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Connection
April-June
2022

A Monthly Insight of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion @MSU Texas

MOSAIC **Connection**



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Wichita Falls Diverse Community Events

After Hours Artwalk

Thursday, April 7

5:30pm, Downtown

The After Hours Artwalk is a monthly celebration of the arts in Downtown Wichita Falls. Take a relaxing stroll and explore art studios, galleries, restaurants and shops!

Artist's Lecture: Sedrick Huckaby

Friday, April 8

5:30pm, Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas

The Museum acquired a print by Huckaby for the Permanent Collection. Titled "American Dad," this print captures that large portrait-thick-paint feeling seen in Huckaby's paintings. Hear about Huckaby's themes of faith, family, community, and heritage.

Scroll down for more Community and MOSAIC Events!

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

History of the Month

After being approached by a formal congressional staffer, Jeanie Jew, Rep. Frank Horton and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta introduced a resolution in the

US House of Representatives in June 1977 for the first 10 days of May to be Asian Pacific Heritage Week. A month later, a similar bill was introduced in the Senate by U.S. Senators Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye. President Jimmy

Carter signed a joint resolution in 1978 before George H.W. Bush in 1990 would sign a bill that would turn the week-long celebration into a month-long. Finally, on May 14, 1991, a public law was passed and signed off on May to become what is now known as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This month was chosen to commemorate and honor the first big group of immigrants who migrated from Japan to the US in May 1843 and the many Asian immigrants who helped to complete the transcontinental railroad on May 1869.

Stop AAPI Hate

With the COVID-19 pandemic came an alarming increase in xenophobia and hate crimes against Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders. Several organizations came

together to launch the Stop AAPI Hate coalition on March 19, 2020. Their mission is "to advance equity, justice and power by dismantling systemic racism and building a multiracial movement to end anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate."

Some ways for you to help include: Having genuine conversations with those around you, not partaking or ignoring any hate speech/racial injustice, donating to organizations centered around stopping AAPI Hate, educating yourself on AAPI History and achievements/hardships, and reporting any incident you see to <https://stopaapihate.org/reportincident/>. For more information about this coalition and ways to help and educate yourself, please visit the official Stop AAPI Hate website at <https://stopaapihate.org/>.

AAPI Heritage
Month's 2022

theme is

"Advancing Leaders
Through Collaboration"

Learn together >>>

DEI Advice

Sometimes a student or a co-worker experiences biased and wants to talk to someone about it. Or sometimes, bias situations happen around you, your classroom, your everyday life. When someone wants to talk about, don't steer away. Though it's difficult to hear, can you imagine how it feels for the person that experiences it?

Below are tips to help you manage difficult conversations.

1. Provide the space
2. We reflect on who we are, we reflect who others are, but let them identify who they are. Everyone has a story. Are you letting them tell their story or are you telling theirs?
3. You're not there to solve everything. Sometimes people need to vent, but a question to ask them is; "How can I support you?"
4. **Report.** Reporting a situation can be anonymous. Don't let this go unnoticed. We can only know about the situations on campus if we are told.



Students gather to watch the Zavala International Dancers at the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, Viva MSU.

Volunteer Opportunities

As MOSAIC grows, so do the volunteer opportunities! Below are committees on which you can serve in Fall 2022

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Critical Conversations speakers

For more information and to sign up, email mosaic@msutexas.edu or [click here.](#)

Take Action >>>

Upcoming Events

April 7

Black Leadership Summit

5pm, Sikes Lake Center

April 11

Middle Ground

6pm, CSC Comanche

April 12

Piñata Blast

5:30pm, Jesse Rogers Promenade

April 18

Spill the Tea

5pm, CSC Kiowa

April 25

APID Heritage Night

5pm, CSC Comanche

April 30

Unidos Commencement

Ceremony

2:30pm, Akin Auditorium

May 6

Black Graduation

7pm, Akin Auditorium

Wichita Fall Community events cont.

Zavala Hispanic Business & Professional Social After Hours

Thursday, April 14

5:30pm, Transland 1206 Hatton Road

Get a chance to network and meet other Hispanic business owners and professionals in the area.

Parks & Recreation Outdoor

Concert Series: El Chanclazo

Tuesday, April 19

7pm-8:30pm, Bud Daniel Park

Formed in the DFW in 2019, El Chanclazo is a musical collective that is made up of various musicians of Latin American that is specialized in performing a variety of Latin American musical genres.

For more MSU Texas events & information, visit MustangsLink.

Upcoming Observances

PRIDE Month

LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month is celebrated in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan when a police raid of a gay club, Stonewall Inn, resulted in riots in the streets for several days. From this historic and pivotal moment for the Gay Liberation Movement, many heard the message that LGBTQ+ people should be able to go to any establishment without fear of arrest or harm.

PRIDE Month is largely credited to be founded by bisexual activist, Brenda Howard, who many know as “The Mother of Pride”. She organized celebrations such as Gay Pride Week and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade on June 28, 1970, one year after the Stonewall Uprising. This parade is now known as the New York City Pride March and has inspired similar celebrations across the nation and around the world.

The rainbow flag has become a widely known symbol of LGBTQ+ Pride since gay politician, Harvey Milk, asked their designer friend, Gilbert Baker, to design a flag in 1978 to take to the San Francisco Pride March.

For more information on the history, traditions, and more on Pride Month, please visit <https://nationaltoday.com/pride-month/> and <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>.

Juneteenth

The Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, “ending” slavery. However, it took a long time for some territories in Confederate states to free people from slavery. Texas, the westernmost Confederate state, remained a slavery state until June 19, 1865 when 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to announce and enforce that over 250,000 enslaved Black people were free. This day is known as Juneteenth and to some as our country’s second independence day.

For more information on the history and honor of Juneteenth visit <https://www.juneteenth.com/history/> and <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>.



Bias Incident Report

Have you or anyone you know experienced bias based on their perceived race, gender and/or sexual identity?

MSU does not want you to experience this bias! If you feel you have experienced a bias incident at MSU, please report using the [online reporting form](#).

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MOSAIC Resources >>>

As the summer approaches, departments start restructuring their policies and programs.

[Located on the MOSAIC website is an Equity Audit Guide and Cultural Dietary Restrictions Guide.](#) Both of these documents can be accessed with a Microsoft OneDrive.



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Cross Cultural Center

Next Connection will be in August!

Have a great summer!

