



SCEC DEIB Newsletter

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging
“Small Steps Make Big Strides”



Notable in History

Alice Wong (b.1974), is a Chinese American disability activist, writer, and consultant who has spinal muscular atrophy. Wong studied disability history in college, deciding to pursue a career in disability advocacy. She is the founder of the Disability Visibility Project.

Claudia L. Gordon

(b.1972), the first black deaf lawyer in America and the first deaf student to graduate from American University’s law school. Her work has advocated for the deaf and disabled communities.

Frida Kahlo (1907-1954), is a world-famous Mexican artist, best known for her Surrealist art. Her disability stemmed from being born with spina bifida; she also developed polio as a child.



The DEIB book club will be meeting soon to discuss Kindred by Octavia E. Butler. Please email jgallishaw@scecoll.org if you would like to join us.

Women’s History Month: A month-long celebration to recognize the contributions of women throughout history.



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month: Observed throughout March, it is a nationwide event to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and to address the barriers that those with disabilities face.

“A bend in the road is not the end of the road. Unless you fail to make the turn.”
 – Helen Keller

“Everything is within your power, and your power is within you.”
 – Janice Trachtman



RESOURCES TO SHARE

[National Women's History Alliance](https://nationaltoday.com/national-developmental-disabilities-awareness-month-2/)

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We are looking for artwork from students focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Please encourage your students to submit a piece of artwork for a future newsletter.

Questions or comments are welcomed. Please send to jgallishaw@scecoll.org or kaylward@scecoll.org.



READING SUGGESTIONS

The Pretty One: On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love with Me by **Keah Brown**

The Secret Life of Sunflowers by **Marta Molnar**

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The information contained in the DEIB newsletter is a sampling of significant days and months celebrated annually. It is not meant to be exhaustive.