



SCEC DEIB Newsletter

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging
"Small Steps Make Big Strides"



Notable in History

Wyclef Jean (b.1969), a founding member of the hip-hop group, The Fugees. He has had a successful solo career as a rapper, singer, producer, and songwriter; and also gained recognition for philanthropic work and political involvement in Haiti.

Pierre Garçon (b.1986), a former NFL wide receiver, has used his platform to advocate for Haiti, playing a pivotal role in raising funds and awareness following the 2010 earthquake.

Karen Civil (b.1986), a digital media strategist and marketing expert who has collaborated with Lil Wayne and Nipsey Hussle. She is a dedicated philanthropist, particularly supporting Haitian causes, making her a prominent figure in the Haitian-American community.



We will meet in the middle of May to discuss ***Between Two Moons*** by Aisha Abdel Gawad. There's still time to join! Please email jgallishaw@scecoll.org if you are interested.

Haitian Heritage Month: It is celebrated annually across the globe during the month of May to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Haitians and Haitian Americans. It's an opportunity to learn about Haitian traditions, art, music, and cuisine, and to engage with the Haitian community.



May 15, 2025
 Global Accessibility Awareness Day

"We must all make peace so that we can all live in peace."
 – Jean-Bertrand Aristide

Haitian Proverb:
"Lespwa fe viv... Hope gives life."

"If one suffers we all suffer. Togetherness is strength. Courage."
 – Jean-Bertrand Aristide



RESOURCES TO SHARE

[Happy Haitian Heritage Month](#)

[Haitian Heritage Month](#)

[haitian-heritage-month-resource-guide.pdf](#)

We are looking for artwork from students focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Please encourage your students to submit a piece of artwork for a future newsletter.

Questions or comments are welcomed. Please send to jgallishaw@scecoll.org or kaylward@scecoll.org.



READING SUGGESTIONS

***American Street* by Ibi Zoboi**

***Brother, I'm Dying* by Edwidge Danticat**

***The Infamous Rosalie* by Évelyne Trouillot**

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The information contained in the DEIB newsletter is a sampling of significant days and months celebrated annually. It is not meant to be exhaustive.