

# Diversity Matters

## April Easter Newsletter



### RECAP OF MARCH

Engineering Symposium for Counselors and STEM Teachers




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Women History Month Inaugural Lunch



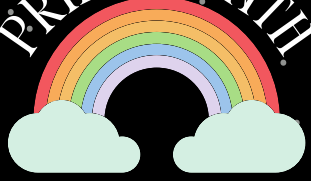
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### ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is celebrated each May to pay tribute to the achievements and contributions generations of Asian, Desi and Pacific Island Americans have made in the United States.

The month of May was chosen to honor Asian American Pacific Islander because it commemorates the migration of the first immigrants from Japan to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to celebrate the completion of the transcontinental railroad by over 20,000 Asian immigrants on May 10, 1869. However, the first Asian immigrants arrived in the U.S. in 1587 when Filipinos first began migrating to California. Immigrants continued to come from the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands through 1920 when the first Samoans were documented in Hawaii. The Society of Asian Scientist Engineers (SASE) are preparing a few events this month to honor college's faculty, staff, and students, as finals and graduation will take place in May.



### PRIDE MONTH

Pride month is typically observed in June. One of the largest international celebrations of the LGBTQ+ community.

Together with oSTEM: Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, we will dedicate a couple of events during the second half of April to Pride Month, which is typically celebrated in June. Pride Month originated in the United States after the Stonewall riots, which were a series of gay liberation protests in 1969. Modern-day Pride Month both honors the movement for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights and celebrates LGBTQ+ culture.

CELEBRATE LGBTQ+

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### TARTAN DAY

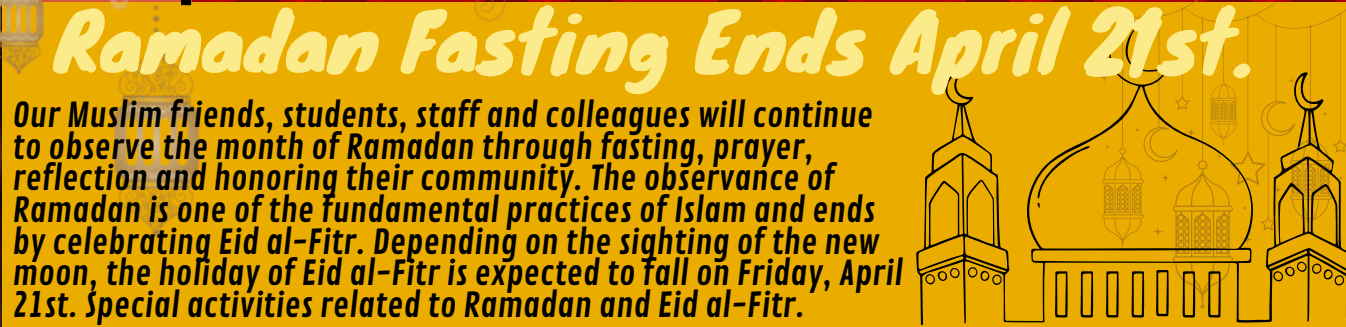
This day honors the contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States, and it falls on the same day as the Arbroath Declaration of Scottish Independence. In 1998, the Senate approved a resolution declaring April 6 as National Tartan Day.



**MATT TIFFANY**

### Ramadan Fasting Ends April 21st.

Our Muslim friends, students, staff and colleagues will continue to observe the month of Ramadan through fasting, prayer, reflection and honoring their community. The observance of Ramadan is one of the fundamental practices of Islam and ends by celebrating Eid al-Fitr. Depending on the sighting of the new moon, the holiday of Eid al-Fitr is expected to fall on Friday, April 21st. Special activities related to Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.



