

The Office of Equity and Inclusion Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter



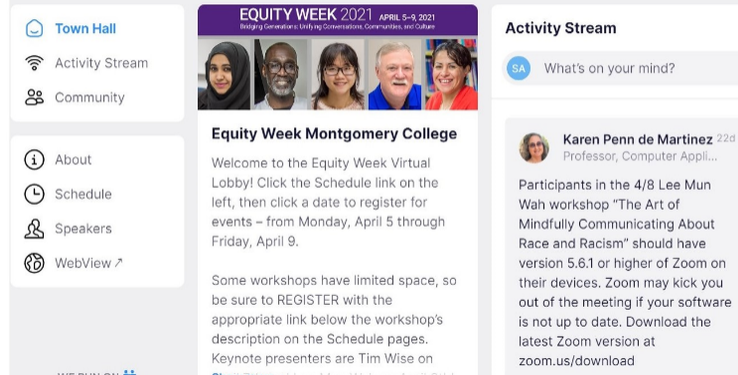
Spring/Summer 2021 Update

Sharon R. Bland, CEIO

Congratulations to our first cohort of Student Advocates! In March 2021, 24 students began a journey of exploration and discovery when they became part of the first cohort of the Social Justice Inclusive Leadership Institute (March 10-May 19, 2021).



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Office of Equity and Inclusion's Technology Use in a Virtual World

Written by Shade Akinrimisi, M.Sc. and contributions from Jason Buffy, CAC Manager

When the College went into lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and remote work started in March 2020, no one knew we would be living through this uncharted territory for more than a year. Everyone had to adjust and revamp their daily activities from an in-person to a virtual world. Shifting to remote work and learning involved changes and accommodation. We had to use different tools to get our work done remotely, from using familiar technology to new technology, we learned to adapt.

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Spring 2021 Equity Week

By George E. Rice, III

So there's this document that was written in 1863 with a sentence that states "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." In theory, those words evoked hope and implied that equity is everyone's birthright, but in practice, not so much. The generation of thought leaders who wrote and professed this belief misdirected, demeaned, divided, and disrespected a host of people who were already living in this country and those who were brought to this country. What would follow is a pattern of behavior that created social constructs that ironically wouldn't emancipate all of the men or women who were, in fact, created equal.

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What people are saying about our events and programs:

"The ground rules for a positive environment were stated and held to throughout the program."

"I will engage in a more positive and proactive practice, and investigate collaborative opportunities to strengthen bonds with other racial groups."

"I will use the information to help advance the decolonization work that my department is leading at the College."

"The information I received was eye opening. It was interesting to hear different perspectives and experiences."

Congratulations to the Spring 2021 Excellence in Equity Award Recipients!

Dr. Mohibullah Durrani - Posthumous Award

Richelle Adu - Student

Teresa Doley - Student

Marmaie Adjo-Adeba Evolah - Student

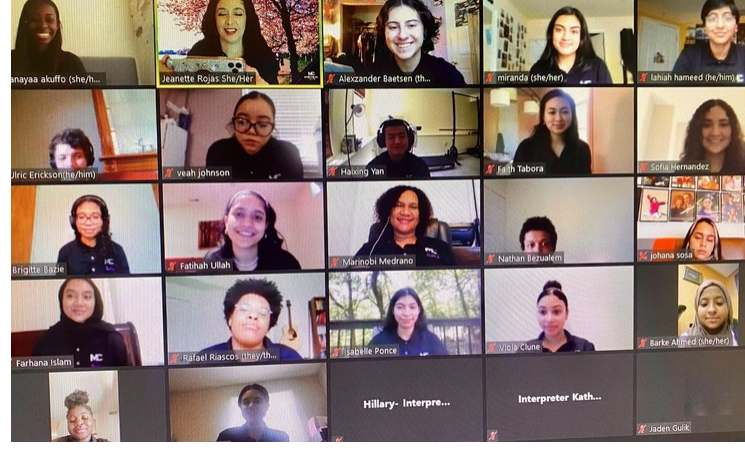
Dr. Lucinda Grinnell - Staff

Kimberly Jones - Staff

Dr. Katya Salmi - Full-time faculty

Charles Washington - Part-time Faculty

[Read more about the award winners here!](#)



Meet our SJILI Graduates!

Student Corner

Beyond the Binary: Gender X

by Alexzander Baetsen - SJILI

Graduate

We kicked off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the first of a 3 part film series and discussion with Lee Mun Wah, an international renowned Chinese-American documentary filmmaker, author, educator, community therapist, and master diversity trainer! Click [here](#) for summer film and community dialogue series information.



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