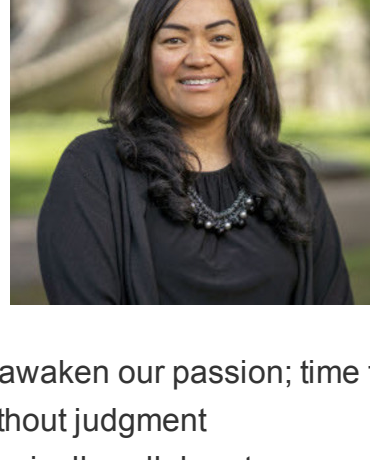




Re-centering fundamental imperatives

Over the course of the pandemic, I was reminded of a few important lessons learned during deeper reflection on the cumulative and warranted anxiety that have constructed our realities in the past two years. Specifically, the pandemic redirected our attention to a few fundamental imperatives to re-center (though this list is not comprehensive):



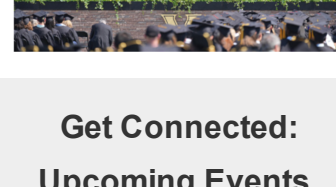
- Time – time to reflect; time to follow and/or re-awaken our passion; time to forge relationships; and time to simply “be” without judgment
- Relationships – building relationships to strategically collaborate, connect and strengthen community continues to be critical, particularly to minimize vulnerabilities of individualism, isolation and even death
- Evolving and changing norms – technology has shaped new norms in the workplace, contributing to hybrid and remote work as options to consider (especially since technology is here to stay)
- Equity and voice – being intentional in engaging equity, diversity and inclusion to mitigate harm; and leveraging our voices to challenge disparities and systemic racism, including inequalities such as inequitable access to health care
- Health and wellness – this includes our physical and mental health as well as the practice of self-care

Despite how important my work is to me and how deeply committed I know we all are to supporting the mission and values of Vanderbilt, it is essential to carve out some time to truly recharge. Self-care is not just important, it is critical to our resilience and showing up to do the work we do. This is especially important given all the challenges we have faced in the past two years, when the state of the world and our democracy can oftentimes feel tenuous and fraught with tension.

Whatever your self-care practices of choice, I hope you'll find ways this summer to unplug, recharge and reset for the coming year. Take time to breathe and celebrate all we have accomplished together over the past year before moving into the next. Connect with loved ones, connect with nature, connect with self. Ours is important work, and we need each of you in this effort.

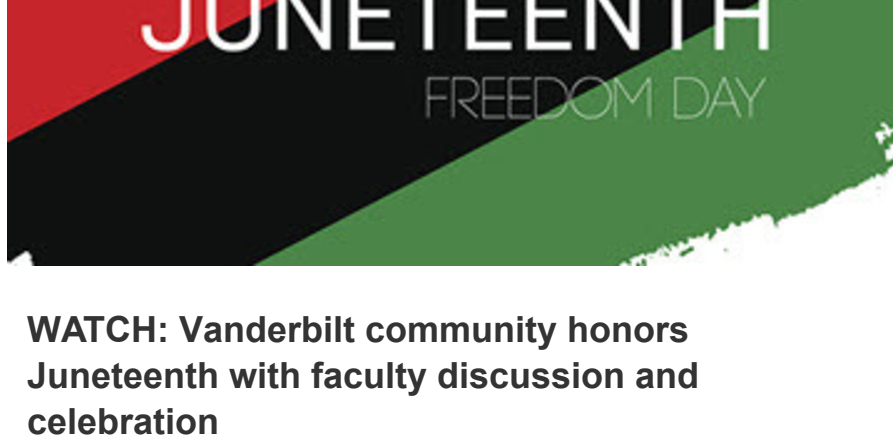
Be well,
Belinda Otukolo Saltiban
Associate Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

PRIDE AT VANDERBILT



Vanderbilt community celebrates Pride Month with events planned on campus, across Nashville

In celebration of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Vanderbilt invited members of the university community to several events offered in June through the [K.C. Potter Center](#) and the [Glamadores LGBTQIA+ Employee Affinity Group](#), as well as events across Nashville. [Read More +](#)



WATCH: Vanderbilt community honors Juneteenth with faculty discussion and celebration

In celebration of Juneteenth at Vanderbilt, the Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center offered opportunities to honor and celebrate Juneteenth. The School of Medicine Basic Sciences also hosted its inaugural “Juneteenth: A Freedom Celebration” event, which sought to inform the community about the history and meaning of the important date. [Read More +](#)



Vanderbilt establishes task force to address Supreme Court's reproductive rights decision

A university-wide task force convened in anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn federal abortion rights will work to address impacts for the Vanderbilt community. [Read More +](#)



