

Diversity and Inclusion Calendar
June 2020

Celebration	Date	Description
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month	June	 <p>Commemorates the events of June 1969 and work to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBTQ Americans. Gay pride or LGBT pride is the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as a social group. Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the predominant outlook that bolsters most LGBT rights movements.</p> <p>In June 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist police harassment and persecution to which LGBTQ Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ citizens.</p>

<p>International Day of the African Child</p>	<p>16-Jun</p>	 <p>The day of the African Child has been celebrated on June 16 every year since 1991, first initiated by the OAU (Organization of African Unity) to commemorate those killed during the Soweto Uprising in South Africa, and to recognize the courage of the students who marched for their right to an education.</p> <p>It also raises awareness of the continuing need for improvement of the education provided to African children.</p>
<p>World Refugee Day</p>	<p>20-Jun</p>	 <p>World Refugee Day, an international observance celebrated annually is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. The world commemorates the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees. The United Nations General Assembly launched the holiday in 2000, and since then, the worldwide community has spent the day focused on ways to improve the lives of refugees. Most of us know that refugees are forced to leave their homes due to war, terror, or other crises—but fleeing their home country is often just the beginning of a difficult journey. Many refugees find themselves living in camps until they are resettled—some of which are dangerous or not well-equipped for long term living. Refugees don't always have a say in which country they are ultimately relocated to, and the bureaucratic process involved in finding their new home can take years. Worldwide refugee crises have taken center stage in the news in recent years, so it's more important than ever to share support and to celebrate World Refugee Day. #withrefugees</p>

