



DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
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Events

Current Events

Executive Order on Immigration

Among other alarming actions taken during his first two weeks in office, President Trump signed an executive order Friday January 27th imposing an immigration ban affecting Syrian refugees and seven Muslim-majority countries. This new order has prompted much backlash, including thousands of protesters at airports across the country. Federal judges have issued rulings against removing refugees and valid visa holders from the country. This [New York Times article](#) provides a succinct description of what we know and what we don't know. Dean Jeff Vincent has recommended subscribing to Duke's Office of Government Relations newsletter to stay informed about policy changes occurring under the new administration. To subscribe, click here: [subscribe](#).

See Duke President Brodhead's statement on immigration issues [here](#). GPSC and DSG have helped develop the Lawyer Assistance Program, where three hours per week, attorneys are available to answer your questions about your rights and a wide range of legal issues, including street law and police-

community interactions. Sign up for an appointment [here](#). Check out the Ask Algernon column at the end of the newsletter for links to more resources!

Upcoming Duke Events

Teach-In on Immigration Advocacy

Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30-8:30 PM, Law School room 3041

The Duke Law School will be hosting UNC Professor Deborah Wiesmann to speak on immigration advocacy. Other organizations present will include ACLU, Refugee Asylum Support Project, Refugee Housing Project, and Immigration Education Project. **Students are expected to walk away with tools** on how to become an advocate for vulnerable populations. Dinner will be provided. Check out the [Facebook event here](#) (walking [directions](#) from EH).

DICE Leadership Workshop

Saturday, February 4th, 9 AM-1 PM, Environment Hall room 2102

Please join DICE for a Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Workshop tailor-made for us by enthusiastic and dedicated US Forestry Service employees. The intent of the workshop is to prepare student leaders and environmental professionals to engage in discussions on issues of diversity (gender, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language, religion, culture, etc.) in a sensitive and productive manner at school or in the workplace. Click [here](#) for more information. **Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please [RSVP here!](#)**

Note: This event will be live streamed to Beaufort as well.

oSTEM General Body Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th, 6 PM, EH 1101

oSTEM is an international organization dedicated to providing professional development, mentorship, and networking to LGBTQ students in STEM fields. Food and candy will be provided! Check our [Facebook page](#) for details.

African-American History Trivia Night

Wednesday, February 8th, 5-7 PM, EH 1111

Test your knowledge on important developments, topics, and people in African-American history! Topics include the environment, civil rights, sports, and

general history. FREE FOOD AND DRINK! Prizes for the top 3 teams! [Register your 4-person team here!](#)

Chinese Lantern Festival and Patio Happy Hour

Friday, February 10th, 4:30-6:30 PM

FOREM and DICE will be co-hosting a patio happy hour in conjunction with the Chinese Lantern Festival, a celebration of the lunar new year: 2017 is the year of the rooster! Chinese cuisine and the usual beverages will be provided for free for FOREM members, \$5 for non-members. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Community Events

No Walls in the USA Rally: Raleigh

Saturday, February 4th, 11 AM- 2 PM, North Carolina State Capital

This is a peaceful rally gathering at the NC State Capitol the goal of which is solidarity with Muslim, Latinx, refugee, and immigrant communities facing the impacts of recent political acts of discrimination, racism, hatred, and bigotry. Bring banners, signs, and all your friends! [Facebook Event here.](#)



Postcards and Pints: Taking Action after the March

Friday, February 10th, 7-9 PM, Fullsteam Brewery

Write a postcard to your Senators about what matters most to you - and how you're going to continue to fight for it in the future. Check out the [Facebook Event here.](#)

Moral March on Raleigh

Saturday, February 11th, 8:30 AM-12 PM, Raleigh Memorial Stadium

11th Annual Moral March on Raleigh to hold NC legislators responsible for their actions! Gather at 8:30 AM across the street from the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 2 East South St. Raleigh, NC. [Facebook RSVP.](#)



Structural Racism and its Effects on Women of Color

Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30-9 PM

Hayti Heritage Center, 804 Old Fayetteville St. Durham, NC 27701

Join Action NC and Durham People's Alliance for a powerful panel discussion about structural racism, the impact it has on women of color in 2017, and steps you can take to overcome barriers. Check out the [Facebook event](#) here!

Events Spotlight



Chinese New Year at Duke!

