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# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Insights



#### **MARCH**

**Women's History Month** 

<u>Developmental Disability Awareness Month</u>

**Gender Equality Month** 

- 3 Employee Appreciation Day
- 6 Purim
- 8 Holi
- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 Equal Pay Day
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day
- 22 Ramadan Begins
- 23 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- 31 Transgender Day of Visibility

For more observances and celebrations, click here.

# Get Involved & Stay Involved

There are many ways to advance and support an inclusive campus culture. At RCBC, one way is to join a PACDEI subcommittee. **Information below**.

Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Subcommittee Chair: Corvena Francis-Denton (cfrancis-denton@rcbc.edu) Open to faculty, staff and students.

#### **Disability Subcommittee**

Chair: Jonathan Weisbrod (jweisbrod@rcbc.edu)
Open to faculty, staff and students.

#### **Faculty and Staff Subcommittee**

Chair: Allison Millward (amillward@rcbc.edu)

Open to faculty and staff.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, + (LGBTQIA+) Subcommittee

Chair: Renita Brady (rbrady@rcbc.edu)
Open to faculty, staff and students.

#### **Student Subcommittee**

Interim Chair: Andrew Bamford (abamford@rcbc.edu)
Open to students.

#### **Women's Subcommittee**

Chairs: Brooke Mailhiot (bmailhiot@rcbc.edu) and Leisa Karanjia (lkaranjia@rcbc.edu)

Open to faculty, staff and students.

### **News & More**

#### **Fantastic February!**

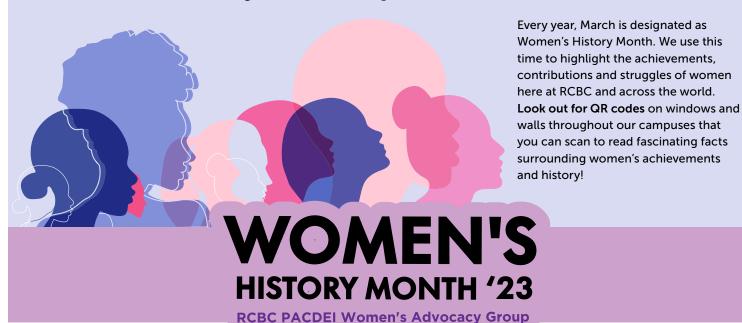
Last month, we celebrated Black History Month at our RCBC campuses with a diverse collection of events, including:

- Black History Month Fashion Show at the Mount Holly Arts Campus
- Soulful Luncheon at the Mount Holly Arts Campus
- Faith in Action performance in the Votta Hall auditorium
- Zawadi African Dance in the Student Success Center
- Honoring Muhammad Ali in the Votta Hall auditorium and more! We hope to celebrate next year with events like these and more, so stay on the lookout for opportunities to join the planning committee and bring your ideas to the table.

Also, we detailed the preliminary results from the DEI Climate Surveys and got feedback on prevalent campuswide concerns at Dr. Cioce's Welcome Back event on February 24. We will be using these results and feedback to inform the PACDEI's next steps and long-term plans. Thank you for being willing participants in our efforts to effect transformational change here at RCBC!

## **News & More Continued**

# **Women's History Month Is Upon Us!**



## **Developmental Disability Awareness Month**

March is also the time that we recognize

Developmental Disability Awareness Month in order to acknowledge and celebrate the experiences of those with developmental disabilities. Look out on our college's Instagram page for a new post each week with information on how to be a better ally to people with developmental disabilities, when and how to be an advocate, and more.

#### **Transgender Day of Visibility**

On March 31 of every year, we celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility, which "is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice."

#### Have ideas for change? Come chat with us!

Starting in late February, the PACDEI started tabling on campus each week, primarily on **Tuesdays** in the **Student Success Center**, to celebrate and recognize various cultural occurrences, give resources on how to connect with DEI efforts here on campus, and to chat with faculty, staff and students about their ideas for growth here at RCBC. If you have any wisdom you can share with us, please visit our table and let us help bring your ideas to life!

#### Schedule for tabling posted below:

- March 7, 14, 21 and 30 from 11 AM-1 PM
- April 4, 11, and 24 from 11 AM-1 PM
- May 2 and 9 from 11 AM-1 PM

# RCBC RESOURCES

AVAILABLE TO YOU

Struggling with money or food? Struggling in class? Looking for other services? Your safety is our priority and responsibility. We're here to help and support you.

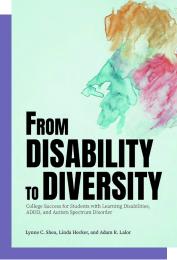
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## Read, Watch, Listen

Books, films, podcasts, articles, videos and more. Storytelling values the sharing of voices, perspectives and experiences. Share them with us by emailing dei@rcbc.edu.



Source: Amazon

# Book

#### From Disability to Diversity

by Lynne Shea (2018)

Approaching disability from the perspective of difference, the authors of this new volume offer guidance on creating more inclusive learning environments on campus so that all students--whether or not they have a recognized disability--have the opportunity to succeed. Strategies for supporting students with specific learning disabilities, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder or who display learning and behavioral characteristics associated with these profiles are described. A valuable resource for instructors, advisors, academic support personnel, and others who work directly with college students."

-Available at the RCBC Library.



Source: Collective Eye Films

#### **Documentary**

#### **GTFO: Women in Gaming**

"Sparked by a public display of sexual harassment in 2012, GTFO pries open the video game world to explore a 20 billion dollar industry that is riddled with discrimination and misogyny. Although half of all gamers are women, females are disproportionately subject to harassment and abuse from other gamers, and are massively under-represented in the video game design world.

Through interviews with video game developers, journalists, and academics, GTFO examines the female experience in gaming and begins a larger conversation that will shape the future of the video game world."

-Available at the RCBC Library.



#### **The Baroness**

by the RCBC Women's Advocacy Group

"If you want to hear from women who lead and inspire, this podcast is for you! This monthly series highlights women in leadership while encouraging listeners to build their skills, connect with the community and visualize the opportunities available to women in various professions. Tune in for a female perspective into the Burlington County community."

-Listen to all episodes of the podcast from this page or through your preferred streaming service!





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