



Citrus Community College District  
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# eMEMO

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

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Dear Colleagues:

Citrus College proudly honors and celebrates Juneteenth.

Creating an equitable and inclusive learning and working environment for the Citrus College community is one of my top priorities as a superintendent/president.

In 2020, the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution to address structural racism and champion equity in all college matters. Since then, the college has formed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force with the charge of assessing the college's policies, plans, curriculum and the campus environment – both inside and outside the classroom.

The DEI Task Force has conducted an analysis, developed DEI toolkits, and collected student and employee surveys on DEI. Additionally, in April 2022, the college hired its first director of DEI, Tyesha Thomas. The DEI Task Force co-chairs and Ms. Thomas will be presenting the Task Force's findings and plans for the future at the June 21 board meeting.

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 work together to shape a better future.

Below are educational resources to learn more about this significant national holiday.

Sincerely,

Dr. Greg Schulz  
Superintendent/President

### **Websites**

[National Museum of African American History & Culture: Juneteenth](https://nmaahc.si.edu/juneteenth)

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[History: What is Juneteenth?](https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth)

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[PBS: What is Juneteenth?](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth)

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### **Podcasts on Spotify**

[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 on YouTube**

[Juneteenth: The story behind the 155-year-old holiday that commemorates the end of slavery](#)

<https://youtu.be/W0I3MBzg8RQ>

[Juneteenth: 1865-2021](#)

<https://youtu.be/GdkVKgelxVs>

[What Juneteenth tells us about the value of black life in America](#)

[https://youtu.be/CynwsY\\_Ak0s](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](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1631498835/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8)

[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/>

**Do you want 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/0760381992/ref=as\\_li\\_tf\\_il?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0760381992/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8)

[Juneteenth For Mazie](#) by Floyd Cooper

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1479558206/ref=as\\_li\\_tf\\_il?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1479558206/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8)

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

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/068987376X/ref=as\\_li\\_tf\\_il?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/068987376X/ref=as_li_tf_il?ie=UTF8)