

THOUGHTLESS THINKS

NEWSLETTER



| Feature Story

Spring Brunch: Black Girl Chronicles & The Harrisburg Chapter of The Links Inc.

Black Girl Chronicles, alongside facilitators Jeeda Williams '27, Taahira Walker '28, and Paris Wooten '28, recently collaborated with the Harrisburg Chapter of The Links, Inc., an international non-profit network of professional women committed to service, leadership, and cultural enrichment, for an impactful and engaging community brunch centered on positivity, networking, and meaningful connection. The event created a welcoming space for students to engage in open and thoughtful conversations with members of The Links, Inc. Topics ranged from personal identity and lived experiences to future aspirations, professional growth, and navigating life beyond college. Students courageously shared who they are, where they come from, and posed thoughtful questions while seeking guidance and advice from the distinguished members of The Links.



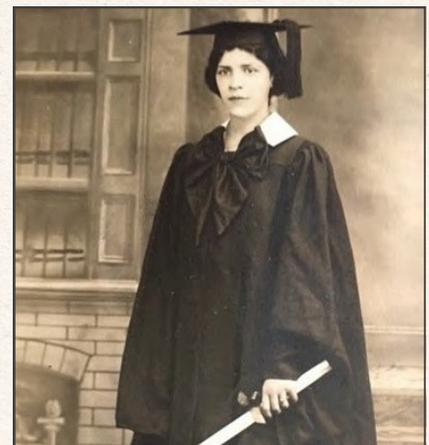
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| Our Why

Thoughtless Thinks

Ever wondered why our newsletter is named Thoughtless Thinks? The title honors Esther Popel Shaw, a Dickinson alumna who self-published her first poetry collection in 1915 to help fund her education. It reflects her bold thinking and willingness to question the world, a spirit we carry forward by encouraging reflection, dialogue, and thoughtful conversation.



| In the Workshop

From Idea to Impact: The Burgess Institute: Conversations on Networking & Opportunity

The Burgess Institute recently hosted an information session for the A.C.E. Peer Mentors Program, giving mentors and mentees a closer look at the exciting opportunities available this semester. From hands-on field days and interactive workshops to an inspiring alumni speaker series, students learned how to get involved and make the most of what the Burgess Institute has to offer. The session was led by Sophie Jones '28 and Amiella Musser '28, who shared valuable insights and answered questions from participants.



| Community Spotlight

Knowledge for Change: Educating Against Hate & Bias

Ismail El-Guemra from the Pennsylvania State Police Heritage Affairs Office delivered a compelling and thought-provoking presentation on the critical differences between bias and hate. Through real-world examples and meaningful dialogue, Corporal El-Guemra challenged attendees to reflect, learn, and engage in deeper conversations around accountability, understanding, and community impact.

Open to both the Dickinson College and Carlisle communities, this event created space for shared learning and connection, leaving participants with a renewed awareness of how education and dialogue can play a vital role in confronting harm and fostering respect.



KNOWLEDGE FOR CHANGE
EDUCATING AGAINST BIAS AND HATE

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

During this session, Corp. E 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 5:30PM
6:00PM - 7:30PM

February 4, 2026

99 Moorland Ave,
Carlisle, PA 17013
Allison Community Room

Rev. Yvette Davis
DavisY@ Dickinson.edu

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Upcoming PSC & Other Events Everyone is Invited and Welcome

Youth Voices Discussion Panel - Co-Sponsored by Moving Circles

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Doors open at 5:30 PM, Program 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

HUB Social Hall

Dinner Provided

The Threads Between Us - Celebrating the SPY Kids' 40th Anniversary

Monday, March 23, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Allison Hall Community Room

Dinner provided

Bridging Worlds: Humility Across Cultures and Generations

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Doors open 5:30 PM, Program 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Allison Hall Community Room

Dinner provided

Admitted Student and Family Exploration Experience

Friday, April 17, 2026

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

233 W. Louthier St. (Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity)

Happiness Without Borders: An International Tour

Saturday, April 18, 2026

12:00 PM–4:00 PM

Bosler Hall

Lunch provided

FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM @PSCDICKINSON FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS AND OTHER EVENTS. ALSO, CHECK ENGAGED REGULARLY TO STAY INFORMED.

