



START A CONVERSATION. MOVE TO EQUITABLE ACTION.

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Mission

The Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville exists to foster belonging and inclusivity through partnerships, resources, and programming to cultivate brave learning spaces in K-16 classrooms and our WNC community.

Vision

The Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville works toward centering marginalized voices to create a more just, inclusive, and equitable community by supporting current and future educators, students, families, and community leaders at UNC Asheville and WNC.

A NEW SEASON. A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

As we head into another school year, **the Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville (CDE)** has been busy preparing for ways they can support area schools and community partners. We spent the summer updating our mission and vision, reestablishing community partnerships and contacts, reviewed exhibits and materials, and reestablished an online presence. Whew!

We acknowledge that the state of education in North Carolina has gone through some major shifts in the last several years. This makes it more difficult for teachers to feel confident in their inclusive pedagogy and brave conversations to create a sense of belonging for all students. As teachers in Western North Carolina are grappling with these challenges, the CDE wants to be able to support.

But what does this look like? We need your feedback!

What do you or your faculty/staff need from the CDE? Is it print or digital resources? Professional development on culturally responsive practices? Ready-made field trip opportunities about our local community and history? Guest speakers? Book clubs connected to area events? There are so many possibilities, but none of it matters if it does not support the needs of our educators and community. **Stay tuned for ways you can give us feedback and feel free to email diversityed@unca.edu if you are ready to share!**



**K-16
Resources**



**Community
Partnerships**



**UNC Asheville
Support**

SPARK! A NEW COLLABORATIVE PODCAST FROM UNC ASHEVILLE



The UNC Asheville Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Diversity Education have teamed up to create a new podcast called Spark! to cultivate conversation and move to equitable action. Dr. Carlton Smith from OMA and Dr. Kimberly Nava Eggett from the CDE are excited to share ways they support UNC Asheville and the greater community.

You can look forward to learning more about their work, but also hear from students, faculty, staff, and community guests as we explore ways to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and spark change. The first three episodes are available now and you can subscribe to find our newest episodes throughout the year.



Find us on Spotify!

CENTERING DIVERSITY & BELONGING THIS SEASON

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.



LATINX/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPT 15-OCT 15



ROSH HASHANAH
SEPT 15-17



YOM KIPPUR
SEPT 24-25



ANANTA CHATURDASHI
SEPT 28



BANNED BOOK WEEK
OCT 1-7



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
OCT 9



NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
OCT 11



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
NOV 1-2



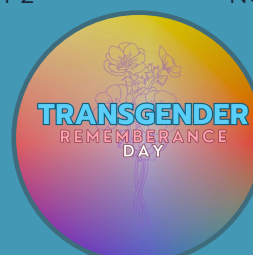
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER



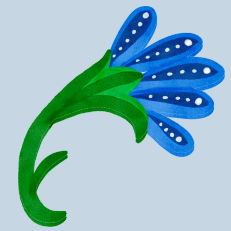
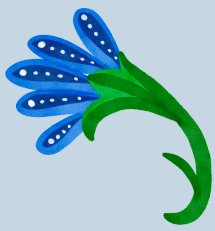
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TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 13-19

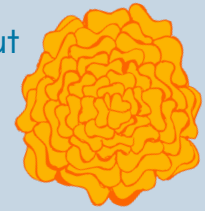
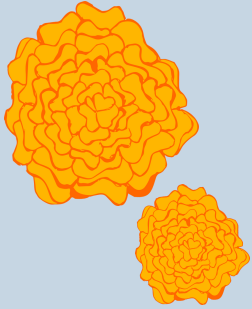


TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
NOV 20



UNCA COMMUNITY EVENT

MAKE FLORES DE CEMPASÚCHIL FOR OUR DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COMMUNITY OFRENDA!



On **Monday, October 2nd from 12-2**, stop by Ramsey Library to help make *cempasúchil* [marigold] flowers out of tissue paper to decorate our community ofrenda!
Snacks and craft supplies provided!

If you would like to honor a loved one, please add a photo of them to our community ofrenda! We ask that you label your loved one's name on the front and list your name and phone number on the back so we can return your item back to you starting November 3rd.



Co-sponsored by the Center for Diversity Education, Ramsey Library, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs



LATINX/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EDUCATOR RESOURCE

September 15-October 15 is Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month and **The Center for Diversity Education at UNC Asheville** has curated resources to help educators understand its history and relevance to their students, regardless of their ethnic background. 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, schools, and districts.

[LINK TO PDF HERE](#)



CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE RESOURCES FOR INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS

Classrooms everywhere should be inclusive, safe, and culturally responsive learning spaces for all learners. The CDE has curated resources on our site in order to connect educators to amazing existing lesson plans, texts, and engaging activities. **If you have a great resource for us to add, email diversityed@unca.edu.**



RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Free webinars from Facing History and Ourselves:

- **October 3:** [Exploring Borders and Belonging in Young Adult Literature](#), 7-8pm ET
- **October 4:** [If You Really Knew Me: Identity, Belonging & Multimedia Storytelling](#), 7-9pm ET
- **November 2:** [Teaching They Called Us Enemy and Japanese-American Incarceration](#), 6:30 - 7:45 PM ET: Webinar to introduce *They Called Us Enemy* and provide strategies and resources for reading this book in your classrooms and school community.

Resources + Books:

- **Campaign for Southern Equality:** [Southern Trans Youth Emergency Resources page](#) has various ways we can support trans youth in NC and in the South. Consider how the newest NC laws can be met with grassroots resistance. [Listen to this podcast episode where a family directly was supported by the CSE.](#)
- **Blue Ridge Pride: Oral History Project:** A community-based oral history project decided to archiving the LBGTQIA+ stories of the South. [UNCA's Special Collections](#) can be found here and [their YouTube archive](#) can be found here.



INSTAGRAM SUGGESTED FOLLOWS

@latinxeducation
@weare_org
@colaborativamilpa
@jovenesdepoderemma
@uncwmicasa
@cristina_espagna
@nuestrosouth
@isla_nc
@juntosnc
@jovenes_lideresnc
@collegeyconsejos
@thencforum
@thewokespanishteacher
@r2sasheville

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR INTENTIONAL LEARNING

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



Blue Ridge Pride Festival
September 30, 2023, 10-5pm
Pack Square Park



"Black in Asheville" movie night
October 2, 2023, Doors at 5:45 + showing at 6:30pm followed by a discussion w filmmaker Mullen & James Humanities Hall, UNC Asheville. Free and open to the community. Food trucks will be available in the parking lot at 5 p.m.



"The Big Payback" movie night
October 5, 2023, Doors at 5:45 + showing at 6:30pm
Mullen & James Humanities Hall, UNC Asheville. Free and open to the community. Food trucks will be available in the parking lot at 5 p.m.



Community Reparations Summit
October 7, 2023, 10-3pm
UNC Asheville, Sherrill Center



AAPI Mental Health: Why We Need Culturally-Informed Care
November 3, 2023, 5-6:30pm
Mountain View Room, UNC Asheville, Sherrill Center



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