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NEWS

Curated Resource Guide

Pride Month

June is national Pride Month. Throughout the month, we acknowledge a variety of initiatives that highlight and celebrate members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

[Learn More About the Origins of Pride Month Here](#)

[Pride Month Resource Guide](#)

[2023 Pride Month Events](#)



CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Caribbean American Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural and historical contributions of Caribbean Americans to our nation. The month-long observance, which takes place every June, is a time to honor the legacy of Caribbean Americans who have made a significant impact in fields such as science, art, music, politics, and business.

Caribbean American Heritage Month Resource Guide

Congratulations Community Engagement Academy Summer Intensive Cohort

The [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) congratulates the [second annual summer cohort](#) on their completion of the Community Engagement Academy Summer Intensive. During the program, emerging engaged scholars gained insight on topics such as best practices in community engagement, assessment, and publishing community-engaged scholarship.

Juneteenth & Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

MLK Parade & Juneteenth Celebration
June 19 at 8:30 a.m.

[Register here](#)

The **41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade** will take place on **June 19, 2023**. The route will run down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and end at the Dr. Walter E. Hardy Park, where the Beck Culture Exchange Center's Juneteenth Celebration will start at noon.

Line-up will begin at **8:30 a.m.** at [Chilhowee Park, 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue](#). Step-off is at 10:00 a.m. UT is registered as a group, so it is unnecessary to register individually. We ask that you [sign-up here](#) so that we know how many to expect by June 13th. If you have questions, please email Quannah Washington at qwashing@utk.edu.

Parking will be available at [Overcoming Believers Church](#) and [Tabernacle Church](#). Those who park at Tabernacle Church can board at Cruze Street to be transported to Chilhowee Park. Boarding starts at **8:30 a.m.** at Harriet Tubman Street at the KAT bus shelter across from The Change Center for transport to Beaman Street near the Chilhowee Park entrance. The shuttle service will park at Cruze Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to return participants who parked in the Overcoming Believers and Chilhowee parking area. Participants will be shuttled every 15-20 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., stopping at the three locations for loading and unloading. Shuttle services will end at 12:30 p.m.

For participants with limited mobility, a bus will be provided. Please note that need on the sign-up link.

At the end of the parade, the UT bus will make one trip back to Chilhowee Park. If you park there and need a ride back, please feel free to get on the bus. The capacity is 35 people. We look forward to seeing you on June 19th!

OCEO Helps Prepare Next Generation of Scholars

The [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) recently partnered with the [Auxiliaries in Ministries](#)

[\(AIM\)](#) Convention of the Church of God in Christ, Knoxville District. In an effort to further their mission to train, enrich, and educate youth and their families, conversations related to educational preparation, being productive citizens in their communities, and innovative dreamers were held. OCEO Coordinator [Quannah Washington](#) shared messages with students and parents on the use of education as a tool to facilitate future success, as the two simultaneously play an active role in life after high school graduation. Over 100 youth and 70 parents participated. This is one of the many ways that OCEO supports community organizations in the mission to help prepare young scholars for post-secondary education and encourage the next generation of leaders.

Helping Women Basketball Players as They Settle in Knoxville

The first two women in a group of basketball players from Afghanistan have relocated to Knoxville and are settling in.

With another group of the women expected to arrive in Knoxville soon, a local group working to help them resettle is still collecting donations of money and household items.

The local collective supporting and facilitating the arrivals is led by Sarah Hillyer, director of the University of Tennessee Center for Sport, Peace and Society, former Lady Vol Michelle Marciniak and Mara Gubuan, the founder of Equality League.

[Learn More Here](#)

Knox County & Knoxville Have Gotten Bigger

Tennessee has become an even more popular place to live, and Knox County is one of the most desirable destinations in the state. From July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022, the state grew by almost 83,000 people, according to a study by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research.

[More Information Here](#)

Knox County District Attorney General's Citizens Academy Accepting Applications

2023
Citizens Academy
APPLY TODAY



The Citizens Academy is held in the fall and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the criminal justice system. Participants learn about the specific roles of law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, and jurors, while being exposed to the inner workings and complexities involved in prosecution. Citizens can practice what they have learned by participating in a

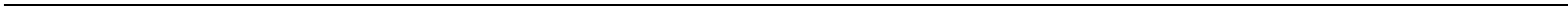
mock trial, arguing a criminal case as prosecutors. In addition to the mock trial, assistant district attorneys present on a wide range of topics including Criminal Justice 101, the “CSI Effect,” the opioid epidemic, gangs, and other trends impacting our community.

