Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!

Celebrating Black Excellence Month means celebrating the accomplishments, achievements, resiliency, creativity, and brilliance of Black people. Black Excellence Month shifts the conversation away from the overabundance of stories of trauma, pain, and deficit minded thinking about Black folks. Black Excellence Month promotes freedom songs, Black independence, stories of persistence, and highlights the joys and achievements that Black folks contribute to the planet Earth. **Click here for more information**, and see below for remaining events this month!

Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs and partners for these Black Excellence Month events:
- February 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM—Excellence Beyond Graduation: A Panel Discussion hosted by E.L.I.T.E. (Empowering Leaders to Initiate and Target Excellence). [Register here.](#)
- February 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM—Community M-Room: A Tribute to bell hooks. Hosted by Chad Williams of OMA and Carolina Hernandez of the Community Service Office. [Join here.](#)

**March 2021 Newsletter**
Lehigh is proud to announce two new policies allowing community members to identify their chosen name and gender identity in university systems. These new policies will allow students, faculty, staff, and alumni to more seamlessly update their chosen name and gender identity in the university’s Banner database. This change is important as we continue to build a more inclusive and equitable Lehigh.

You can find the policies and more detailed information below:

- **Chosen Name Policy**
- **Gender Identity Policy**

Check out what Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is offering this month!

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**Listening Differently**

How often do you listen, fully and intently, to what others are saying to you? Do you sometimes develop a response to people before they even stop talking? Is your team in a rut or hit a wall in terms of a major project? Invite Center for Gender Equity facilitators to provide a listening activity to your team. Learn alternative ways to listen to each other as well as enable voices who are often silenced to be heard equitably. Page-Up Learning Library Credited.

Custom workshop request: go.lehigh.edu/CrediCustom

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

11:30 am - 1 pm

**FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Visit go.lehigh.edu/CrediWorkshop to register.

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**Purim & Shabbag Shabbat**

- **THURSDAY, FEB 25 & FRIDAY, FEB 26**

Order your Purim and Shabbat goodies now! Hamentaschen! Challah! ... and more!!

Pick up on Thursday February 25 at the assigned time!

Then join us online for celebrating the holiday on Thursday night (details TBA) and at 6 PM on Friday for Shabbat.

Sign up by Monday 2/22.

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Lehigh Libraries invites you to explore the Black Lives Matter collection (lehigh.overdrive.com/collection/1000385) of ebooks and audiobooks, available through the new OverDrive platform, as one way to commit to listening, learning, and growing toward action and change.

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Pride Center Spring activities include Mental Health Mondays, Queer Spirituality Morning Blessing, Fierce Film Friday, Lunch & Learn, plus Pride-A-Palooza and Take Pride in April 2021. Visit The Pride Center’s website for more information on all the programs.