



SCEC DEIB Newsletter

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



Notable in History

Hoda Koth (b.1964), an American broadcast journalist, television personality, and author. She was the main co-anchor of the NBC News morning show Today from 2018 to 2025.

Farouk El-Baz (b.1938), an Egyptian American space scientist and geologist, who worked with NASA in the scientific exploration of the Moon and the planning of the Apollo program.

Dr. Alixa Naff (1919-2013), a Lebanese-born American historian, considered the mother of Arab American studies. Much of her research focused on Arab American immigration to the U.S. at the beginning of the 20th century.



Looking to select the next DEIB book club pick, one of the suggestions or your own recommendation. Please email jgallishaw@scecoll.org with your pick.

National Arab American Heritage Month:

It celebrates heritage and culture of Arab Americans, and pays tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.



International Day of Pink – April 9

This day stands against bullying, homophobia, transphobia, and all forms of discrimination, with communities worldwide encouraged to wear pink in solidarity. It’s a call for inclusivity and respect, fostering awareness and support for a safer, more accepting world.

“We are stronger when we listen and smarter when we share.”

– Queen Rania Al Abdullah

“We have to be a nation of compassion and some sort of humanity when it comes to the treatment of other human beings.”

– Rashida Tlaib



RESOURCES TO SHARE

[Honoring Arab American Heritage, Stories, and Changemakers | Facing History & Ourselves](#)

[Arab American Heritage Month Resource List | MAEC, Inc.](#)

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 Dream Hotel: A Read with Jenna Pick by Laila Lalami

Between Two Moons by Aisha Abdel Gawad

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