Finger on the Pulse: Forward Together

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OPENING REMARKS
Monika Williams Shealey, Ph.D.
DEI Senior Vice President

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DEI at Rowan University
Division Leadership

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Welcome, Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu
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Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu
Keynote Speaker

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Rowan University DEI Senate Awards Ceremony
Rowan University's Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) was created in January 2019 as the first division of its kind in the nation, combining programming and services in student and academic affairs to address some of the most persistent issues facing higher education.

Rowan University will lead the country in developing systems and structures that facilitate collaboration for equitable opportunities and an affirming and responsive culture.

The Division aims to develop and sustain meaningful and collaborative relationships that result in a more diverse and inclusive community.

The work of the Division encompasses three important areas: student support, faculty/staff professional development and compliance.

For more information about the Division, visit rowan.edu/dei.
Navigating the Education Culture Wars Towards Mutual Understanding and More Equitable Classrooms

**Presenters:** Ms. Katie Cubano, Ms. Beth Pandolpho, & Mr. Justin Dolcimascolo

“...Building the Plane While it’s in the Air”: Examining Institutional Response to COVID-19 and Impacts on Graduate Students

**Presenters:** Dr. Raquel Wright-Mair (She/her), Candice Peters (She/her), Gabby McAllaster (She/her)

Catalyst for Change: The Case for Cultural Competency Curriculum in Higher Education

**Presenters:** Mr. Israel Laguer (he/him), Mr. Anthony Jones (he/him)

Collectively Breaking through Systematically Created Imposter Syndrome

**Presenter:** Ms. Mariana Cardenas (she/her)

Tactile Proof: Teaching Activist Histories through Self-Publishing

**Presenter:** Dr. Jason Luther

Anthropological Perspectives on Biology of Race and Racism

**Presenters:** Dr. Seran Schug, Dr. Maria Rosado, Dr. Jane Hill, Dr. James Hundley, Dr. Raquel Fleskes

Working Towards Equity: Experiences of the Rowan University Libraries’ DEI Committee

**Presenter:** Dr. Ashley Lierman

Using Data to Drive DEI Work in Your Department

**Presenters:** Dr. Amy Woodworth, Professor Jude Miller, Dr. Leslie Allison, Professor Kristine Lafferty, Dr. Tiffany DeRewal
Neurodivergent at Rowan-Perspectives of Faculty and Professional Staff Members
Presenter(s): Ms. Lara Roberts Lebeau

Captions and Transcripts for Lecture Recordings: Benefits for all Learners
Presenter: Dr. Steve Garwood (he/him)

Examining Diversity in Sports
Presenter(s): Ms. I-Yum Lee

Understanding the Rise in Antisemitic Hate Crimes in the U.S.A.
Presenter: Ms. Kathryn Seu (she/her)

“Through My Eyes” A Snapshot of School Inclusivity & Belonging through the lens of Black & White Girls Experiences
Presenter(s): Ms. Beatrice Carey, Ms. Candice Peters

Food Equity For Low-Income Households and Individuals with Disabilities: A review of two grant-funded projects to support community and home gardens
Presenters: Dr. Leslie Spencer (she/her), Dr. Dara Lobuono (she/her), Dr. Mahbubur Meenar (he/him), Ms. Sonya Harris (she/her), Professor Melanie Stewart (She/her)

Solidarity + Power: Creative Techniques for Social Justice
Presenter: Mx. Elizabeth Shores (they/them.theirs)

Culturally Responsive Teaching in the K-12 Setting
Presenter: Mrs. Samantha Laiso (she/her)
Rev. Tutu is the third child Archbishop Desmond and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She was born in South Africa and had the opportunity to live in many communities and countries. She was educated in Swaziland, the US and England, and has divided her adult life between South Africa and the US. Growing up the ‘daughter of …’ has offered Naomi Tutu many opportunities and challenges in her life. Perhaps one of the greatest challenges she has struggled with is the call to ministry. From early in her life she would say, “I have my father’s nose, I do not want his job!” Yet this call refused to be silenced. Even as she carried her passion for justice into other fields, the call to preach and serve as an ordained clergyperson continued to tug at her. Finally, in her 50’s she responded to the call and went to seminary.

Her professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa, to being program coordinator for programs on Race and Gender and Gender-based Violence in Education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. In addition, Rev. Tutu has taught at the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut and Brevard College in North Carolina. She served as Program Coordinator for the historic Race Relations Institute at Fisk University, and was a part of the Institute's delegation to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban.

She started her public speaking as a college student at Berea College in Kentucky in the 1970's when she was invited to speak at churches, community groups and colleges and universities about her experiences growing up in apartheid South Africa. Since that time, she has become a much sought after speaker to groups as varied as business associations, professional conferences, elected officials and church and civic organizations.

Rev. Tutu is the recipient of four honorary doctorates from universities and colleges in the US and Nigeria. She is currently the Associate Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, CA and the single mother of two daughters and a son.