

Community and Belonging

NOTE FROM DIANE

Welcome to the start-up of the 2019-2020 academic year!

I am excited to share this first [Division for Community and Belonging Be Here, Be You, Belong quarterly newsletter](#). Each quarter we will share some of the strategic planning and assessment the college is undertaking. The newsletter will also highlight new initiatives, programs, and best practices to advance Nazareth in a continual process of education, reflection, and dialogue regarding privilege, power, and marginalization.

Please take a look at some highlights:

- We will kick off the semester with [Summer Read Book Discussions](#) on three books: *So You Want To Talk About Race*, *White Fragility*, and *Emergent Strategy*. If you would like a book, please email belonging@naz.edu.
- Mark your calendar for this change of tradition: Nazareth's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration will take place Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Take a moment to read through and learn about more exciting updates and opportunities this fall! We look forward to seeing you!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27

COMMUNITY & BELONGING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

12:00 - 1:00 PM

GAC Fountain

September 12 - October 11

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

[Full List](#)

September 18

DEEPER THAN THE SKIN: A MUSICAL PRESENTATION ON RACE

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Beston Hall

October 1

NEIGHBORHOOD GENDER & SEXUALITY NAVIGATION CENTER (ATLAS) OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION

4:00 - 5:30 PM

ATLAS Resource Center & Shults Annex

October 7

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE: CASEY OROZCO-POORE

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Shults Forum

October 10

THE POWER OF LOVE: A TRANSFORMED HEART CHANGES THE WORLD

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Shults, Forum

October 23

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE SESSION

7:00 - 8:30 PM

GAC, Room 38

October 30

WORLD MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Shults, Forum

[Full calendar](#)

Use this [proposal form](#) if you would like the Division for Community & Belonging to co-sponsor your upcoming event.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Fall 2019

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

[More information](#)

October 1

PROMISING PRACTICES: SUPPORTING QUEER & TRANS COMMUNITIES 101

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Shults, 1924 Room

October 16

PROMISING PRACTICES: RESPECTING & EMBRACING PRONOUNS

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Medaille Hall, Formal Dining Room

Use this [application form](#) if you would like the Division for Community & Belonging to support your upcoming professional learning opportunities.

UPDATES



Belonging Campaign

Over 300 students, faculty, and staff have shared their stories of belonging at Nazareth via [videos](#), photos, and narratives. There is still an opportunity to [share your story](#) and receive a free t-shirt!

Also don't forget to check out the campaign feature in the biannual *Connections* Magazine!

[Read the article »](#)



Strategic Implementation Initiatives

Last year, the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council completed its first phase of the three-year implementation plan which was to establish a working framework focused on:

- campus climate (survey results forthcoming)
- curricular and co-curricular development
- recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students

• education professional development

Based on each working group's recommendations, the council is now moving into its second phase of the implementation plan which is to systematize, measure, and assess outcomes. The Council has been renamed the [Community and Belonging Advisory Council](#) for 2019-2020.

Learn more about the [Community and Belonging Board of Trustees Committee](#) and the new Diversity in the Curriculum Task Force.

BEST PRACTICE



Contemplative Practice As a Means to Advance a Community of Belonging

What is it? »

Contemplation is the process or pedagogical approach of reflection which leads an individual or a group to a more complete understanding of the lived experiences of others. A contemplative approach is necessary in diversity and inclusion work. It moves the individual or group beyond theory and to a level of relationship.



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