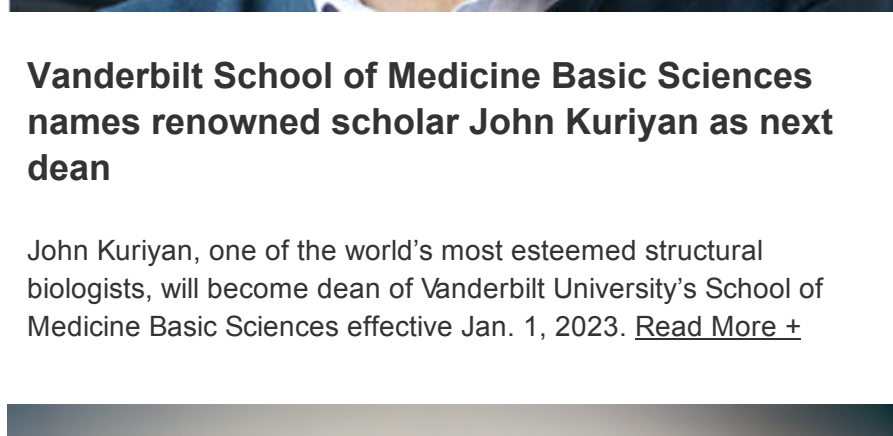
Vanderbilt celebrates 50 years of Title IX

Vanderbilt Athletics is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX throughout 2022 with reflections and events recognizing the impact, progress and continual push forward of the landmark legislation in all areas of women's sports. In celebration of the anniversary, the Title IX office is also [offering trainings](#) to the Vanderbilt community. [Read More +](#)



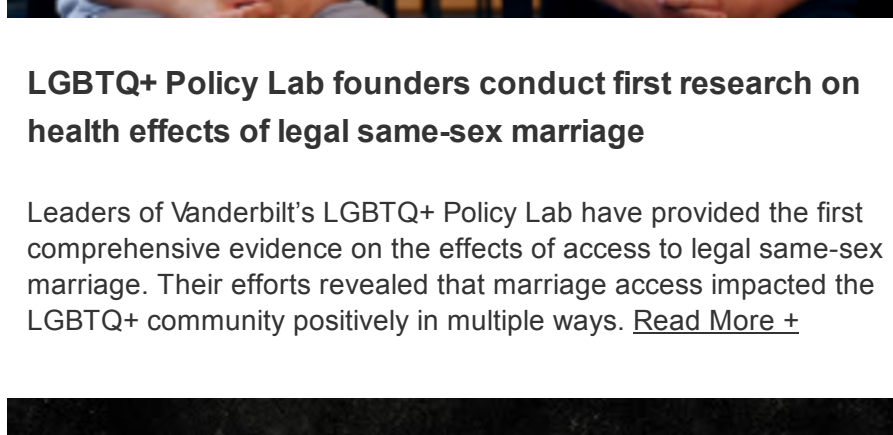
Vanderbilt joins higher ed community to celebrate 50th anniversary of Pell Grant program

June 23 marked the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant, a federal student aid program that has expanded higher education opportunities for millions of low-income Americans. To celebrate the historic milestone, Vanderbilt has joined with others in the higher ed community to highlight Pell's value and impact and underscore the need for Congress to reinvest in the program. [Read More +](#)



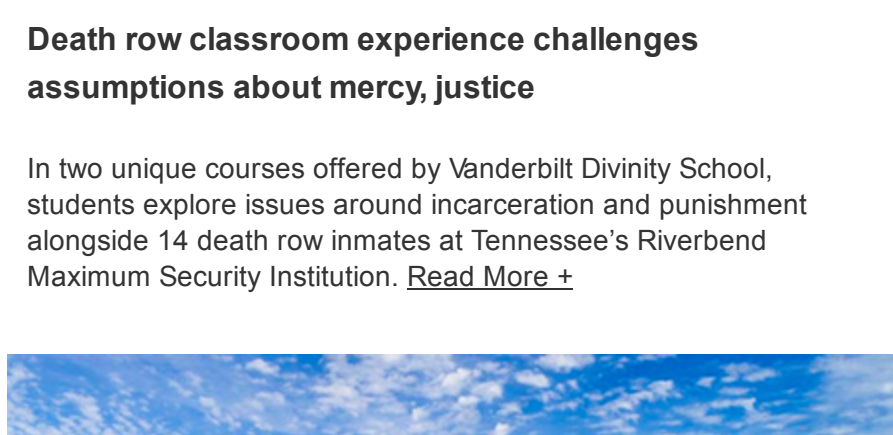
Vanderbilt School of Medicine Basic Sciences names renowned scholar John Kuriyan as next dean

John Kuriyan, one of the world's most esteemed structural biologists, will become dean of Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine Basic Sciences effective Jan. 1, 2023. [Read More +](#)



