

Celebrating PRIDE Month:

"PRIDE month is celebrated in June to honor the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan on June 28, 1969. That morning, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a known gay club. Club patrons were roughly and inhumanly removed from the bar, which led to six days of protest in the city. The uprising served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world.

The first PRIDE march was on June 28, 1970, one year after the Stonewall Uprising. Since then, millions of people around the world have gathered in June to celebrate love, advocate for equality and participate in allyship.

PRIDE marches are a great celebration of representation and acceptance. It is important, however, to note that PRIDE month is more than just parades and parties. It is a month to shine a light on an underrepresented and discriminated against the community. "Despite local protections, a majority of states do NOT fully protect LGBTQ+ people from discrimination, which means, for example, that in many places LGBTQ+ people can be legally evicted, denied medical treatment, forced into "conversion

therapy," or kicked out of a restaurant. True equality is still down the road, so the march forward must continue." (Pride: More Than a Parade - Green Bench Monthly)

Let's use the month of June to celebrate those within the community, march together as community members and allies, demand change for equality, and most importantly, remind ourselves to continue this cause beyond just one month a year. "Pride is a time to learn about and show respect and appreciation for LGBTQ+ history. It's also an opportunity for the community to celebrate important milestones—whether personal or collective—and support one another." -Anonymous

Pastoral Statement of Inclusivity:

Providence is happy to share our Sponsors' recent pastoral statement which clarifies the interpretation and application of Providence's mission, stating, "we are committed to addressing the unique challenges presented in attending to the concerns of people who identify as lesbian, gay, or transgender." To read the full statement, click [here](#).

Events this Month:

6-7 LGBTQAI+ Allyship Food Celebration

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To celebrate allyship with our LGBTQAI+ caregivers, join us on June 6 and 7 at the Colby Campus cafeteria.



17 Father's Day Food Celebration

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Colby Cafeteria Food Celebration. As we celebrate and honor caregivers, Father's Day can be an opportunity to recognize the diversity of family structures.



16 Caregiver Health and Wellbeing Fair

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Come join us IN PERSON and learn more about health resources from our own caregivers and in our local community.



20-21 Juneteenth

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As of 2021, Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States. It honors the emancipation of the enslavement of African Americans. Join us for a meal that celebrates the culture and tradition.



[Download the Annual Calendar](#)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Native American Citizenship Act of 1924	3	4
5	6 LGBTQAI+ Allyship Month Colby Food Celebration	7	8 Race Unity Day	9	10	11
12 Loving Day	13	14	15	16 Caregiver Health & Well-being Fair	17 Father's Day Food Celebration	18
19 Juneteenth Fathers Day	20 Juneteenth Food Celebration World Refugee Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Birthday of Helen Keller	28	29	30		

RECOMMENDED READS:

[Boy Erased](#)

[She/He/They/Me](#)

[The Invisible Orientation](#)

[The Glass Closet: Why Coming Out Is Good Business](#)

[Talking Across the Divide: How to Communicate with People You Disagree with and Maybe Even Change the World](#)

[Engines of Liberty: How Citizen Movements Succeed](#)