



## Fall 2025 Office of DEI Newsletter, Issue 7



### ✨ Inclusive Excellence Grants – Applications Open Now! ✨

Have an idea to make EMU more inclusive, welcoming, and connected? Apply for an Inclusive Excellence Grant! Projects can receive up to \$1,200, and those with a strong sustainability focus may receive up to \$2,000. Proposals are due by **October 15**. Don't miss this chance to bring your idea to life. Questions? Contact **Dawn Neil** at [dei@emu.edu](mailto:dei@emu.edu).

### Fall Recap

In September, EMU showed up in the Harrisonburg community at two incredible festivals—the African American Festival on September 13 and the Shenandoah Valley Pride Fest on September 21. Faculty, staff, and students came together to run our booth, connect with neighbors, and celebrate the joy of community. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and represented EMU with such great spirit!

### October Events

- **Oct. 21 | Queer History Month Keynote**
- Jayda Knight & Chad Walters | 7:30 PM at Common Grounds
- **Oct. 23 | Special Guest on Music and Trauma**
- Dr. Lyla June | 12:10 PM at Mainstage Theater
- **Oct. 29 | Disability Awareness Month Convocation**
- Bailey Vincent | 10:15 AM at Mainstage Theater

**Special Thank you to the Music and CIE Department**

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### Share Your DEI Story

Would you like to share DEI stories with our EMU community? Do you have a DEI-oriented event, announcement, article or recognition you would like us to promote through our DEI communication channels? Contact [dei@emu.edu](mailto:dei@emu.edu).



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