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Homecoming 2025



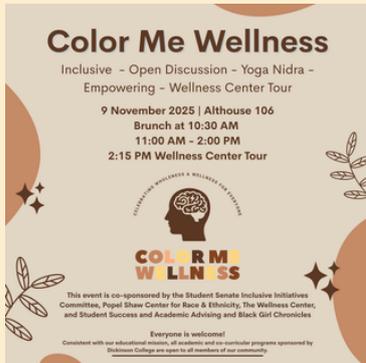
Culture Cookout '25



Color Me Wellness



Welcome Back Brunch



The Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity hosted its second Color Me Wellness forum, supporting students in navigating bias and exploring mental health and wellness resources. Participants engaged in storytelling, counseling, yoga, and holistic practices, heard from wellness professionals, and concluded with a reflective tour of the Wellness Center centered on mindfulness and community care.

Hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity.



The Popel Shaw Center proudly hosted its Welcome Back Brunch during Homecoming 2025. A joyful celebration of students, alumni, and community. Centered on connection, reflection, and belonging, the event brought together familiar faces and new ones alike. More than just a meal, it was a morning filled with gratitude, shared stories, and the spirit of community that defines the Popel Shaw Center.



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A.C.E Peer Mentors Program BBQ

The A.C.E. community came together for a fun and welcoming BBQ to kick off the semester! Mentors and mentees had the chance to connect, enjoy great food, and share good vibes. Coordinators Jacob and Jeda led the way at the grill, serving up a delicious meal that brought everyone together for an afternoon of laughter and connection.



A.C.E Peer Mentors Program

Hershey Park Halloween Night Spooky Tale

The bus ride was loud with excitement, until we turned toward Hershey Park. The sky dimmed, clouds swallowing the sunset, and a cold fog curled along the road. Every streetlight flickered as if warning us.

When we stepped off the bus, the park gates loomed tall, shadows stretching like long fingers across the ground. The smiling candy characters looked wrong tonight, their eyes too shiny, their smiles too wide, watching us.

The air went still. No laughter, no wind, only a strange whisper drifting through the mist. Come in.

The gates creaked open by themselves.

We looked at each other, shivering, then stepped forward. Behind us, they slammed shut. No escape, only the park waiting.



Hershey Park 2025

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Dickinson College Student Highlight

Brianna Lupian Lua, a first-generation Mexican American from Hanover, Pennsylvania, is a Law and Policy major and Lenfest Scholar at Dickinson College. Dedicated to celebrating her cultural heritage and fostering community, she is actively involved in the Latin American and Caribbean Club, Raza Unida, Trendsetters, and serves as an A.C.E. Peer Mentor. In addition, Brianna hosts La Chicana on WDCV, where she highlights Mexican music and culture. A member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Law and Policy and Political Science Committee, she plans to study abroad in Copenhagen before pursuing a career in policy and advocacy aimed at advancing equity and empowering underrepresented communities.



Dickinson College Faculty/Staff Highlight



Jacquie (Jacqueline) M. Forbes, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at Dickinson College where she holds appointments in Educational Studies and Africana Studies. Jacquie's work explores Black education broadly, and examines the experiences and practices that take shape in predominantly Black schools and educative settings. Her current project specifically examines the Black women educators' labor and wellness during and after the COVID lockdown era. Prior to Dickinson, Jacquie worked as a high school teacher in New York City and as an administrator for a college access program in Atlanta, GA. She holds a Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin-Madison in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis and is a proud alumna of Spelman College.



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Bridging Worlds: Humility Across Cultures and Generations

Thursday, October 30, 2025
Doors Open at 11:30 AM
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Allison Community Room – Dickinson College
59 Moreland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013

Free Parking Available
Lunch Provided

RSVP to Rev. Yvette Davis
Director, Popel Shaw Center
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Sheryl Meek
Director of Civil Rights and Outreach
Pennsylvania Human Relations
Commission

**BRIDGING WORLDS:
HUMILITY ACROSS CULTURES AND
GENERATIONS**

Join us for an interactive and thought-provoking training designed to deepen understanding and connection across cultures and generations. This session goes beyond theory—it's a dynamic conversation about why cultural competency and humility matter in today's diverse world, from classrooms and workplaces to our everyday social circles.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Desiree Chang
Director of Education & Outreach
Pennsylvania Human Relations
Commission

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Community members, students, faculty, and staff participated in an engaging training that fostered meaningful dialogue on cultural competency and humility. The session encouraged deeper understanding, connection, and a shared commitment to creating inclusive and respectful communities.

Town and Gown



Knowledge for Change: Educating Against Hate and Bias

**KNOWLEDGE FOR CHANGE
EDUCATING AGAINST HATE AND BIAS**

Join us for an important and empowering conversation! We're excited to welcome Corporal Ismail El-Guemra (Corp. El) from the Heritage Affairs Section of the Pennsylvania State Police as he shares practical strategies to help keep ourselves and our communities safe from acts of bias and hate.

During this session, Corp. El will explore:

- Why hate happens and what drives it
- The protections available under Pennsylvania law
- How we can protect ourselves and support one another

Everyone is welcome! Space is limited, so don't miss out. A light dinner will be provided.

Doors Open at 5:30 PM
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

233 W. Louthier St
Carlisle, PA

November 3, 2025
Rev. Yvette Davis
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Speaker
CORPORAL ISMAIL EL-GUEMRA

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Community members, students, faculty, and staff joined Corporal Ismail El-Guemra (Corp. El) from the Pennsylvania State Police's Heritage Affairs Section for an insightful conversation on preventing acts of bias and hate. Participants gained practical tools, legal knowledge, and a renewed commitment to fostering safe, inclusive communities.

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Upcoming Events

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A MOVEMENT

REV. WILLIAM J. BARBER II
 Repairers of the Breach,
 Poor People's Campaign,
 and Author



Thursday, November 20, 2025
ATS Auditorium - 7 PM

Sponsored by the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Clarke Forum
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FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY!

My Pursuit Of Beauty:
LUNCH & LEARN
 WITH VINCE SPINNATO

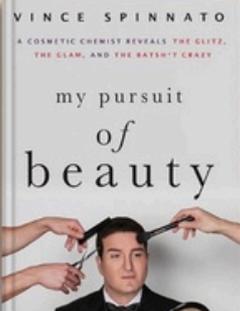
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2025 AT 12:00 PM
 WARDNER - SPAHR LIBRARY - RABINOWITZ AREA

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VINCE SPINNATO
 A COSMETIC CHEMIST REVEALS THE GLITZ,
 THE GLAM, AND THE BAY-SHIT CRAZY

my pursuit of beauty



ReDesigning Democracy Action Forum



Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Allison Hall Community Room



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