2022 VCCS Diversity Calendar

Every Day Matters. Every Culture Counts. Embrace Equity for Everyone.

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JANUARY

1: New Year’s Day
14: Sankranti (Hindu)
16: World Religion Day
17: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
18: National Day of Racial Healing
19-20: VCCS State Board Meeting
21: President’s Day
26-27: VCCS Technology Council
27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

We must learn about other cultures in order to understand, in order to love, and in order to preserve our common world heritage.

Yo Yo Ma
FEBRUARY
Black History Month

1: Lunar New Year
14: Valentine’s Day
15: Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
16-17: Advisory Council of Presidents

“UNTIL WE GET
EQUALITY IN
EDUCATION,
WE WON’T
HAVE AN
EQUAL SOCIETY.

Sonia Sotomayor
MARCH

National Women’s History Month

2: Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)
8: International Women’s Day
16-17: Purim (Jewish)
16-17: VCCS State Board Meeting
17: St. Patrick’s Day
21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21: Naw-Ruz (Bahai)
23-24: VCCS Technology Council
24-25: Chancellor’s Faculty Advisory Council

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela
Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.
-- Aristotle
MAY

Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
Older Americans Month

2-3: Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)
5: Cinco de Mayo
8: Mother’s Day
16: Vesak (Buddhism)
17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia
18-19: VCCS State Board Meeting
25-26: VCCS Technology Council
30: Memorial Day
JUNE

LGBTQ Pride Month

8: Race Unity Day
19: Juneteenth
19: Father’s Day

“Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.”

- Cesar E. Chavez
JULY

4: Independence Day
7-12: The Hajj (Islam)
26: Americans with Disabilities Act
29-30: Hijri New Year (Islam)

“I hope many of you will be people that question why things are and why we have to do them the way we have always done them. I hope you will take some risks, exert some real leadership on issues, and if you will, dance along the edge of the roof as you continue for life.”

— Wilma Mankiller
AUGUST

Diversity Awareness Month

8: Women’s Equality Day
9: International Day of World’s Indigenous People

“Almost every student you meet may be fighting a battle you know nothing about. Stop, think, then make your response accordingly.”

— Robert John Meehan
SEPTEMBER

National Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept.15-Oct. 15

5: Labor Day
23-31:Paryushana (Jain)
25-27: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
The real answer to “How did you get so smart?” is simply this: I wanted to. And you can, too!”

- Jeopardy! Champ Amy Schneider

OCTOBER

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

10: U.S. Indigenous Peoples Day
10: Columbus Day
14: Yom Kippur
19: International Pronouns Day
24: Divali
Native American Heritage Month

1-2: Dia de los Muertos
1: All Saints’ Day
16: International Day for Tolerance
20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

“A quality education has the power to transform societies in a single generation, provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labour exploitation and disease, and give them the knowledge, skills and confidence to reach their full potential.

Audrey Hepburn
DECEMBER

1: World AIDS Day
18-26: Hanukkah
25: Christmas
26-31: Kwanzaa
Resources

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