VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

May 2016

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion - Diversity in Action at VUSN is updated monthly. The page features a rolling collection of all advertised University, School of Nursing and local cultural events along with national and international nursing conferences having a diversity and inclusion emphasis. In addition, there is a list of current ethnic-minority nursing organizations as well as other nursing organizations, whose focus is on culture, diversity and inclusion as relates to nursing education, practice and research. Explore the monthly announcements and find out what’s going on in the area of diversity and nursing.

Enjoy.

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Black Graduates’ Recognition Ceremony

**When:** Thursday, May 12, 7:00 PM

**Where:** Student Life Center Ballrooms

This event honors the Class of 2016 and their families in anticipation of commencement. This event is free and open to the public. Seats are limited.

Black Cultural Center Post-Commencement Family Cookout

**When:** Friday, May 13, Noon-1:30 PM

**Where:** Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

Open House at BCC in celebration of black graduates’ farewell luncheon. This event is free and open to the public.
FIRST ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO
TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL
HOSTED BY CERRITO

MAY 5
DOORS OPEN 6:00pm
SHOWTIME 7:00pm
TICKETS $20

SPECIAL GUESTS:
BOBBY MARQUEZ, EMMY RUSSELL, BALLET
FOLKLORICO SOL DE MEXICO, FELIPE DE LA ROSA,
PHILIP RUSSELL & MIS AMIGOS

PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT THE
AMAZING

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
ALSAC - Danny Thomas, founder

BOBBY MARQUEZ  EMMY RUSSELL  FELIPE DE LA ROSA

AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT!
COUNTRY MUSIC SUNG IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT:
nashville-palace.com
HIV Clinical Overview for Southeast Providers

**When:** Thursday and Friday, May 12 and 13, Noon-1:30 PM

**Where:** Drury Plaza Hotel, Franklin, 1874 W McEwen Dr., Franklin, TN 37067

The Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center (SE AETC) is hosting a two-day overview course for providers serving adults with HIV. The program will cover a range of topics tailored to clinicians new to the field, as well as experienced providers in need of a thorough review. This is event is **free of charge** and includes meals, all training and CME. Register here: [http://www.seaetc.com/hiv-overview/](http://www.seaetc.com/hiv-overview/).

World No Tobacco Day

On 31st May each year the World Health Organization (WHO) celebrates World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce consumption. Tobacco use is the second cause of death globally (after hypertension) and is currently responsible for killing one in 10 adults worldwide. The World Health Assembly created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and its lethal effects. It provides an opportunity to highlight specific tobacco control messages and to promote adherence to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Tobacco use is the number one preventable epidemic that the health community faces. For more information, go to [http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/](http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/).
May

May is **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** and recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

May is **JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** which recognizes the diverse achievements of American Jews.

May 3 **WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY**
Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

May 5 **ASCENSION DAY** • Christian
Celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

May 5 **CINCO DE MAYO**
In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.

May 5 **YOM HASHOAH** • Jewish
“Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

May 15 **BUDDHA DAY** • Buddhist
Also known as Vesak or Visakha Puja, it marks the occasion of the birth, spiritual awakening and death of the historical Buddha.

May 15 **PENTECOST** • Christian
Also known as Whitsunday, the seventh Sunday after Easter/Pascha commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus. Marks the birth of the Christian Church.

May 21 **WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT**
Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

May 23 **DECLARATION OF THE BAB** • Bahá’í
Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet – herald of the Bahá’í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

May 26 **LAG B’OMER** • Jewish
Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva’s lifetime (died c. 135 CE).

May 29 **ASCENSION OF BAHÁ’U’LLÁH** • Bahá’í
Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Bahá’u’lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá’í Faith.

May 30 **MEMORIAL DAY**
Initiated originally to honor the dead of the Civil War, this observance now pays homage to the dead of all U.S. wars.
Conferences

26th National Native Health Research Conference
June 5-8, 2016
Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort
Cherokee, NC
http://www.nativeresearchnetwork.org/#!nrr-2016-conference/c1u6l

2016 National Association of Hispanic Nurses Annual Conference
July 12-15, 2016
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL
https://aws.passkey.com/event/14059097/owner/2135/home

44th National Black Nurses Association
Annual Institute and Conference
August 2-7, 2016
Sheraton Downtown Hotel
Memphis, TN
http://www.nbna.org/annual

42nd Annual Conference Transcultural Nursing Society
October 12-15, 2016
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, OH
http://www.tcns.org/ConferenceRegistration.html