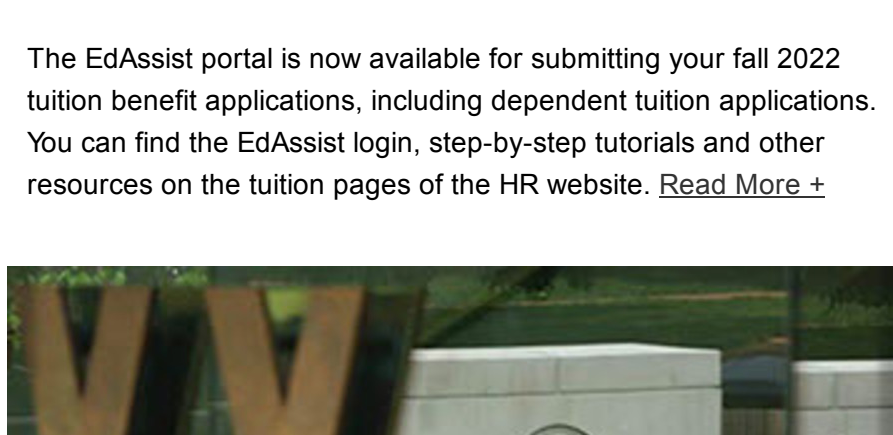
LGBTQ+ Policy Lab founders conduct first research on health effects of legal same-sex marriage

Leaders of Vanderbilt's LGBTQ+ Policy Lab have provided the first comprehensive evidence on the effects of access to legal same-sex marriage. Their efforts revealed that marriage access impacted the LGBTQ+ community positively in multiple ways. [Read More +](#)



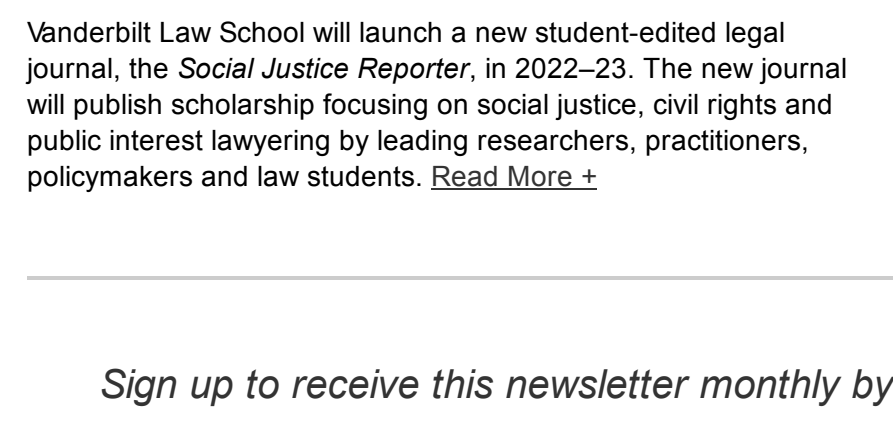
Death row classroom experience challenges assumptions about mercy, justice

In two unique courses offered by Vanderbilt Divinity School, students explore issues around incarceration and punishment alongside 14 death row inmates at Tennessee's Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. [Read More +](#)



Tuition benefit applications for fall 2022 now open

The EdAssist portal is now available for submitting your fall 2022 tuition benefit applications, including dependent tuition applications. You can find the EdAssist login, step-by-step tutorials and other resources on the tuition pages of the HR website. [Read More +](#)



'Social Justice Reporter,' new scholarly journal, to launch at Vanderbilt in 2022–23

Vanderbilt Law School will launch a new student-edited legal journal, the *Social Justice Reporter*, in 2022–23. The new journal will publish scholarship focusing on social justice, civil rights and public interest lawyering by leading researchers, practitioners, policymakers and law students. [Read More +](#)

Get Connected: Upcoming Events

[6/30: Reconcilable Differences, A Conversation about Religion and Science](#)

[7/1: Jumpstart Conference through Initiative for Race Research and Justice at Peabody](#)

[Unity Project launches summer "Unity Talks" conversation series](#)

[Vanderbilt Farmers' Market returns to Medical Center Plaza on Thursdays](#)

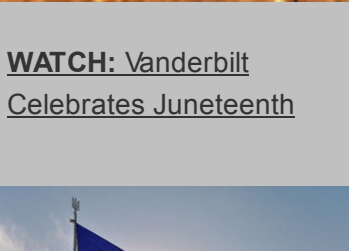
[ISSS recruiting hosts for EAT program](#)

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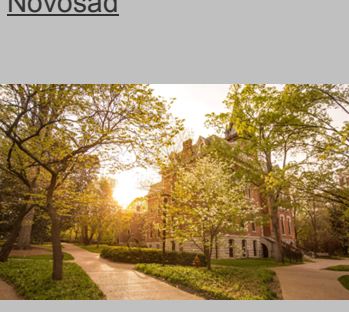
[Wednesdays: For faculty and staff — Mindful Stretch Break](#)

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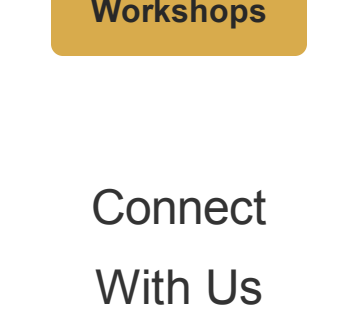
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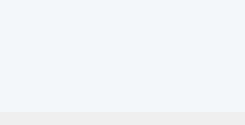
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