This month OISE welcomes students, faculty & staff back to campus, kicks off its Diversity Awareness Calendar, re-launches the Diversity Newsletter, and hosts an inaugural MLK Day Celebration.

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Happy New Year!

We are embarking on a new year - one filled with the promise of hope on the horizon.

While our holiday celebrations were vastly different from any that we've experienced before, we hope you found ways of connecting to family and friends. As the coronavirus continues to spread throughout the world, we appeal to each of you to continue to adhere to the social distancing guidelines until it is determined that it is safe for us to assemble again in large numbers.

2020 offered us a chance to fight and challenge oppressive systems; protest against systemic racism; examine our own unconscious bias; seek more inclusive & equitable opportunities; and become more civically engaged. We are grateful to everyone for your work and involvement on all levels.

In his “I've Been to the Mountaintop,” speech, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. referred to seeing the “promised land,” a world where everyone, no matter their skin color or station in life, had equal access to opportunity. Tragically, Dr. King was unable to see the full impact of the changes he had championed, but his work remains a powerful example of how civic engagement can transform neighborhoods, communities, and the perspective of an entire nation. Fifty-two years after the death of Dr. King, there is still more work to do in our nation and here in our community.

Join us on January 19, 2021 for a special service dedicated to Dr. King's life. Let us all recommit to paving the way to the “promised land.”


-- Dr. Lisa Biagas
SAVE THE DATE

18th
MLK Birthday.
Signed into law in 1983, this day marks the birth of MLK, Jr. It is “a day on, not a day off.” Join PAFA for a Day of Service.

20th
Inauguration Day.
Join the OISE team for a virtual Watch party to swear in President-Elect, Joe Biden and Vice-President elect, Kamala Harris.

27th
Holocaust Memorial Day. Established in 2005 by the UN General Assembly, this day commemorates the victims who died and suffered during the Holocaust.

PAFA’S INAUGURAL
2021 MLK DAY CELEBRATION
Tuesday January 19, 2020 at 6pm | Zoom

PAFA’s Inaugural MLK Day Celebration!
OISE is proud to host PAFA’s first MLK Day Celebration! Join us for an inspirational night of celebration as we mark the 92nd birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Karen C. Goff
Karen C. Goff, VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Agnes Scott College, will provide the inaugural address. She will speak on the theme, "The Transformative Power of Education."

"I Have A Dream"
What is your dream for PAFA? For society? For the world? During the program, we will offer our community the space to share their dreams for the future. For more information, contact roke@pafa.org
We challenge you to check PAFA’s Diversity Awareness Calendar monthly and attend monthly OISE sponsored events. OISE will send out an email with more information about the calendar.

Office of Institutional Safety & Equity
Being an ally for a S.A.F.E. Community at PAFA