CONSISTENT WITH OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION, ALL ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY DICKINSON COLLEGE ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT REV. YVETTE DAVIS
DAVISY@DICKINSON.EDU

Student Spotlight

Luca Lorrance '27 is a junior at Dickinson College who is deeply involved in campus life and community engagement. Since their first year, Luca has been an active member of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc., Infernos Acappella, MANDatory, the A.C.E. Peer Mentors Program, and Trendsetters.

Luca's identity is central to who they are, and their involvement creates inclusive spaces that foster connection and belonging. In addition, Luca serves as a Peer Advisor in the Office of Student Success and Academic Advising and as a Residential Assistant with Residential Life & Housing. Through these roles, Luca remains committed to strengthening the Dickinson community and looks forward to the positive impact ahead.



Kaitlyn Diaz '27 is a junior Neuroscience major on the pre-health track who has been actively engaged in the A.C.E. Peer Mentor Program since her first year at Dickinson, first as a mentee and now serving as both a mentor and the program's Accountability Officer since her sophomore year. In addition to her involvement with A.C.E., Kaitlyn is an active member of Mermaid Players, DTones, and the Neuroscience Club, and she is also a Reynolds Leadership Scholar who recently led the implementation of the scholarship's officially approved Instagram account to enhance its outreach and visibility. Beyond her impact on campus, Kaitlyn extends her commitment to service into the Carlisle community through her work as an Emergency Medical Technician with Cumberland Goodwill Emergency Medical Services, where she continues to make a meaningful difference through care and community support.

Students in Action

Amiya Marbles '26

We are so proud of Amiya Marbles and the incredible work she contributed to the article “An Overground Story: Craig Family African American Cemetery Brings to Light an Essential Part of Local History” published by TheBurg. Amiya’s photographs beautifully and thoughtfully capture the importance of the Craig Family African American Cemetery, helping bring a powerful and often overlooked piece of local history into the light. We are grateful for the way Amiya uses her talent to honor history and share stories that truly matter through her thoughtful and impactful work.



Anny Rodriguez Alcala '26

Dickinson College student Anny Rodriguez '26 recently had the opportunity to be featured on local television on ABC 27 News, where she proudly shared insights into the many opportunities provided through her EMT class. During the segment, Anny spoke about how the program supports her and her peers with hands on learning while leading to EMT certification, an important milestone for students interested in healthcare careers. She also highlighted how the experience has strengthened her confidence and deepened her passion for serving others through medicine.

We are so proud of Anny as she prepares to study for the MCAT and take the next steps toward applying to medical school, and we celebrate her dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving others.



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YOUTH VOICES DISCUSSION PANEL



A PANEL FOR GROWTH AND UNDERSTANDING

Join us for a panel discussion featuring high school and college students as they share their concerns, perspectives, and experiences in today's world.

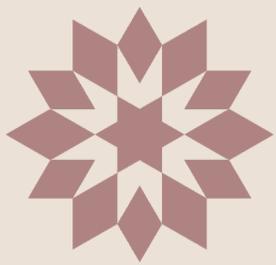
MARCH 18, 2026
WEDNESDAY

Doors Open 5:30 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Dinner will be provided
28 N. College St., Carlisle, PA
HUB Social Hall