# CENGR DEI-Related Events

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## ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH



**AAPI Asian Faculty Panel**  
April 10th, Monday  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Driftmier Room 1240



**AAPI Heritage Month Inaugural Dinner**  
April 11th, Tuesday  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Driftmier Room 1240



## DEI EVENTS THIS MONTH IN APRIL

### Pride Month



**oSTEM Talent Show**  
April 22nd, Saturday  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Memorial Ballroom



**Pride Inaugural Dinner**  
April 24th, Monday  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Driftmier Room 1240



# APRIL 2023

### Full Month

Arab-American Heritage Month

Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month

Autism Awareness Month

National Volunteer Month

Celebrate Diversity Month

Earth Month



6 National Tartan was created to celebrate Scottish history and the achievements of people of Scottish descent around the world.

2 Palm Sunday is also the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the year for Christians.

4 SASE'S Company Panel UGA SASE held a networking function with recruiters from Lockheed Martin and Juneau Construction



7 Good Friday Commemorates the death of Jesus on Calvary, the site just outside the walls of Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified.

9 Easter Honors the Resurrection of Jesus three days after His death by crucifixion

10 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Asian Faculty Panel

11 AAPI Heritage Month Dinner 6:00-7:00 Driftmier 1240

13 Passover ends Many Jewish communities in the United States mark the last day of Passover as the end of a Jewish holiday that celebrates the deliverance of Jewish people

14 Vaisakhi Celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs and marks the beginning of the Hindu solar New Year.

14 National Day of Silence (LGBTQ+) Annual day of action to spread awareness about the effects of the bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals.

17 Laylat al-Qadr The Night of Power, also known as Laylat al-Qadr, falls on the odd-numbered nights of the last ten days of Ramadan, which is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.

18 Yom Hashoah A Holocaust Remembrance Day when Jews from all over the world stop to reflect on the afflictions their ancestors faced

20 Start of Ridvan One of the holiest holidays for the members of the Bahá'í faith. It lasts 12 days and is also known as the "Most Great Festival" or the "King of Festivals."

21 Eid-al-Fitr/End of Ramadan Eid al-Fitr is one of two major holidays on the Islamic calendar. It's an Arabic term which means "Festival of Breaking Fast," because it's celebrated at the conclusion of Ramadan.

24 Pride Inaugural Dinner 6:00-7:00 Driftmier 1240

# College Events

## High School Counselor and STEM Teacher Symposium

On March 30th and 31st, the college hosted 19 high school counselors and STEM teachers across the state of Georgia. Key objectives of the symposium are the following:

- To build partnerships between the College of Engineering and various high schools in the State of Georgia.
- To help the College of Engineering administrators, faculty, and staff understand how we can “Change the Conversation” to improve our outreach and recruitment of first generation, BIPOC, and underrepresented minority students into engineering.
- To inform counselors and teachers on the programs, culture, and future plans of the College of Engineering and enable counselors and teachers to advise their students on the opportunities offered by the College of Engineering at UGA.



## ECE Expo 2023

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering hosted its first Spring Expo. The expo featured current student research, including poster presentations from undergraduate and graduate students.

## Inaugural Women's History Celebration Events



# Summer Opportunity for UGA Incoming Freshman

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## ENGINEERING ACADEMIC BOOTCAMP: INCOMING UGA FRESHMAN

The Engineering Academic Boot Camp (EABC) Summer Program is a two-week residential experience at the University of Georgia that allows you to live in a dormitory and get acquainted with campus life, while focusing on an intense two-week in-depth review of the core subjects Pre-Cal/Calculus and Physics. Students will also participate in various projects ranging from MATLAB, AutoCAD, circuits, and environmental engineering experiential learning opportunities.

## ACADEMIC BOOTCAMP: INCOMING UGA FRESHMAN

Program runs from July 16 – July 28. Please share with any incoming UGA freshman who have an interest in pursuing engineering. The deadline to apply is May 31st

## ACADEMIC BOOTCAMP: INCOMING UGA FRESHMAN

**Apply via this link: [Discovering Engineering at UGA Academic Boot Camp | UGA College of Engineering.](#)**

### Eligibility:

This program is open to first-generation, BIPOC, and underrepresented college students who have been admitted to the College of Engineering at the University of Georgia College of Engineering. Students must be 18 years or older by July 16 to participate in the program. Selected students are expected to participate the full duration of the program, including the programmed days on the weekends.