



Citrus Community College District
1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741

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Office of the Superintendent/President
Greg Schulz, Ed.D.

Dear Colleagues,

Citrus College proudly honors and commemorates Juneteenth. On Juneteenth, we honor the end of slavery in the United States and the day in 1865 when Union Army troops marched to Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued more than two years before, and freed the last remaining enslaved African Americans in Texas.

On Monday, June 19, we commemorate this holiday and use it as a time to reflect, gather, and celebrate. Juneteenth also reminds us of the continuing work that needs to be done surrounding racial equality and justice. We encourage you to learn more about this significant national holiday.

Creating an equitable and inclusive learning and working environment for the Citrus College community has been one of my top priorities as a Superintendent/President.

In 2020, the Citrus College Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution to address structural racism and champion equity in all College matters. During that time, the College also formed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force with the charge of assessing the College's policies, plans, curriculum, and the campus environment – both inside and outside the classroom.

This past year, the College established an ongoing committee, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility + (DEIA+) Committee. I invite you to learn more about the work of our DEIA+ Committee, led by DEI Director Tyesha Thomas, and our campuswide commitment and projects related to DEIA+. These DEIA+ projects and activities are helping Citrus College better serve our communities. To learn more or get involved, visit <https://www.citruscollege.edu/deia/Pages/default.aspx>.

Ms. Thomas will be presenting an update on our DEIA+ efforts to date and plans for the future, at the next Board of Trustees meeting on June 20.

As we approach the Juneteenth holiday, I invite you to spend time this weekend honoring Juneteenth by reflecting on our nation's history of inequality and the meaning of true freedom, as we shape a better future. Below are some resources to learn more about this significant national holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Schulz".

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Juneteenth Educational Resources

Websites

[National Museum of African American History & Culture: Juneteenth History: What is Juneteenth?](#)
[PBS: What is Juneteenth?](#)

Podcasts

[Today, Explained Podcast: Happy Juneteenth!](#)
(<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4X2x7jx3vsDV4Mev886gDG>)
[The Black Athlete Podcast: Juneteenth](#)
(<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3usR0mx8IYxJPCdyy95vFy>)

[The Social Sickness Podcast: Juneteenth](#)
(<https://open.spotify.com/episode/16IBC6o9enxcXdZLEIQY5g>)

Documentaries

[Juneteenth: The story behind the 155-year-old holiday that commemorates the end of slavery](#)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0I3MBzg8RQ&list=WL&index=5>)

[Juneteenth:1865-2021](#)
(<https://youtu.be/GdkVKgelxVs>)
[What Juneteenth tells us about the value of black life in America](#)
(https://youtu.be/CynwsY_Ak0s)

For an understanding of life for African Americans and Black Americans after the Emancipation Proclamation, watch [13TH | Full Feature | Netflix](#)
(<https://youtu.be/krfcq5pF8u8>)

Books

[On Juneteenth](#) by Annette Gordon-Reed
(https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1631498835/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8&tag=boorio-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399349&creativeASIN=1631498835)

[Four Hundred Souls](#) by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
(<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/624334/four-hundred-souls-by-edited-by-ibram-x-kendi-and-keisha-n-blain/>)



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Would you like to discuss Juneteenth with Children? Consider these picture books:

[The Juneteenth Story: Celebrating The End Of Slavery In The United States](#) by Alliah L. Agostini, Illustrated By Sawyer Cloud

(https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0760375143/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8&tag=boorio-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399349&creativeASIN=0760375143)

[Juneteenth For Mazie](#) by Floyd Cooper

(https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1479558206/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8&tag=boorio-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399349&creativeASIN=1479558206)

[All Different Now: Juneteenth, The First Day of Freedom](#) by Angela Johnson And E.B. Lewis, Illustrator

(https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/068987376X/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8&tag=boorio-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399349&creativeASIN=068987376X)