As part of Lehigh’s celebration of the month, the Office of Multicultural Affairs invites you to join Daniel Strongwalker Thomas and Katelyn Lucas for a discussion about the Lenape tribal nation, their historical removal from their homelands, and current issues impacting the Lenape people. The talk will also touch on land acknowledgements and increasing fraudulent claims to Lenape identity. This event will take place on Wednesday November 16 at 2 PM on Zoom. The Zoom ID for the event is 934 7047 9487. For questions about the event, please contact OMA at inmca@lehigh.edu.
Lehigh’s new Jewish Student Center was officially dedicated on October 16 as part of Founder’s Weekend celebrations. The Office of Jewish Student Life moved into the new building at 233 W. Packer Ave in the summer, but this celebration gave alums, families and friends a chance to enjoy the space the students have been making their “home away from home” since the semester began. The ceremony also recognized the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Lehigh’s first Hillel House. “It’s important to have a place for the Jewish community to come together for celebrating Shabbat and holidays, to be able to get together and have a home away from home,” said Rabbi Steven Nathan, endowed director of Jewish Student Life and associate chaplain of the university. “Community is such an essential part of Judaism.” Read more about the dedication and the past and present of Jewish life at Lehigh here. Keep up with the latest happenings in Jewish Student Life and Hillel at Lehigh by visiting their website: Jewishlife.lehigh.edu.

Please join Dr. Donald Outing, Vice President for Equity and Community, along with Jason Schiffer, Assistant Vice President of Campus Safety, and Dr Holona Ochs, Director of the Marcon Center and LUPD Review Committee Member, on Tuesday, November 29th 3:15 PM- 4:45 PM for a town hall discussion. This is an opportunity for a conversation around the D&I plan, Campus Climate Report, and the LUPD Review. The town hall will be held in a hybrid format. Those with interest in and availability for in-person attendance can join the event in RBC 271; we will have refreshment bags to go. Those who would prefer Zoom attendance may register for the Webinar here. (Lehigh credentials are required to register.)

There will be limited time to ask questions during the event; thus, we are also offering the opportunity to submit questions in advance via this form. This will give us the chance to review questions for commonality and address those early in the town hall. Further, this will give you the option to submit a question anonymously if you choose. Please submit any questions by Monday November 28th at 12 PM. Questions about the event itself can be directed to vpec@lehigh.edu.

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Nikole Hannah-Jones, creator of “The 1619 Project,” spoke at Lehigh on October 11 about that Pulitzer Prize winning publication, the backlash against it and what that means, in her mind, for the future of the country. “The 1619 Project” was named for the year the first enslaved Africans arrived in America and was published in The New York Times Magazine in August 2019, in recognition of the 400th anniversary of the first slave ship’s arrival. A multi-media undertaking, the project included essays, photos and art by Black American writers, activists and more. “The 1619 Project” sparked controversy, with some historians arguing that it misrepresented the causes of the American Revolution and distorted the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, among other criticisms. “‘The 1619 Project’ is really about memory,” Hannah-Jones said. “How do we collectively remember our country and understand our country? What are the things we are taught?” Read more about her visit here, and explore more about “The 1619 Project” at https://1619books.com/
Check out Diversity, Inclusion & Equity offerings coming up soon!

LUally delivers skills-based, educational opportunities for the Lehigh community, while centering the philosophy that allyship is a continuous process that looks different for everyone. Join the Pride Center for a session with community partner Corinne Goodwin of Eastern PA Trans Equity Project on November 16 from 12:00-1:30 PM and learn how Yes! You Can Become and LGBTQ+ Advocate. Register at go.lehigh.edu/LUally or email pridecenter@lehigh.edu with questions.

LeLaf weekend is all about rivalry, and the Office of Jewish Student Life wants you to get into the spirit with LeLaf Shabbat on Friday November 18 at the Jewish Student Center at 233 W. Packer Ave! Services will be at 5:45 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM featuring pizza from Anna’s, NYC Village Pizza, Campus Pizza and Lehigh Pizza. There will be vegan options available! So come get in the spirit before the big game. Email injlife@lehigh.edu with questions.

The Center for Gender Equity invites you to a Zoom Dialogue on Reproductive Justice: Paving a Path Forward. Gather with like-minded folks to explore what a world with reproductive justice would look like and how we can get there as a collective. All are welcome. Register here, or contact fas220@lehigh.edu with questions or for more information.