On Saturday January 28th, Duke students across campus gathered to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year Festival, the most important Asia-wide cultural event celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar calendar. Initiating another year of the Rooster, this is a time to give blessings to the year before and usher in a new year of good luck, prosperity, and fortunes.



Mamie Parker Visit

Mamie Parker was the first African American appointed to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as Regional Director of the 13 Northeastern states. Her empowering talk "Power Up! Beyond Stuck, Stalled, and Scared" took us through parts of her inspirational life journey. She shared valuable life lessons she learned during her childhood in Arkansas, trailblazing her career path, and persevering through life's challenges.



Women's March on Washington

Nic Schoolers joined in the Women's March on Washington on Saturday January 21st, as well as the sister march in Raleigh! The vision statement for the march is:

"We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families - recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country."

Check out their [website](#) to keep up with 10 Actions/100 Days Campaign to get involved and take action on issues that you care about!

Black History Timeline

President Gerald Ford designated February Black History Month starting in 1976, expanded from commemoration of the second week of February, which coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (12th) and Frederick Douglass (14th). Please check out the following [interactive timeline](#) if you are interested in learning about Black History in the United States!

Civil Rights Leader Spotlight



Ella Baker (1903-1986)

Ella Baker was an ambitious woman in the civil rights movement, who played an important role in establishing the NAACP, Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She studied at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and was inspired to pursue social justice activism by hearing stories of her grandmother's experience of being a slave. After graduating as class valedictorian in 1927, she co-founded the organization In Friendship to fund-raise to combat Jim Crow Laws in the South. She chose to turn her attention to raising the next generation of civil rights activists after learning about the student sit-ins in Greensboro, NC. She created the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) to achieve that goal. Her nickname, "Fundii," in Swahili means a "person who teaches craft to the next generation."



Bayard Rustin (1912-1987)

Bayard Rustin was an openly-gay black man during the civil rights era, who played an integral role in organizing the 1963 March on Washington. It was he – in 1956 as the Montgomery Bus Boycott was about to begin – who convinced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to adopt a tenet of nonviolence in order to protest segregation practices in the South. Check out this 4-minute video on him:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcZ-kzosK80>



Cesar Chavez (1927-1993)

Cesar Chavez, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association in 1962. He pursued both workers' rights as well as Latinx-Americans civil rights. His organization successfully organized a boycott on grapes and a strike of grape pickers in order to achieve higher wages for workers. In March 1966, these efforts received Senate attention, where Senator Robert F. Kennedy expressed support for the striking workers. In 1975, Governor Jerry Brown passed the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act

(ALRA) that established collective bargaining rights for farmworkers, as a result of a 110-mile march that accumulated up to 15,000 people by the march's end. Cesar Chavez Day is currently celebrated in California, Texas, and Colorado every March 31, Chavez's birthday.

Ask Algernon!

Welcome to our International Student column, where we hope to answer questions submitted from students in our Nicholas School community about American culture and transitioning to life and school in a foreign country. The sky's the limit! Q/A may address anything from how to make small talk to American culture, from classroom expectations to who to contact for important resources.

Q: How will Trump's immigration ban affect Duke students and what are available resources to help students in need?

A: The new restrictions on immigration to the United States by residents of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen that were announced on Friday by President Trump are both confusing and disturbing. Students should have recently received emails from both President Brodhead and Interim Dean Jeff Vincent on this topic, but we want to reiterate their messages in case you might have missed them. The Office of Government Relations at Duke is working to understand implications of new policies from Washington. They have advised individuals from the affected countries to avoid all international travel for the immediate future. Importantly, **Duke University cannot and will not share confidential student records with law enforcement agencies—local, state, or federal—without a subpoena.**

Duke University and the Nicholas School specifically have expressed their commitment to diversity and inclusion. Please reach out to Jeff Vincent if you have questions or would like to voice concerns. Additional resources are available to support students, faculty, staff and their allies who may be affected by the travel ban:

Duke Reach <https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/dukereach1>

Duke Visa Services <https://visaservices.duke.edu>

Do you have questions for Algernon about American culture or transitioning to grad school in a foreign country? Do you have ideas for cultural or educational events surrounding D&I? Would you like to nominate a fellow student, staff, or faculty member for our next D&I spotlight?

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