Application Information Here

- **Eligibility:**
 - Applicant must be at least 18 years old
 - Applicant must live or work in Knox County
 - Applicant must agree to a background check to be completed by the District Attorney General’s Office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION:

"Drafting and Evaluating Engagement Dossiers"



Session Description

Promotion and tenure committees nation-wide indicate a need for more effective narrative and evaluation of engagement dossiers. This session will provide examples for junior faculty on how to frame their dossiers for internal and external review. We will also discuss important attributes to consider when senior faculty are asked to evaluate engagement dossiers. Case study examples will be shared and well as resources to facilitate more effective writing and evaluation of promotion/tenure documents focused on engaged-scholarship. Join Rod Williams, Assistant Provost for Engagement and Jennifer Purcell for this inaugural professional development opportunity via Zoom on June 22nd from 12-1pm (eastern).

Date: June 22

Time: 12-1 (Eastern)

Virtual Delivery: a zoom link will be shared with registered participants

Register for this session using this Qualtrics link:
https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eYhRx8k3ziAuWxg



Thoughtful



Thursdays

2023



Engage.
Learn.
Connect.

*Sessions Are Held on
The 1st and 3rd
Thursday of The Month*

For More Information :

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Graduate Students
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Fukuoka, Japan



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If you would like to experience the cultural diversity, build your leadership skills, and have an interest in built environment sustainability be sure to check out our webpage:

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for information and application.

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Kyushu University

July 16 - August 12, 2023

<https://www.tj.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>



- Research in Built Environment Sustainability
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Experience Collaborative Learning



Eligible applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

UConnect

UConnect



UConnect is an inclusive, yearlong immersive leadership and professional development program. The goal of UConnect is to promote growth and development for our highly motivated non-exempt staff who have three years of continuous service. Learn more about the application process [here](#).

Eligibility: Non-exempt staff w/2y of continuous UT service who submit an application.

Applications window opens April 3, 2023

Submissions will be reviewed and cohort finalized in July 2023

Checklist for Application:

- Complete the UConnect Application to apply yourself
- Include a Letter of Support from your direct leader

To Nominate Someone:

- Complete the UConnect nomination form

For more detail on UConnect, visit: hr.utk.edu/our-programs/
or Contact LOD by email at: lod@utk.edu

To Apply: Applications are live on the UConnecT website and will close on June 9th. Please be sure to complete the application fully and include all required items. Once the application is closed we will begin to review submissions and finalize the 2023-2024 cohort. **Applications are due by June 16th.**

To Nominate Someone: Nomination forms are live on the UConnecT website and will close on June 2nd to give nominees an opportunity to submit their application before the deadline. LOD will notify those who are nominated so they can assess their interest and availability to participate and apply if they wish.

[Program Application](#)

[Find out More Information Here](#)

FUNDING AND AWARDS

UT-ORII Funding

The University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII) Seed Funding program invests in promising new and highly innovative multidisciplinary research projects designed by UT-Oak Ridge National Laboratory research teams. Proposals should articulate interdisciplinary approaches and include advances in developing the knowledge and skills that integrate data science, engineering, and technology with contextual applications. The deadline for proposals is June 30, with funding anticipated to begin January 1, 2024.

[Apply Here](#)

[More Information Here](#)

Arnold Ventures-Open Request for Proposals

[Arnold Ventures](#) is a nonpartisan philanthropy whose core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that maximize opportunity and minimize injustice. It works in four key issue areas: [Criminal Justice](#), [Education](#), [Health](#), and [Public Finance](#). AV's work is guided by [Evidence-Based Policy](#), [Research](#), and [Advocacy](#). The programs below are open for submission on a rolling basis.

[Rigorous Impact Evaluations of Student Success Programs and Practices in Higher Education](#)

[Randomized Controlled Trials of Criminal Justice Programs and Practices](#)

[Demonstrating the Power of Evidence-Based Programs to "Move the Needle" on Major U.S. Social Problems](#)

RCT Opportunity: Evaluating Social Programs Whose Delivery Will Be Funded by Government or Other Entities

2024 Young Scholars Program Funding Opportunity

The Young Scholars Program supports scholarship of early-career researchers that focuses on policy- and practice-relevant preparation, competency, compensation, well-being, and professional development of the [early care and education \(ECE\) workforce](#). All proposed research must have primary questions that are relevant to at least one of the Foundation's [three ECE workforce goals](#).

[More Information Here](#)

Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity

The Brady Education Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

[More Information Here](#)

Spencer Foundation Racial Equity Research Grants

The [Racial Equity Research Grants program](#) supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. The Foundation is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education, and which seek to (re)imagine and create new forms of equitable education.

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