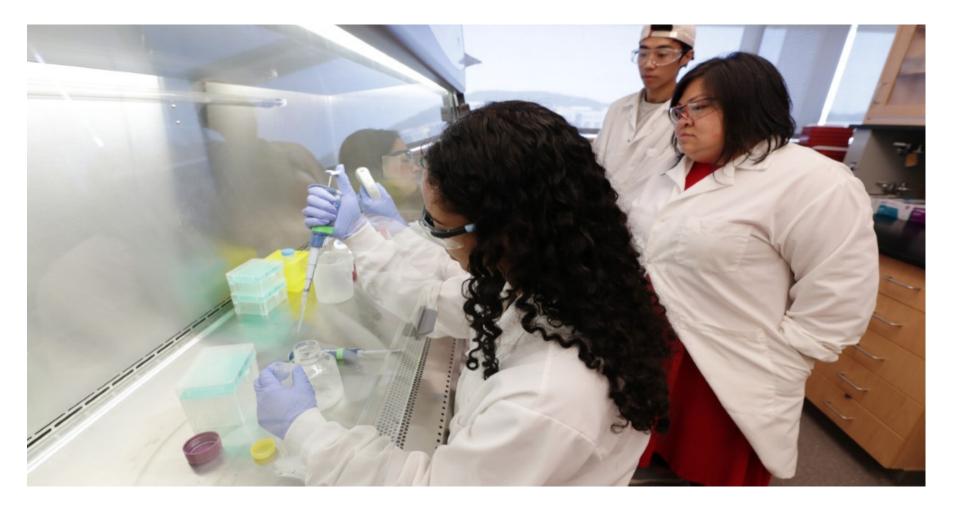


Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!

Welcome to Fall 2020 at Lehigh University! For those unfamiliar with our office, we are responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to enhance and build on Lehigh's efforts to advance its commitment to a diverse, inclusive and antiracist campus. We do this through strategic planning, training, education and research, community relations, policy development and communications. The division is comprised of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity; our advocacy centers: the Center for Gender Equity, the Center for Student Access and Success, the Chaplain's Office, The Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Pride Center for Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity; and a Multicultural Community Liaison. This newsletter will give you a taste of what's happening through ODI&E on campus, but we invite you to explore our website to get a richer picture.



We are proud to announce that Lehigh University is one of 90 institutions of higher education to receive the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The HEED Award is the only national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion across their campus. The 90 honorees will be featured in the November 2020 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. Read more here.



Three Lehigh programs were selected as recipients of the INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine 2020 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award. The award is designed to honor colleges and universities that encourage underrepresented students to enter science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The RARE Program, Greer Scholars program, and Women in Engineering PreLUsion program were selected for the honor. Read the full story here.



Congratualtions to three of our stem members who received prestigious University awards this year! Mary Ellen "Mel" Kitchen won the Perry & Carol Zirkel Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance and contributions by a member of the nonexempt staff. Scott Burden received the Alfred Noble Robinson Exempt & Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance in service to the university and unusual promise of professional achievement. And Rita Jones was honored with the Lehigh University Exempt Staff Distinguished Service Award which recognizes a member of the exempt staff who has contributed in significant ways to the Lehigh community over a number of years. A full list of the awards can be found here.



University Chaplain Lloyd Steffen discusses "living centered on love" in an op-ed for The Morning Call. "Love may always associate with romance, but in such difficult days, we need a broader and deeper idea of love...love that can put a check on our impatience with one another and blunt the temptation to hopelessness" he says. Read the full op-ed here.

Check out what Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is offering as we kick off the semester!









