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# IDEI in Our Community

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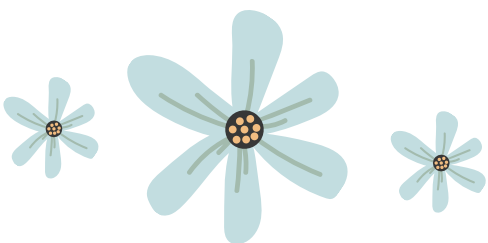
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Greetings PC Community!

We are thrilled to present to you the 13th issue of *IDEI In Our Community*, a bi-quarterly newsletter brought to you by the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This edition is jam-packed with exciting news and events that will surely bring a smile to your face. We are proud to showcase the remarkable achievements of Jackie Peterson, who will leave Providence college this summer after many years of exemplary, inspiring leadership. Additionally, we are delighted to celebrate the numerous awards and nominations received by our team members this past semester, highlighting their hard work and dedication. Lastly, we are thrilled to share with you the various events hosted by -- and in collaboration with -- our office during the last year.

We hope that this issue of *IDEI In Our Community* has brought some sunshine into your day. Stay tuned for more updates from our office!



**JUNETEENTH**

# A Farewell to Jacqueline Peterson

ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE OFFICE OF IDEI

***As IDEI prepares to welcome Quincy Bevely as the inaugural Vice President of IDEI, we would like to bid farewell to Ms. Jacqueline Peterson, senior advisor to the president for DEI, who will conclude her PC tenure this summer.***

A higher education leader for more than 30 years, Ms. Peterson began consulting after she retired as vice president for student affairs at the College of the Holy Cross in 2017. Father Brian Shanley, PC's former president and a New England Commission of Higher Education colleague, asked her to come to PC in a consultancy role in 2018, to help guide PC through a period of transition when Raphael Zapata, former associate provost, and Chief Diversity Officer, left the college. Ms. Peterson's role was to assess PC's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) needs by listening to members of the community and identifying best practices, while also providing recommendations relative to the search for an inaugural DEI vice president. With that work ongoing, she took on added responsibilities that involved establishing an infrastructure and framework for DEI, and she was appointed to the senior advisor role.

Ms. Peterson has been successful in this role because of the combination of experience, commitment, and compassion she brings to her work. A wonderful listener, she was able to gain an understanding of the community and act on the input she received to establish a process for advancing DEI on campus. Through that process, she has been able to increase awareness and build community momentum around strategies and initiatives related to the college's strategic goal of becoming a beloved community. A significant part of her legacy will be success in developing a framework that serves as a blueprint for addressing important DEI imperatives including institutional infrastructure; structural diversity; access and equity; formal and informal curricula; climate and inter-group relations; and student learning and development.

Key to Ms. Peterson's success has been the ability to build collaborations and partnerships working toward shared goals. She assembled a strong team of committed colleagues to champion, lead, and guide the efforts that further the community in pursuit of its DEI objectives.

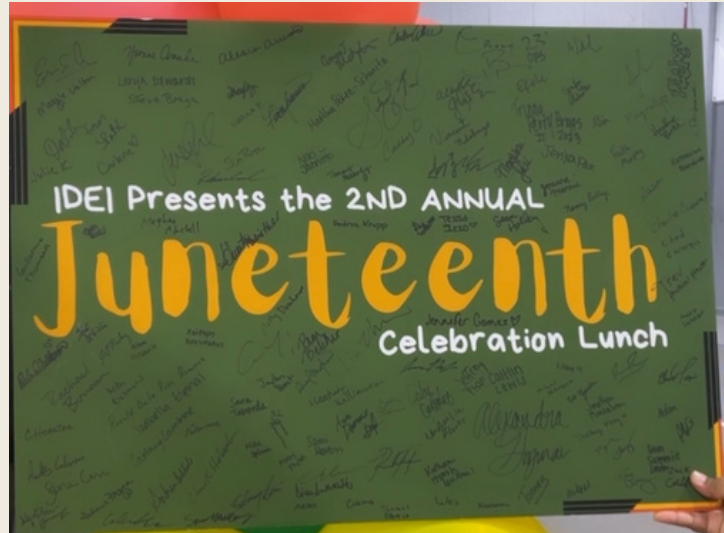
With characteristic humility, she says that working with that wonderful team has been the most enjoyable part of her Providence College experience. She says she hopes that members of the PC community feel that she has been a catalyst for DEI progress and that her work has lasting impact.

Ms. Peterson has created a strong foundation upon which the Providence College community can build. We would like to thank Ms. Peterson for all of her hard work and congratulate her on her many accomplishments. ***We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.***





# The 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration Lunch



## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH?

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with ***prayer, feasting, song, and dance***.

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## **DR. SAAID MENDOZA NAMED THE JOSEPH R. ACCINNO TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2022-23**

Saaid Mendoza, Ph.D., an associate professor of psychology, has been awarded the prestigious 2022-23 Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award at Providence College. This award is given annually to a faculty member who demonstrates exceptional teaching skills, a love for learning, and a sincere interest in the academic and personal growth of their students. Dr. Mendoza's dedication to his students and passion for teaching have earned him this well-deserved recognition.



