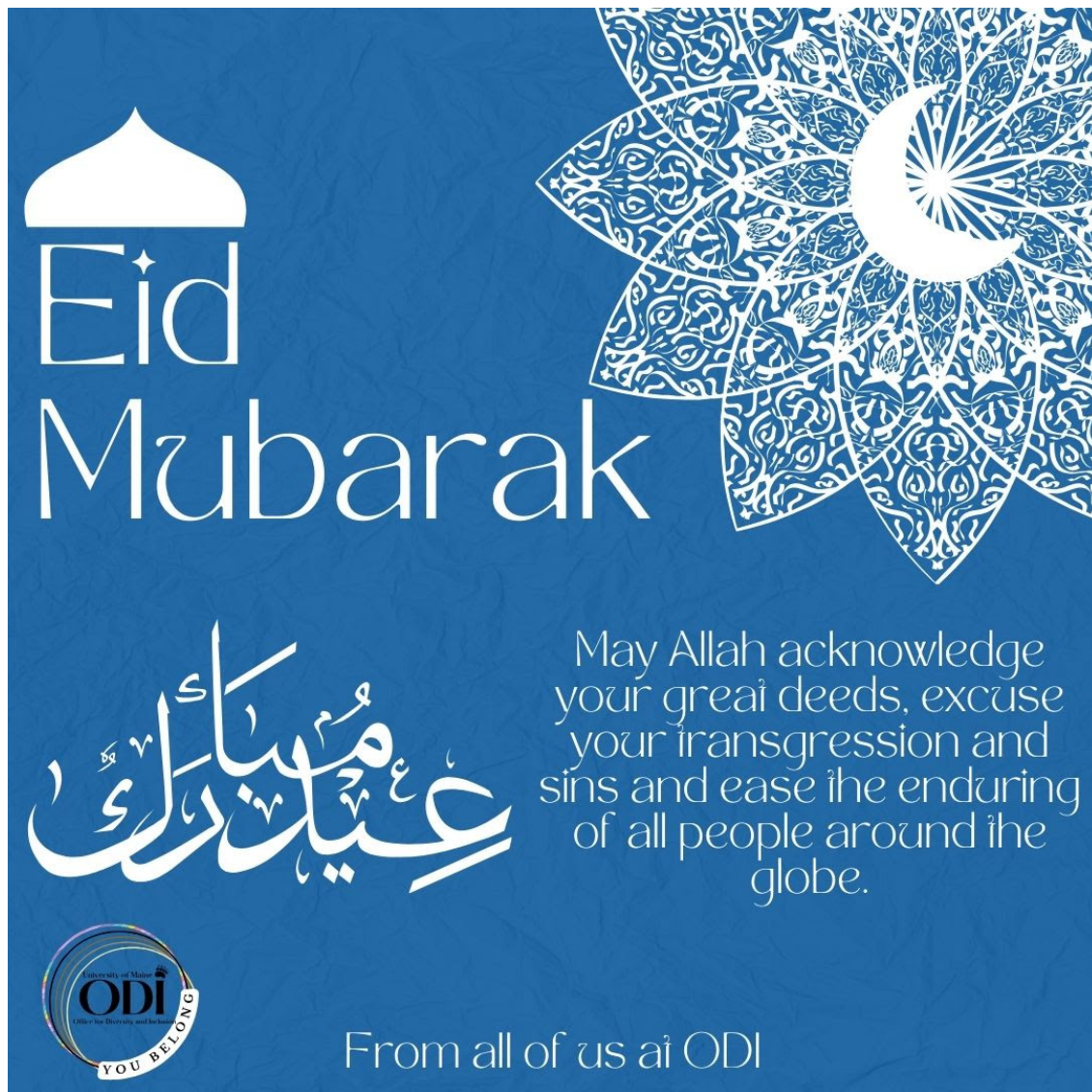
Eid Mubarak!

1 message

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Eid Mubarak, dear Friends.

Last week was Holi. A Hindu tradition that celebrates the coming of Spring and the triumph of good over evil! I often celebrated this festival with my best friend (of 35 years!) at her Hindu temple in Bahrain. So much joy shared with my friends, my community, my people. It is truly times like today where I would gather with our long time family friends' home (of over 45 years!) where we sang, danced and ate so much food during Eid-Al-Fitr celebrations! My people. I often reference "My People." I have lived in India, Bahrain, Iowa, Indiana, and Maine. I find absolutely no value to any geographical location. No loyalty to land in a way that is any way territorial. But people, I claim people! My people. Midwesterners, my people. Mainers, my people. Bahrainis, my people. Indians, mine. Muslims, Hindus, Native Americans, African Americans, Q+ friends, undocumented friends, White friends, Asians (duh!), Middle

Easterners, Africans, Latine friends, multilingual friends, folk caught in the lines of immigration awaiting papers', country music lovers (Shania Twain!), Christians and many, many, many others - all my people.

My parents were incredible role models who reflected what it meant to be community by being advocates, sharing our home, food, both physical and spiritual resources. What we claimed as ours, also belonged to our people. And my people did the same for me. I share from the lessons that my people had the grace, compassion, patience and love, they showed me.

May you get people in your life who will grow you to be better in every way. May you learn to claim your people beyond all you hold dear. May you discover your people and be claimed by them in return.

Sincerely,

Anila Karunakar (She, her, hers)

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Green Zone Training



Learn ways to serve our student veterans well.

Thursday, April 11th

2pm - 3pm

MSC Memorial Union #312



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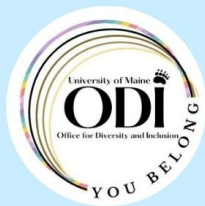
“DEI MUST DIE” Elon Musk

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APRIL 11 TH 3PM - 4 PM

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The Wilson Center
for Spiritual Exploration &
Multifaith Dialogue

Thursday Dinner & Dialogue Series

ON-CAMPUS

Join the Wilson Center Board & ODI in the North Pod
of the Union for a free dinner on:

SOCIAL MEDIA

What do different religious &
spiritual traditions have to
offer to navigate the presence
of social media in our lives?

6-8pm Thursday
April 11th
All are welcome!



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