

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Corner
This Month's Happenings: June 2023

Pride Month

Originally established to honor the [1969 Stonewall Uprising](#) in Manhattan, Pride Month recognizes the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on the world. Celebrated with parades, picnics, workshops, and memorials for those who have lost their lives, Pride Month has something for everyone. Check out all the festivals happening near you below. **HSO's Outreach & Enrollment team will be attending all festivals and distributing Pride buttons, stop by and say hi!**



- Pride Festivals:
 - o **June 3:** Hillsboro Pride
 - o **June 17:** New Richmond Pride
 - o **June 24:** Cincinnati Pride



Juneteenth 6/19

On June 19, 1865, about two months after Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia, Union general Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. General Granger's announcement put into effect the [Emancipation Proclamation](#), which had been issued nearly two and a half years earlier, on January 1, 1863 by President

Lincoln. Since then, [Juneteenth](#), also known as Freedom Day, has been celebrated annually as a commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. The holiday's growing popularity and recognition signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In fact, Juneteenth is now the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government, with President Biden signing the bill into law in 2021.

2023 will be Cincinnati's 36th Annual [Juneteenth Festival](#), check out this year's festivities below:

- **June 11:** Wade in the Water
- **June 13-16:** Raising the Juneteenth Flag
- **June 17:** Juneteenth Festival in Eden Park
- **June 18:** June Fest: A Father's Day Concert in Eden Park
- **June 19:** Juneteenth Parade

Eid al-Adha 6/28

In Arabic, "Eid" means festival or feast and there are two major "Eids" celebrated by Muslims. In April, we learned about and celebrated [Eid al-Fitr](#), the "festival of fast breaking" marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. [Eid al-Adha](#), or the "feast of sacrifice," coincides with the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca. Mecca is the holiest city in Islam located in western Saudi Arabia. All Muslims are asked to make the five-day Hajj journey at least once in their lifetime. At Mecca, Muslims visit the Ka'bah (pictured) and various other sites to perform Hajj. The Ka'bah is believed to have been constructed by Ibrahim and Ismail.



Eid al-Adha signifies the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham in Christianity/Judaism) to sacrifice his son, Ismail (Ishmael), as ordered by Allah (God). As Ibrahim is about to sacrifice his son, Allah stops him by sending the Angel Jibreel (Gabriel), with a ram to sacrifice instead. Because Ibrahim was allowed to sacrifice a ram instead of his son, Eid al-Adha is traditionally celebrated on its first day with the symbolic sacrifice of a lamb, goat, or cow. The sacrifice is divided into three, to be shared amongst family, friends, and those in need. The holiday is also celebrated with a communal prayer, donations to charity, and time spent with family and friends.