



PITT DENTAL MEDICINE
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

SETpoint Training for Pitt Communities

In this Empowerment Self Defense session, we'll discuss and practice some very simple and practical physical self-defense tools. Participants will learn the ways that their bodies are engineered to be strong. We'll practice using our strengths in ways that will maximize effectiveness, building confidence in our ability to defend ourselves. We will discuss common objects that can be used as supplemental self-defense tools.

Tuesday, July 13th
4:00pm-5:30pm
In Person, On Campus

[You can find more information and how to register here.](#)

DIVERSITY FORUM 2021

Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities

July 26-29

The aim of the 2021 Diversity Forum, "Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities," is to engage and equip participants with the knowledge, skills and resources to identify sources of systemic oppression, consider strategies for dismantling that oppression, and actions critical in fostering more equitable and just communities in which we live, work and learn.

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JULY DIVERSITY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

July 14: International Non-Binary People's Day, aimed at raising awareness and organizing around the issues faced by non-binary people around the world while celebrating their contributions.

July 15: St. Vladimir of the Great Day, feast day for St. Vladimir celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches.

July 17-18: Tisha B'Av, a fast in commemoration of the destruction of two holy and sacred temples of Judaism destroyed by the Babylonians (in 586 B.C.E) and Romans (in 70 C.E.). At the Tisha B'Av, after select passages from the Torah are read and understood, netilat yadayim, or the washing of the hands, is performed.

July 18-19 (sundown to sundown): Waqf al Arafah, the second day of pilgrimage within the Islamic faith.

July 18: Nelson Mandela International Day, launched on July 18, 2009, in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday via unanimous decision of the U.N. General Assembly. It was inspired by a call Nelson Mandela made a year earlier for the next generation to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices: "It is in your hands now." It is more than a celebration of Mandela's life and legacy; it is a global movement to honor his life's work and to change the world for the better.

July 19-20 (sundown to sundown): Eid al-Adha, an Islamic festival to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim (also known as Abraham) to follow Allah's (God's) command to sacrifice his son, Ishmael. Muslims around the world observe this event.

July 23: The birthday of Haile Selassie I, the former Emperor of Ethiopia whom the Rastafarians consider to be their savior.

July 24: Asalha Puja, or Dharma Day, is a celebration of Buddha's first teachings.

July 24: Pioneer Day, observed by the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to commemorate the arrival in 1847 of the first Latter-day Saint pioneers in Salt Lake Valley.

July 25: St. James the Greater Day, feast day for St. James the Greater celebrated by some Christian denominations.

July 26: Disability Independence Day, celebrating the anniversary of the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

July 30: International Day of Friendship, proclaimed in 2011 by the U.N. General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

CONGRATULATIONS

Join us in congratulating Dr. Cecilia Akintonde (Pediatric Dentistry Resident) on recently being selected by the Scholarship Committee of the National Dental Association Foundation to receive a Predoctoral Dental Scholarship. The Dr. Bessie Delaney Scholarship!

The Dr. Bessie Delaney Scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Annie Elizabeth "Bessie" Delaney, (September 3, 1891 – September 25, 1995). Dr. Bessie Delaney earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) dental degree in 1923 from Columbia University. The only Black female in her class, she was the second Black woman licensed to practice dentistry in New York State. Dr. Delaney treated many of Harlem's poor, and in 27 years of practice never raised her fees.

USING DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Thursday, August 19th
1:00pm

Whether you teach an in-person or online course, any course content you offer digitally must be accessible to students with disabilities. This workshop explains what accessibility looks like in the context of Canvas and other methods of digital content delivery, why accessibility is important, and how accessible design can help all students, not just those with disabilities.

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