



Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois (KCCI) 2020 Activities and Events:

We, the Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois, are very grateful for having many supportive members and promoters helping our community grow. We would like to express our appreciation and give thanks for their efforts. Please see what we have been able to accomplish this past year

January 22: KCCI in collaboration with the Kurdish Cultural Association at University of Chicago hosted a talk by Patrick Lewis (PhD Candidate, University of Chicago, Anthropology) about "Books, Cafe Culture and the Commodity in North Kurdistan".

March 7: KCCI celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a potluck for Kurdish women, families and friends, fostering connection and community support in a relaxing setting. Transportation was also provided for participants who needed assistance getting to the event.

August 22: KCCI opened a networking project. Kurdish students, trainees, and teachers in Illinois and neighboring states were encouraged to share information about their university programs/majors in order to get in touch with other members of the community for networking purposes.

October 13: KCCI president Prof. Osman Cen, spoke at the Kurdish Circle about KCCI's activities and initiatives, as well as stories and the situation regarding Kurdish

Diaspora and Kurdish refugees in Illinois. This presentation brought awareness to the center and experiences of Kurdish people.

December 17: KCCI along with other Kurdish organizations (@effendifoundation @ksa.umb @kurdsincalifornia @kurdishscouts) worked together to engage with Kurdish populations across the United States to be recognized in the 2020 US Census. This recognition is a huge milestone for the Kurdish diaspora and assures that Kurdish people are acknowledged for their vital roles in their communities.

December 20: KCCI held its annual board member election and selected its new members, with hopes of building a greater future for KCCI.

Board Members of 2020

<u>Co-Presidents:</u> Osman Cen	<u>Secretary:</u> Ridvan Bolgi
<u>Treasurer(s):</u> Araz Brifcani	<u>Members:</u> Bahadin H Kerborani Gonul Duzer Ramazan Balikci

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We will be happy to hear your feedback to strengthen our community together. **Address:** 4217 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641

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