



# THE SANKOFA NEWSLETTER

APRIL EDITION

## LOOKING AHEAD



### CULTURAL CENTER

**APR 5** | 6:00pm | Porter, BSU & Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Karaoke  
Strickler Auditorium

**APR 8** | 12-5pm | Conocimiento  
TILL Ekstrom 302 [Register](#)

**APR 11** | 1pm-3pm | Melanin Monday  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 12** | 5pm-7pm | Noche de Familia y Amigos @ Baseball  
Jim Patterson Stadium Parking Lot

**APR 13** | 6:00PM | Songbird  
Cultural & Equity Center

**APR 14** | 12-1pm | Cultural Conexiones: Celebrating AAPI Culture & Heritage  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 14** | 6:00pm | Indigenous Voices  
Strickler 102

**APR 14** | 9-11pm | Porter Silent Headphone Party  
Red Barn

**APR 19** | 3:00pm | Lessons Learned  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 19** | 5-7pm | BSU Black Creators  
TBA

**APR 21** | 6:00pm | Fiesta del Sol

### MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE

**APR 8** | 2-3:30pm | Muhammad Ali Scholar Program Meeting  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 22** | 2pm-3:30pm | Muhammad Ali Scholar Program Meeting  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

### WOMEN'S CENTER

**APR 7 & 21** | 12-2pm | Feminist Space: Games & Self-Care  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 13** | 2-4pm | Student Parent Association Meet-Up  
Cultural & Equity Center MPR

**APR 22** | 5pm | Women's Center Scholarships Deadline  
[For more information...](#)

### DIVERSITY EDUCATION & INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

We are taking a pause on trainings in April, but we encourage you to participate in our [upcoming trainings](#).

### LGBT CENTER

**APR 1** | 7:00pm | PINK!  
Student Activities Center Ballroom

**APR 12** | 11am-1pm | Get PREP'd  
Red Barn

**APR 14** | 3-5pm | LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Ice Cream Social  
Red Barn

**APR 19** | 4:30pm | PRIDE, Ponies, & Popsicles  
Red Barn/West Plaza

### LOOKING FORWARD TO GRADUATION

**MAY 4** | LGBT Center Rainbow Cord Request Deadline  
[For more information...](#)

**MAY 10** | LGBT Center's Lavender Graduation  
[For more information...](#)

**MAY 12** | Cultural Center Graduation Celebration  
[For more information...](#)

## As Identities Intersect

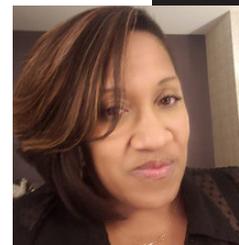
April brings many reasons for us to celebrate, including Easter, World Autism Day, Passover, Ramanavami, and Ramadan.

The Cultural and Equity Center would like to take this opportunity to give Dr. Jones a **HUGE THANKS** for her interim leadership with the Diversity and Equity unit for the last few years. Dr. Jones, your patience and diligence has not gone unnoticed and we truly appreciate you.



### Diversity Tip

Instead of asking candidates to define social justice terms in an interview, consider asking them to share more about their demonstrated commitment to social justice and antiracism. Reframing the question in this way allows a more accurate representation of the candidate in this regard. Anyone can regurgitate terms and buzz words, but effective articulation of action and progress provides a more authentic representation of the candidate. Hiring candidates who already share institutional values saves time and money.



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Executive Director of Diversity and Equity



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## LOOKING BACK March Highlights

### CULTURAL CENTER

The Cultural Center hosted the March Cultural Conexiones: Women, Femmes & Non-Binary round table event that explored the intersectionality between race & gender.

Hispanic, Latinx & Indigenous Initiatives hosted the first annual Mesa de Abuela event in the Red Barn that had 188 participants!



### DIVERSITY EDUCATION & INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE (DEIE)

DEIE launched applications for the Inclusion and Equity Internship Program, which is open to all undergraduates in any major on both campuses.

[For more information...](#)

### MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE (MAI)

MAI hosted the Muhammad Ali: A Transcendent Life-Standing Up for Peace Symposium that focused on the question "What can we learn from Muhammad Ali about standing up for peace today?"

### LGBT CENTER

The LGBT Center held a screening of the Netflix documentary, [Disclosure](#), in honor of Trans Day of Visibility.

The LGBT Center and Cultural Center hosted a One Love Workshop that touched on healthy relationships and boundaries.

### WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center and Muhammad Ali Institute hosted the March Cultural & Equity Center's Cardinal Care Space.

The Women's Center in partnership with our student organization, Women 4 Women Student Board hosted Feminist Craft Night where students made vision and affirmation boards.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Cultural Center highlights 'Where Y'all Really From?' a podcast launched in 2021 which shares stories of Asian Americans in Kentucky.

The LGBT Center highlights [ALOK](#) (they/them) an internationally acclaimed writer, performer, and public speaker. They are also the creator of #DeGenderFashion: a movement to degender fashion and beauty industries.

The Women's Center recognizes U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), who introduced the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021 & is seeking to create the first national museum dedicated to preserving the history, culture, and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans.

DEIE invites you to learn more about April's, and many other, important observances. In addition to learning more, we encourage you to take action to ensure you are doing your part toward creating a more welcoming and equitable environment for communities who share these observances.

The MAI asks: Did you know that Troy Kostur (starred in the film CODA) was the first deaf male actor to win an Academy Award (2022)?

Thank you for taking time out to explore our newsletter and we hope to see you soon!

To learn more about our individual centers, please visit us at

[louisville.edu/diversity](https://louisville.edu/diversity)