



WELCOMING WEEK

Welcoming Week 2020 Nebraska PUBLIC Event Calendar

September 12-20 and beyond...

Crete

- Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
[Community Blood Drive](#)
Doane University is providing a safe way for community members to help the national health emergency. To make an appointment sign up online at www.ncbb.org or contact Andrew Brown at 517-896-8495.
- Every Sunday in September at 9:45 AM
Anti-Racism Conversations
Community dialogues on race and equity take place on Sunday mornings in the UCC parking lot behind Casey's. Call Jeff Hagaman at 402-826-1187 to reserve your spot!

Columbus

- September 17, 18 & 19
[Naturalization Clinic - Clínica de Naturalización](#)
Llamar 402-564-2110 para participar en nuestra clínica. Completamente GRATIS, incluyendo costo de inmigración! Solo quedan pocos plazos disponibles.
Call 402-564-2110 to participate in our clinic. Completely FREE, including cost to immigration! Only a few spots left.
- September 14, 22 and October 7, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
[Voter Registration Drive](#)
Join Columbus Family YMCA and Centro Hispano as we share information about how and where you can register to vote and voting procedures.

Lincoln

- September 13, 2020
[Latino Benefit Festival](#) - Watch a recording of the Facebook Live event [here!](#)
Join El Centro de las Américas in celebrating our community and enjoy a variety of presentations such as mini shows, interviews with members of the community, and



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raffles. The video also showcases and promotes organizations and services available around the city.

- Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM
[RISE & Connect](#)
We are kicking off the fall RISE & Connect event series with a virtual and in-person hybrid event. We'll hear from two local presenters, Dr. Helen Fagan and Shannon Mangram, as they take us through how to recognize our own unconscious biases and further develop a more inclusive mindset. This event is FREE to attend and will be streamed via Zoom with the option to join a small in-person watch party (abiding by social distancing safety measures).
[RSVP](#)
- Saturday, September 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
[Virtual Tour of Midwest African Museum of Art](#) (MAMA)
Experience this virtual tour exclusively featuring African artists from several countries. The tour will be narrated by the museum founder. Join the [Virtual Tour Live](#)
- Wednesday, September 22, 7:00 PM (Doris Kearns Goodwin, author "Leadership in Turbulent Times, world-renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize winner)
[EN Thompson Forum](#)
This year's theme is Regeneration: Leadership And Hope For A Changing Planet featuring local and speakers recognized world-wide.
Additional 2020 speakers:
Wednesday, November 4 (Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Indigenous Climate Activist, Hip Hop Artist)
Tuesday, February 23 (Forum Youth Panel, "Naming the Beast: Climate Change and our Youth Taking Action")
You can watch local author Mary Pipher's lecture "Trauma and Recovery: A New Story of Interconnection and Action..." recorded earlier in this series [here](#).
- Monday, September 28 at 11:30 AM
[Invitation to a Journey of Belonging: Creating Cultures of Equity and Inclusion](#)
Join us for a virtual City-wide address by John A. Powell to embark on a journey toward becoming a city of belonging. Director of the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley, a research institute that brings together scholars, community advocates, communicators, and policymakers to identify and eliminate



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barriers to an inclusive, just, and sustainable society and to create transformative change toward a more equitable world. He will be joined by local community members Prof. Anna Shavers, Dr. Jeannette Eileen Jones and Coach Fred Hoiberg.

- Thursday - Saturday, October 1-3
[Lincoln Calling](#) has gone virtual and global! Catch Nebraska's best performers and those from around the globe. Lincoln Calling believes in the visibility of performers in the LGBTQ community, performers of color, and female performers; this year's festival boasts 50/50 representation between male and female artists at a time when, on average, only 15% of performers at national music festivals are women.
- Saturday, October 10 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM
[Harvest Moon Festival 2020](#) hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Center. We hope to take this opportunity to bring joy, hope, and peace to all through a celebration of community and culture. Please join us on Facebook Live and Youtube for cultural performances, cooking activities, and much more.

Omaha

- Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM
[African Rhythms Dance Party](#) at the Y!
As part of Welcoming Week at the Y, join us for an exciting hour of dance fitness with Alethea! African Rhythms is a variety of dances inspired from dancehall, Soca, Afrobeats, Reggae and more. This class is open to the community, both in person at the Y AND virtually on Zoom. To join virtually via Zoom, [click here](#).
- Sunday, September 27, 3:00 PM
College of Saint Mary (*Masks are required and social distancing is expected*)
People of all faiths and backgrounds welcome to attend. The Sisters of Mercy are a progressive group who have been working on migration issues for decades. During the event, they will be reading the daunting poem by [Somali writer Warsan Shire, "Home"](#). They are asking for community members to place lit candles on a table as an act of solidarity.
Sponsored by Sisters of Mercy, Notre Dame Sisters, and Servants of Mary.



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South Sioux City

- Saturday, September 12, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
[Drive-by "A Taste of Siouxland's Culture"](#)
Try foods from different parts of the world! Mary Treglia House, 900 Jennings Street, Sioux City
- First 3 weeks of September
[Support with Naturalization Applications](#)
Call to register! By appointment only.

Across Nebraska

- Sunday, September 20, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
[Conversation on Race Equity](#)
[Cracking the Codes](#) We'll practice having conversations on racial equity using the inspiring video series "Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity," by Shakti Butler of World Trust. Whether this is your first training or builds on past learning and experience, the training will include valuable learning and practical tools.
- Early November (date and time TBA)
[Cracking the Codes Encore](#) We'll practice having conversations on racial equity using the inspiring video series "Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity," by Shakti Butler of World Trust. Whether this is your first training or builds on past learning and experiences, the training will include valuable learning and practical tools.

Across the country

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