Welcome to Fall 2020 at Lehigh University! For those unfamiliar with our office, we are responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to enhance and build on Lehigh’s efforts to advance its commitment to a diverse, inclusive and antiracist campus. We do this through strategic planning, training, education and research, community relations, policy development and communications. The division is comprised of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity; our advocacy centers: the Center for Gender Equity, the Center for Student Access and Success, the Chaplain’s Office, The Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Pride Center for Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity; and a Multicultural Community Liaison. This newsletter will give you a taste of what’s happening through ODI&E on campus, but we invite you to explore our website to get a richer picture.

We are proud to announce that Lehigh University is one of 90 institutions of higher education to receive the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The HEED Award is the only national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion across their campus. The 90 honorees will be featured in the November 2020 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. Read more here.
Three Lehigh programs were selected as recipients of the INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine 2020 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award. The award is designed to honor colleges and universities that encourage underrepresented students to enter science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. The RARE Program, Greer Scholars program, and Women in Engineering PreLUision program were selected for the honor. Read the full story here.

Congratualtions to three of our stem members who received prestigious University awards this year! Mary Ellen “Mel” Kitchen won the Perry & Carol Zirkel Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance and contributions by a member of the nonexempt staff. Scott Burden received the Alfred Noble Robinson Exempt & Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance in service to the university and unusual promise of professional achievement. And Rita Jones was honored with the Lehigh University Exempt Staff Distinguished Service Award which recognizes a member of the exempt staff who has contributed in significant ways to the Lehigh community over a number of years. A full list of the awards can be found here.
University Chaplain Lloyd Steffen discusses “living centered on love” in an op-ed for The Morning Call. “Love may always associate with romance, but in such difficult days, we need a broader and deeper idea of love...love that can put a check on our impatience with one another and blunt the temptation to hopelessness” he says. Read the full op-ed here.

Check out what Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is offering as we kick off the semester!
"ZOOM" INTO SHABBAT
JOIN LEHIGH HILLEL
DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!
LED BY RABBI STEVE NATHAN

FRIDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (EDT)
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/LEHIGHSHABBAT

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING THE LEHIGH COMMUNITY BY DOING A 10-30 MINUTE VIDEO TO HELP OCCUPY THOSE BEINGS CARED FOR DURING REMOTE WORK?

CAREGIVING SUPPORT VIDEOS
STORY TIME, YOGA, ART, DANCING, SINGING, SCIENCE, HISTORY, WRITING, ANIMALS—USE YOUR PASSION AND IMAGINATION TO HELP OUT OUR CAREGIVING COMMUNITY.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP!

THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
VIRTUAL M-ROOM
FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS
OMA Community Virtual M-Rooms
Continuing the great discussions from the summer and open to all LeHigh community members (staff, faculty, students, and alumni)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

THURSDAYS
OMA Virtual Student M-Rooms
Designed for student's only. Come for resources, support and great discussions!
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm


A weekly Zoom meditation session to help us deal with physical and spiritual isolation we haven't experienced before. Join with or without video. Open to all! No experience required!

Mindful Meditation
ONLINE WITH
RABBI STEVE NATHAN

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