**Read more about it [here](#) !**

**Please join us in congratulating Dr. Saaid Mendoza on this well-earned honor!**

## *AWARDS & NOMINATIONS*

### *For the IDEI TEAM*



E Corry Kole, the Director of DEI Education and Professional Development and LGBTQ+ Liaison, has been nominated for the Reverend John McMahon Award by the 73rd Student Congress. This prestigious award is given to a member of the Providence College faculty, staff, or administration who has made significant contributions to the college community, particularly in enhancing the experience and well-being of the student body. The 73rd Student Congress expressed their gratitude towards E for their tireless efforts in creating a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment for all students. Congratulations, E!

**REVEREND JOHN MCMAHON AWARD NOMINATION  
FOR E. CORRY KOLE**

# "Continuing Our Journey" Annual Report

CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY TOWARD BECOMING A BELOVED COMMUNITY  
3RD ANNUAL REPORT BY FR. SICARD

Providence College is dedicated to achieving its goal of becoming a Beloved Community, and Father Sicard's third annual progress report will be published in the upcoming weeks on the various DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives. The report, titled *Continuing Our Journey Toward Becoming the Beloved Community*, focuses on the five focus areas of IDEI and provides updates on the progress made so far, as well as the work that still needs to be done to achieve this goal.

The college's DEI initiatives are aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion across all aspects of the institution. The progress report highlights the steps taken by Providence College to create a more inclusive environment for all members of its community. This includes efforts to recruit and retain a diverse student body and faculty, as well as initiatives to promote cultural competency and awareness.

Some of the specific accomplishments highlighted in the report include the establishment of DEI task forces, the creation of a bias incident reporting system, and the implementation of professional development trainings for faculty and staff. However, the report also acknowledges that there is still much work to be done in order to fully achieve the college's goal of becoming a Beloved Community.

Overall, Providence College's commitment to DEI initiatives demonstrates its dedication to creating a more inclusive and equitable community for all.



# A Year in Review...

**BLACK EXPO**  
An Exploration of the Intersection of Black and LGBTQ+ Identities  
Presentations & Performances by Dr. Chris Chambers • Balance of Words  
February 28th  
7:30-9 PM  
Moore Arts Cafe  
All are welcome!

**Motherland & Moore Hall Presents: Movement Language Series: Beginner Hip Hop Class**  
Kelvin Fabian  
Kelvin has accompanied me to the first of classes in my 10th year of teaching. We have had a great time together and he has been a great help in my classroom. He has been a great help in my classroom. He has been a great help in my classroom.

**MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY!**  
Join SDAC for the 2nd Annual  
APRIL 27TH  
SLAVIN LAWN | 3:30PM  
MUSIC • FOOD • 2100-seat CLASS

**SNACKS WITH SDAC**  
JOIN FOR INCLUSIVE CONVERSATIONS  
COME ENJOY A SNACK WITH PACE STUDENT ORGANIZATION AND MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD ON SAFETY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ON CAMPUS  
Tuesdays, March 14th  
1pm - 5pm  
Slavin Atrium

**First, Only, Different: An Alumni Panel**  
A panel discussion on the experiences of alumni in their workplaces.  
Wednesday, February 15th  
Ruane 105, 6pm  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
Link for Alumni Registration Below

**Apply to be the Next IDEI GA!**  
Applications Due Monday, May 1st.  
The Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (IDEI) is accepting applications for academic year '23-24 Graduate Assistants. Apply today to become an integral part of our team!

**THE STAGE IS YOURS**  
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MOORE LEARNING CENTER | SLAVIN | 6:30PM

**Moore Hall 5TH ANNIVERSARY**  
DEAR ASSOCIATE FUTURE  
ALUMNI HISTORY PROJECT

**HAPPY NATIONAL FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT CELEBRATION DAY**  
THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

**taste of asia**  
Wednesday, April 26  
6-8 pm in Moore 125  
Come celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander Month with food from the Asian countries of Thailand, China, South Korea, Japan, India, Laos, and Vietnam!

**SPEED FRIENDING**  
SHEPARD AND THE LGBTQ+ STAFF AND FACULTY NETWORK  
April 26th | 7:15 PM | Moore 120  
Join us and socialize with the LGBTQ+ staff and faculty network over Pizzas and Salsa!

**The FRIAR EDGE PROGRAM RECAP**  
How to be a better Ally  
97%  
Learn all about the Friar Edge Program and how it can help you be a better ally.

**Confronting Microaggressions**  
WORKSHOP ON WHAT MICROAGGRESSIONS ARE & HOW TO RESPOND TO THEM  
11/03/2022 FROM 6:30- 8:30PM  
APPROXIMATELY 100-150 PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

**Student Congress General Meeting**  
October 4th  
6:30 pm  
Ruane 105

**LGBTQ+ Awareness Week Teach-Ins**  
The Best Like None in the World  
Black Day-Mark Thomas & Kimberly  
Event Description:  
Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Kimberly Thomas  
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**Motherland & Moore Hall Presents: Movement Language Series: Beginner Zumba Class**  
Zumba  
The best way to lose weight and get fit is to have fun. Zumba is a fun, energetic workout that combines dance and fitness. It's a great way to burn calories and improve your mood.

**Meet the Candidates for Vice President of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**  
The College is in the process of holding its first election for the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. We are looking for candidates who are passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and who are willing to serve the community.