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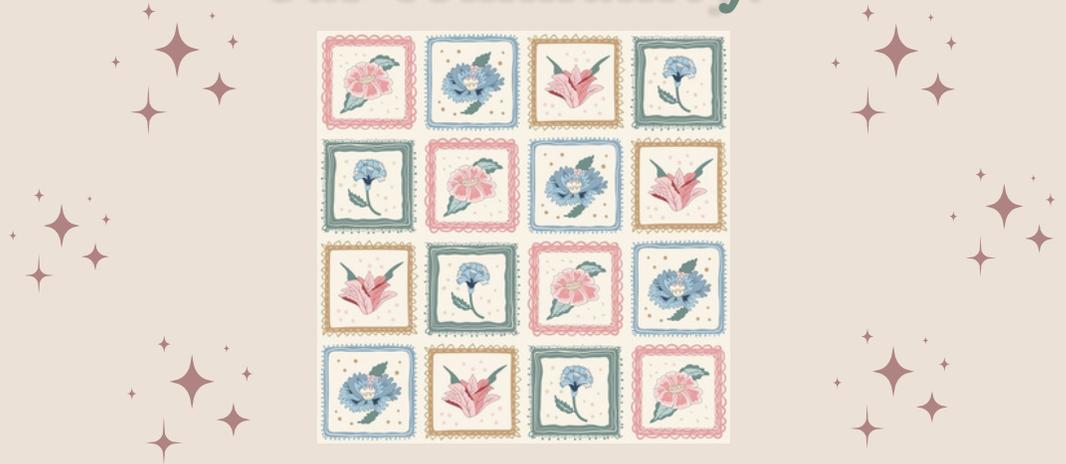
The Threads

BETWEEN US

23
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5 - 7
PM

Celebrate with us as we sew through the fabric of creativity and childhood enrichment to fasten the quilt that is our community.



We'll be joined by middle school students from Supportive Partnerships for Youth (SPY), as they celebrate their 40th anniversary. A longtime community partner of Dickinson, SPY is a nonprofit that provides free academic and social-emotional support to at-risk youth in the area.

RSVP



- Monday, March 23rd
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Allison Community Room (99 Mooreland Ave)
- Food and beverages will be provided
- All are welcome!!!

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Contact Rev. Yvette Davis (davisy@dickinson.edu) or MC Sterling (sterlinm@dickinson.edu) with any questions.

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Program: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

Free Parking Available – On street and in the
adjacent parking lot.

Dinner Provided

RSVP to Rev. Yvette Davis
Director, Popel Shaw Center
davisy@dickinson.edu



Sheryl Meck
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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Black Appalachia and the Search for Nowhere

HUMANITIES
CENTER

Spring 26



ORGANIZERS:

Paul Barba, Associate Professor, History
Kenton Butcher, Assistant Professor, English
P. Khalil Saucier, Professor, Critical Black Studies



Marie T. Cochran

Jan. 19-Feb. 8

Those We Thought We Knew: Reimagined

Exhibition: Samek Art Museum Downtown

416 Market St.

Feb. 12

Black Appalachia Symposium

Panel 1: 10:00 AM Dr. Cicero Fain (History, Marshall University)

Dr. Alexandra Finley (History, University of Pittsburgh)

Dr. Enkeshi El-Amin (Sociology, Agnes Scott College)

Panel 2: 1:00 PM Dr. Jed DeBruin (Geography, Jacksonville State University)

Dr. Alison Printz (Art History, Smithsonian Institute)

Dr. Darius Scott (Geography, McGill University)

Hildreth-Mirza Hall, Great Room 101



David Butcher

Mar. 27 | 2:00-4:00 PM

Founding the Tablertown, OH, People of Color Museum

Conversation with David Butcher

Hildreth-Mirza Hall, Great Room 101



Crystal Wilkinson

Apr. 9 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Sable Girls, Black Hill Folk and Brown Country: Examining
Appalachian Freedoms, Ancestral Memory, and Imagination

Closing Keynote by Crystal Wilkinson

Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts & Sciences and the Dolal Family Fund for Creativity and Innovation
Hildreth-Mirza Hall, Great Room 101

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Share your satisfaction level with your Dickinson experience

HEDS Student Satisfaction Survey

Sophomores and juniors

are invited to complete the HEDS Student Satisfaction Survey to report satisfaction with:

- 1) academic experiences,
- 2) course instruction,
- 3) campus services and facilities, and
- 4) campus life

Complete the survey and be entered to win



1 of 4 \$50 gift cards to Denim Coffee or Dickinson Outfitters

Take the HEDS Survey using the link in your Dickinson email.

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Tell us about your experience at Dickinson!

National Survey of Student Engagement

First-year and senior students are invited to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Reflect on your experiences at Dickinson and how it compares to your expectations.

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