

Subject: February DEI Updates

Welcome back, Barons,

February is Black History Month, and World Day of Social Justice is celebrated annually on February 20. For more observances, click [here](#).

Are you interested in joining a Resource or Advocacy Group? Below are meeting information, events, and resources.

February Advocacy Group and Employee Resource Group Meetings:

Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) ERG Meeting

Chair: Tina Burrell (tburrell@rcbc.edu)

Wednesdays, February 23 | March 30 | April 27 from 10:00 – 10:30 am

Location: WebEx

<https://rcbc2.webex.com/rcbc2/j.php?MTID=me52e1cc859036bb5f74b7009b48e0538>

Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, + (LGBTQIA+) ERG Meeting

Chair: Renita Brady (rbrady@rcbc.edu)

Thursdays, February 10 | March 3 | April 7 | May 5 from 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Location: WebEx

<https://rcbc2.webex.com/rcbc2/j.php?MTID=m1df7b8a27ea51a2033118956617ff07b>

RCBC February Events:

Black History Month Fashion Show

In collaboration with **Atlantic City Fashion Week** and presented by **RCBC's Fashion Department**, this event is free to the RCBC community and friends and family of RCBC students. *Please note that masks are required throughout the show.* For more information, email fashion@rcbc.edu.

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Location: Student Success Center, first floor, Mount Laurel Campus

Community February Events:

The Essence of Harmony Choral Society presents I Shall Wear a Crown: A Gospel Celebration of Black History Month

Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:00 pm

Location: [Online event](#) or join via [Facebook](#)

Recommended Reads:

The LGBTQIA+ ERG invites you to read 'Redefining Realness' by Janet Mock and '100 Boyfriends' by Brontez Purnell.

A New York Times Bestseller - "With unflinching honesty and moving prose, **Janet Mock** relays her experiences of growing up young, multiracial, poor and trans in America, offering readers accessible language while imparting vital insight about the unique challenges and vulnerabilities of a marginalized and misunderstood population. Though undoubtedly an account of one woman's quest for self at all costs, *Redefining Realness* is a powerful vision of possibility and self-realization, pushing us all toward greater acceptance of one another—and of ourselves—showing as never before how to be unapologetic and real."

NBC News Author Matt Laviertes writes, "This brutally hilarious collection of short stories chronicles the substance-fueled, romantic adventures of an ensemble cast of Black, queer men in America. Author **Brontez Purnell's** slice-of-life group of tales was listed for the **2021 Brooklyn Public Library Literary Prize**".

February Film Recommendation:

In celebration of Black History Month, the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ ERG committees are honoring the Black LGBTQ pioneers who changed our path in history with their inspirational voices, actions and ideas. Each transformed our society in a profound way by promoting love and equality.

In the following documentary, Phillip Alexander Downie commemorates the Black LGBTQ pioneers who have exceeded the expectations placed upon them and surmounted hurdles some called "impossible" to overcome. This documentary serves as a means to educate, promote a culture of inclusivity and advance equality for all. [Watch it here.](#)

Information, Resources & More:

We welcome you to visit [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at RCBC](#) online for more information, resources and events, or send your ideas or suggestions.

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