myKCU Video News, April 20, 2021 (D, E & I Edition)

Welcome to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion edition of myKCU Video News – our mid-month segment. Each month we bring you a nugget of insight into KCU's ongoing activities and efforts to support the mission of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Here is a quick update on some of the most recent actions in the works:

- KCU was proud to sponsor this virtual recruitment program (Sistahs in Medicine) led by KCU alumna, Dr. Renee Darko. This program was focused on enhancing the numbers of underrepresented minority female students applying to medical schools. (Over 100 female students attended).
- Recently, KCU administration met with members of the campus SNMA chapter to discuss diversity progress, as part of their quarterly check-ins.

Let's move on to our monthly observance spotlight.

April is Celebrate Diversity Month – designated to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, we hope that people will get a deeper understanding of each other. We challenge everyone to broaden their view of the world, and take some time to learn about cultures, populations or religions that are different from your own.

Click the banner on myKCU to visit <u>this page on our website</u> and explore the resources we share this month, including:

- A collection of films and documentaries about diversity topics;
- Ted Talks;
- Books;
- Podcasts;
- Trainings; and
- Opportunities to volunteer for organizations advancing diversity in your local communities.

In honor of the spring religious holidays, you can also learn about religions other than your own, as another way to celebrate diversity this month. Browse through these good resources and trainings to learn about the <u>five major world religions</u>, <u>how to talk about religion at work</u>, and explore <u>these free online classes</u> in religion from Harvard, Georgetown and other top institutions.

Let's continue our KCU community conversation!

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