March 2023 Newsletter

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

March is National Women’s History Month, a time to study, observe and celebrate the vital role of women in American History. The celebration’s origins go back to 1981 when Congress passed a public law authorizing and requesting the President to declare the week of March 7, 1982 as Women’s History Week. The week designation continued for the next five years, until a petition by the National Women’s History Project led to the designation of March 1987 as Women’s History Month. Congressional resolutions and presidential proclamations since then have continued the designation for the month of March. Multiple national agencies have exhibitions, collections and resources available at https://womenshistorymonth.gov/

Image: The first picket line - College day in the picket line, 1917, digital file from b&w film copy neg. http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a32338

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Center for Gender Equity, Africana Studies Program (NEH), and NOTATIONS present a special afternoon with Dr. Imani Perry, who will discuss her book, South to America: A Journey Below the Mason Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation, gender, and race liberation. South to America won the 2022 National Book Award for Nonfiction. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 29 at 4:30 PM in Roemmele Global Commons, Williams Hall. There will be a book signing at 5:30 PM, and books will available to purchase at the event.

Dr. Perry is an American interdisciplinary scholar of race, law, literature, and African-American culture. She is currently the Hughes-Rogers Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University and a columnist for The Atlantic.

For more information on the event, contact The Office of Undergraduate Studies and Interdisciplinary Programs, incasip@lehigh.edu
INSIGHT Into Diversity 2023 Inspiring Programs in Business Award winners are passionate about building programs that advance diversity and inclusive ideals by providing access, academic support systems, skills training, mentoring, experiential learning, networking opportunities and community, INSIGHT reports. Among the winners are Lehigh University College of Business and Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA), a historically Black university in New Orleans, which offer a new 4+1 program in which students engage in undergraduate studies at XULA and then one year of graduate management education at Lehigh, earning a master of science in management degree in 10 months.

See all the Inspiring Programs in Business Award winners here, and learn more about the Lehigh/XULA 4+1 program here.

Soaring Together, Lehigh's celebration of 50 years of undergraduate coeducation, has invigorated our community of alumnae across the country. The Soaring Together Women's Summit continues the momentum with a series of compelling events designed to motivate, inspire, and move you forward. Events kick off with a dinner on April 28 and continue with a series of sessions from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on April 29.

Lehigh alumni women of all identities are invited to register for the conference, which includes networking events, workshop sessions with notable alumnae, and other opportunities to grow personally and professionally.

The entire campus community - including all students, faculty, staff and parents - is invited to join conference attendees for Leadership: How to Lead with Courage, Integrity and Accountability, a keynote session with Jackie Joyner-Kersee, named the world's greatest female athlete of the 20th century. This fireside chat will be held on April 29 from 10:00-11:30 AM. All events take place on campus.

For further details about the Soaring Together Women's Summit, visit this site.

Register for the keynote or the full summit here.
Check out Diversity, Inclusion & Equity offerings this month!

The Center for Gender Equity invites you to their second event regarding gender norms in STEM: Are STEM fields a meritocracy or a 'who you know' space? on Tuesday April 6 from 5:00-6:15 PM in EWFM 379. All are welcome to discuss gender norms, biases and stereotypes and their effects on STEM engagement, interest, enjoyment and job aspirations. For questions about the event, email amca21@lehigh.edu

The Lehigh Health & Wellness Center and the Pride Center have partnered with the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center to offer an HPV, PrEP & Cancer Screening Awareness Forum on Wednesday, April 5 from 4-5 PM at the Roememle Global Commons in Williams Hall. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register for the HPV, PrEP & Cancer Screening Forum here.

Zoellner Arts Center presents Traveling While Black in Sports: A Virtual Conversation with Pamela Jenkins, Delaware State University Women's Lacrosse Coach on Friday March 31 from 1-2 PM.

On April 20, 2022 the Delaware State University women’s lacrosse team was traveling back home from a tournament. While traveling through Georgia, their bus was stopped “under the pretext of a minor traffic violation” said Delaware State University president Tony Allen. During that stop, the Liberty County sheriff’s deputies informed the team that their luggage would be searched for narcotics.

Head women’s lacrosse coach Pamela Jenkins will share this story of Traveling While Black in sports. What can coaches do to help student athletes of color navigate the terrain of traveling for competition? What can white athletes do to be allies or co-conspirators? What are athletes of color to do when they are in other areas of the country participating in their sport?

Register for the virtual event Traveling While Black in Sports here.