

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Insights



Hey Barons!

June is [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#), [Immigrant Heritage Month](#), and [Caribbean American Heritage Month](#).

For more observances and celebrations, click [here](#).

Juneteenth (June 19)

commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States as it marks the day General Order No. 3 was read in Galveston, Texas, informing that all enslaved people were free – two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.



“In honoring Juneteenth, we must acknowledge that freedom from slavery was a hard-won victory that unfortunately did not also grant economic freedom and freedom from racial oppression and hate. It’s also important to acknowledge that the traumas created and endured under slavery were not healed with emancipation, and that subsequent traumas continued to be created and endured until the present day because of racialized economic segregation, educational segregation, and mass incarceration.”

– *Due Quach, author and founder of Calm Clarity*

Get Involved & Stay Involved

There are many ways to advance and support an inclusive campus culture. At RCBC, one way is to join an advocacy or resource group. **Information below.**

Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Advocacy Group

Chair: Corvena Francis-Denton (cfrancis-denton@rcbc.edu)
Open to all faculty, staff and students.

Disability Advocacy Group

Chair: Jonathan Weisbrod (jweisbrod@rcbc.edu)
Open to all faculty, staff and students.

Faculty and Staff Advocacy Committee

Chair: Allison Millward (amillward@rcbc.edu)
Open to all faculty and staff.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, + (LGBTQIA+) Advocacy Group

Chair: Renita Brady (rbrady@rcbc.edu)
Open to all faculty, staff and students.

Women’s Advocacy Group

Chairs: Dr. Tiffany Ruocco (truocco@rcbc.edu)
and Dr. Brooke Mailhiot (bmailhiot@rcbc.edu)
Open to all faculty, staff and students.

News & More

We want to recognize and thank all PACDEI Members for a fantastic academic year!



SPOTLIGHT:
Marissa Hopkins

Pictured above: Award winner Marissa Hopkins (left) and Professor Jonathan Alexander (right) at the RCBC Academic Awards (5/2/22).

Congratulations to **Marissa Hopkins** for receiving the college’s **Civility Award** in recognition of her efforts and contributions to advance equity and inclusion for the RCBC community.

SUMMER SERIES



The Women's Advocacy Group launches the 2022 Summer Reading List!

Lucky Breaks by Yevgenia Belorusets
Becoming by Michelle Obama
Lean In by Sheryl Sandberg
And Still I Rise by Maya Angelou

COMMUNITY EVENTS

[Burlington Freedom Day 2022: A Juneteenth Celebration!](#)

by CHAI Community Development Corporation
 Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19 | 2 pm–7 pm
 Location: Burlington Riverfront Promenade

PACDEI will be participating in this event on **Saturday, June 18**. We welcome the RCBC community to visit our table as we talk with the community and honor Juneteenth.

[Philadelphia Pride Parade and Festival 2022](#)

Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5

"PHL Pride Collective is partnering to promote community events throughout the entire weekend in addition to PHL Pride Collective's Pride March and Pride Festival, taking place on **Sunday, June 5, 2022**.

The PHL Pride March will begin at **11 am** at the north end of Independence Mall in front of the Constitution Center at 5th and Arch Streets. The march is open invitation with no registration needed. The PHL Pride Festival will kick off at **Noon** in the Gayborhood at the conclusion of the PHL Pride March."



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Book

On Juneteenth

by Annette Gordon-Reed

"The essential, sweeping story of Juneteenth's integral importance to American history, as told by a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Texas native. Interweaving American history, dramatic family chronicle, and searing episodes of memoir, Annette Gordon-Reed, the descendant of enslaved people brought to Texas in the 1850s, recounts the origins of Juneteenth and explores the legacies of the holiday that remain with us. A commemoration of Juneteenth and the fraught legacies of slavery that still persist, On Juneteenth is a stark reminder that the fight for equality is ongoing."

– Available at the [RCBC Library](#).

TV Series

Pose

created by Steven Canals, Brad Falchuk, and Ryan Murphy

"'Pose' is a drama spotlighting the legends, icons and ferocious house mothers of New York's underground ball culture, a movement that first gained notice in the late 1980s. Making television history, Pose features the largest cast of transgender actors in series regular roles, including Mj Rodriguez, Dominique Jackson, Indya Moore and Hailie Sahar, who co-star alongside Tony Award® winner and Golden Globe® nominee Billy Porter, Angel Bismark Curiel, Dyllón Burnside, Sandra Bernhard and Jason Rodriguez. The Golden Globe-nominated drama also features the largest recurring cast of LGBTQ actors ever for a scripted series."

– Watch through [FX](#) or streaming services.

Film

Stonewall Uprising

directed by Kate Davis and David Heilbroner

As we celebrate Pride Month, it is important to educate ourselves on events that have played a major role in paving the way toward equality for the LGBTQ+ community. On June 28, 1969, police violently raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in Manhattan, NY. This resulted in six days of protests and conflict between bar patrons, neighborhood residents, and law enforcement. The Stonewall Uprising served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement and led to the creation of many gay activist groups in the United States and around the World.

– Watch a [clip](#) or the full [film](#).

Video

Out of Many, We Are One

by the I Am An Immigrant campaign

"Immigrant Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate immigrants and immigration, our heritage, and the countless contributions that immigrants have made and continue to make to our nation.

– [Watch here](#)

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