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OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH AND BLACK MUSIC MONTH JUNE 18-27

Join Pittsburgh and Allegheny County on June 18-20 for Juneteenth Freedom Days at Point State Park. This event is a Celebration of all Cities and Boroughs in Allegheny County featuring Black music genre and youth programs, African American Culture Education, food trucks, speakers and a variety of music showcases. The 5th Annual Juneteenth Grand Jubilee Parade will be held on June 26. The parade will go through Downtown Pittsburgh from 10 am-1 pm. This year's celebration also will include a Black Music Festival from June 24-27 including Jazz, Gospel, RnB and Soul artists at Point State Park. You can find more information [here](#).

2021 JUNETEENTH SCHEDULE

June 18: [Freedom Days Celebration - Battle of the Band Showcase](#)

June 19: [Freedom Days Celebration - Legendary Hip Hop & RnB Showcase](#)

June 20: [Freedom Days Celebration - Classic Soul Showcase](#)

June 18-20: [Juneteenth Youth Fest at Mellon Park](#)

June 24: [Pittsburgh Black Music Festival - Jazz Day](#)

June 25: [Pittsburgh Black Music Festival - Gospel Day](#)

June 26: [Juneteenth Grand Jubilee Parade in Downtown Pittsburgh](#)

June 26: [Pittsburgh Black Music Festival - RnB Day](#)

June 27: [Pittsburgh Black Music Festival - Soul Day](#)

History of Juneteenth: On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation (January 1, 1863), Union General Gordon Granger led thousands of federal troops to Galveston, Texas, to announce that the Civil War had ended, and slaves had been freed. "Juneteenth" serves as a way to celebrate and commemorate the news shared on June 19, 1865. On June 19, 2019, Pennsylvania officially designated June 19 a state holiday – "Juneteenth National Freedom Day." In August 2020, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto declared that Juneteenth will become a City holiday in 2021; and in October, Allegheny County Council made Juneteenth a county holiday beginning in 2021. Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH AND ALL LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES

In recognition of Pride Month, The Office of Health Sciences Diversity, Equity and Inclusion presents **Daniel Jacobson López, PhD, MSW, LSW**, Postdoctoral Associate, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences and Postdoctoral Associate, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Lopez's talk is titled **Reflections From the Ivory Tower: On Being the First Latinx PhD at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and a Gay Man of Color in Academia**. A question and answer session will follow the talk. [The ZOOM meeting will take place on Thursday, June 24 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Registration is required to attend.](#)

Visit the websites below to find out what is going on around Pittsburgh during PRIDE.

<https://qburgh.com/pride/>

<https://www.sisterspgh.org/2021-reclaiming-pittsburgh-pride>



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