

## Everyone is Awesome.

During this global pandemic, I have reengaged with my hobby of LEGO® building. So, from time to time, I browse the various building sets that are available. For Pride Month, LEGO® released a newly designed set called "Everyone is Awesome." I think the set is amazing, and I am looking forward to building it



with my team in the Provost's Office for Inclusive Excellence. However, the message conveyed by the set is the most powerful element to me. Everyone is awesome. Everyone is connected. Everyone belongs. Everyone matters.

I lead an outstanding team that demonstrates that message. The Provost's Office for Inclusive Excellence engages with the Vanderbilt community to provide educational opportunities on topics related to inclusion, diversity, equity and access (IDEA). We also advance Vanderbilt's efforts to build and sustain a culture of inclusion and belonging. We create a brave space for our community to grow in its understanding. Whether through our Identity Centers or our Identity Initiatives, we create opportunities to connect with our Vanderbilt community to empower their success in research, teaching, learning and professional development.

Thank you for engaging with this issue of "The Inclusive Connector." I hope it inspires you to make a connection across identities.

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## to return to his alma mater

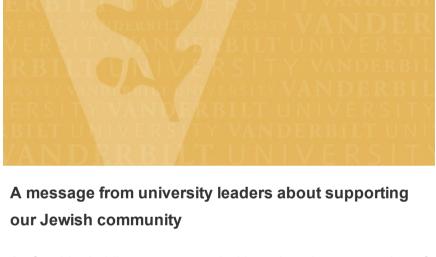
After more than 15 years as a beloved campus mentor and leader at The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, Frank E. Dobson Jr. is returning to his alma mater, Bowling Green State University. He will leave his role as associate dean of The Ingram Commons in mid-June. Read More +



## Leading up to Vanderbilt's annual observance of Juneteenth, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion André L. Churchwell

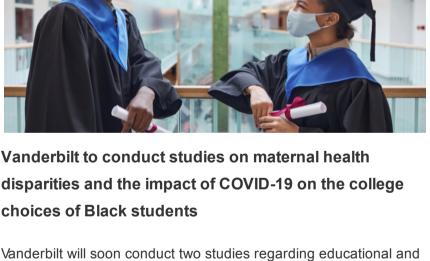
throughout the week

hosted a discussion with the Reverend James M. Lawson Professor of History Dennis C. Dickerson and Associate Professor of History Brandon Byrd about this important date in history. Read More +



### As One Vanderbilt, we must stand with each and every member of our Jewish community, write Chancellor Daniel Diermeier, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Susan R. Wente and Vice

Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion André Churchwell in a message to the Vanderbilt community. Read More +



## maternal health disparities within the Black community. The first study will explore the factors that impact the college choices of Black students and how inequities in the selection process have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The second study will assess

the differences in labor progress and care among Black and white women and the disparity in cesarean births.





summer courses The rise of Black women's political participation, a study of short stories by prominent and less-familiar authors, and the history of

Vanderbilt Osher Lifelong Learning Institute announces

# **Get Connected:**

## **Upcoming Events** 3/30-7/28: Employee

**Learning and Engagement** workshops for staff

<u>Festivities</u>

Athletics: LGBTQI

6/15: Taking PRIDE in

<u>6/15-18: Juneteenth</u>

Perspectives on Sports 6/16: VI4 Diversity, Equity

and Inclusion Symposium <u> 2021</u> 6/17: VKC Community

<u>Lecture: "Learning How</u> Children on the Autism

Spectrum Process Sensory Information" 6/17: La Hora del Cocktail

with VAHLA 6/19: Juneteenth Jazz and

Art Live Experience

6/19: #OneTransaction to

Close the Racial Wealth <u>Gap</u>

<u>Dialogue</u> 6/29: Commodore

6/22: LAVA 'Dores in

and Social Well-Being **During the COVID-19** <u>Pandemic</u>

Classroom: Mental Health

# This Moment

Continuing the Conversation

WATCH: This Moment in **America Panel Discussion** 

in America

Violence against Asian Americans and Asians through the Lens of History and Racial Injustice Register at **vu.edu/moment-in-america** 

WATCH: This Moment in

America II: Violence against Asian Americans and Asians through the Lens of History and Racial Injustice Panel **Discussion** 

## WATCH: The Autistics' Roundtable Webinar: Autism + **Disability on Screen**

**Heritage Month** 

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photography are among the classes offered online this summer by Vanderbilt's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Read More +

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