



START A CONVERSATION. MOVE TO EQUITABLE ACTION.

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Mission

The CDE celebrates and teaches diversity in order to foster conversation and respect among cultures.

Vision

The CDE helps build relationships across differences to create a more inclusive and equitable community.

A REINTRODUCTION OF THE CENTER

For some of you, **the Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville** is no stranger. It has, and will continue to be, a resource for educators as they seek intentional learning on how to share diverse perspectives, bring understanding to the historical contexts of our community, and support culturally responsive classrooms.

Over the last several years, due to the global pandemic and an interruption in a steady director, the CDE has lost connections and, therefore, has not been at the forefront of educator and community conversations. In the next several months, the CDE will be continuing to meet with educators and community leaders about what they feel is needed in order to inform the CDE's strategic plan. Currently, our mission and vision statement are being revised in order to reflect the needs of the CDE and its stakeholders.



CDE ONE-PAGER

K-16 Resources



Community Partnerships



UNC Asheville Support



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MEET THE DIRECTOR, DR. KIMBERLY NAVA EGGETT



As a UNC Asheville Alum ('05), Dr. Nava Eggett comes to the CDE with 17 years of experience as a public school educator and advocate. Her passion for diversity and inclusion was a driving force as she supported classrooms and educators in Asheville City Schools. She looks forward to leveraging the CDE to support equity and inclusion efforts in K-16 WNC school districts, the community and UNC Asheville.

As a fierce advocate for public education, she strongly believes in centering the needs of our schools to bring inclusive education to all students. She looks forward to sharing resources and events via the CDE that our schools and community need!



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CENTERING DIVERSITY & BELONGING THIS SUMMER

This is not a comprehensive list nor is it the only time we center marginalized or underrepresented groups in our communities. Instead, we hope this will inspire intentional learning for individuals and organizations.



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Did you know the first Pride march celebrating LGBTQIA+ folks in Asheville was on Tuesday, June 13, 1992?



JUNETEENTH

June 19 is a federally recognized holiday that commemorates the day that enslaved people in Galveston, Texas learned they were free



FIRST NATIONS DAY

June 21, Recognition to the indigenous population affected by colonization in Canada



NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

July 18, established by the United Nations, it is both a celebration of Mandela's life and work as well as a global movement to inspire the next generation of leaders fighting injustices



DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 26, celebrates the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION

August 23, Intended to commemorate the uprising of those enslaved in Haiti in 1791 as well as the tragedy of the slave trade across the world



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

August 26, commemorates the 1920 addition of the 19th Amendment, which gave white women the right to vote. It wasn't until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that women of color were able to vote



RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Free webinars from Facing History and Ourselves:

- **June 27:** Understanding the Historical Context for Educational Inequity with Dr. Jeffries
- **June 29:** Simply the Best: Increasing Achievement, Engagement, Belonging, and Joy

Resources + Books:

- **Keep Dreaming Toolkit from CREED NC:** The Keep Dreaming Toolkit is the product of the collective wisdom and commitment of the Black parent researchers and educators who dedicated their time and genius to bringing forth a vision of what was possible for Black children.
- **Unearthing Joy: A Guide to Culturally and Historically Responsive Curriculum and Instruction by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad:** A follow up to Cultivating Genius, this book centers joy in teaching and learning



INSTAGRAM SUGGESTED FOLLOWS

@antiracisteducation
@learningforjustice
@weare_org
@teachersforgoodtrouble
@rethinkingschools
@facinghistory
@antiracistedinstitute
@gholdym
@britthawthorne
@ardtakeaction
@racialequityinsights
@creed_nc

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR INTENTIONAL LEARNING

Do you have a suggested event? Email diversityed@unca.edu to get on our newsletter!



Black Night/Noche Negra: Photographs of Mexico—Slideshow with BMC/MX Project **Thursday, August 17, 2023 - 8pm**

@ Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center {120 College Street, Asheville, NC}



Blue Ridge Pride Festival **Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10-5pm**

@ Pack Square Park
<https://www.blueridgepride.org/>

