

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Monthly Message: May 2025

We've (almost) made it! A gentle reminder as we wrap up the year that for many students this time of year is exciting and a time of celebration, while for others the stress and anxiety around finals is overwhelming. Respecting different people's realities is an equitable approach that allows us to humanize all realities.

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 academic year (too soon!?), please help shape the types of speakers, discussions and trainings we'll bring to campus. I would appreciate you taking this quick survey to see what would be helpful to you in shaping your equity journey in the coming year: [SURVEY HERE](#). Or feel free to email me which topics would be interesting or useful for you, and what format you prefer (online, Zoom, etc.).

May is **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month**! During this month, we recognize the important contributions and achievements of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Celebrated annually, in some form, since 1979, this year's theme is "A legacy of leadership and resilience." The [Smithsonian Museum](#) has an awesome assortment of resources to engage in AAPI celebrations, to grow your knowledge and to support members of the AAPI community. Locally, check out the Twin Ports APIDA Collective (TPAC) Facebook page for community events throughout the year.

Our May **Narratives for Change** media club selection is the award-winning documentary **First Generation** (1-hour version), narrated by Golden Globe nominee Blair Underwood.

This powerful film follows the journeys of four high school students: a city athlete, a small-town waitress, a Samoan warrior dancer, and the daughter of migrant field workers, each striving to become the first in their families to attend college. Their stories highlight the barriers faced by first-generation and low-income students and the resilience it takes to pursue higher education against the odds.

Filmed over three years and featuring top education experts like Richard Kahlenberg, J.B. Schramm, and Dr. Bill Tierney, *First Generation* dives deep into the challenges of college access and the broader implications for equity and opportunity in the U.S.

Watch the full film on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72AWeUd_06k

Learn more at: <https://www.gocollegenow.org/about-the-film/>

Reflection meet-up: Friday, May 30th from 10:00 am-11:00 am. Please watch the film and come ready to reflect. The discussion will focus on themes from the film and how they relate to our LSC community.

Ready to sign up? Link is here. This month's session will be hosted by Rosalin Cobb-Tia.

The LSC Council on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion's **Narratives for Change** media club is a twist on your traditional book club. Think 'book club' but not books—podcasts, documentaries, movies, art, etc. Each month we'll share the topic of the month and where to access the media. At the end of the month, there will be a Zoom meet-up to discuss the media. If you are unable to join the Zoom session, we'll send some reflection questions your way. The moderator will change each month and we welcome suggestions for different topics!

Upcoming events:

- The LSC Student Senate and PTA Club are hosting an all-campus **Food Drive** happening now through Friday, May 9th. Boxes are set up around campus. Please support this important initiative!
 - **Current LSC Pantry Needs:** Size 4 & 5 diapers, rice, chapstick, boxed/bagged mashed potato mix, beans, canned vegetables, dental floss