

Cultural Observances and Causes Calendar

We've compiled a calendar of different cultural observances and causes to bridge the gap so we can come together and understand what holds value for others. See something we're missing? Email us at DEI@rcbc.edu.

January

- Poverty in America Awareness Month
- New Year's Day
- Global Family Day/World Peace Day
- World Braille Day
- Christian: Epiphany
- Hindu: Makar Sankranti or Maghi
- World Religion Day
- National Day of Racial Healing
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- World Freedom Day
- Chinese New Year
- International Customs Day
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

- American History Month
- Black History Month
- Canadian History Month
- Human Relations Month
- Chinese New Year
- St. Valentine's Day
- Buddhist: Parinirvana or Nirvana Day
- Presidents Day
- World Day of Social Justice
- Mardi Gras
- Christian: Ash Wednesday

March

- Group, Culture or Cause Recognized
- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- Greek-American Heritage Month
- Gender Equality Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Ethnic Equality Month

- National Women's History Month
- National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
- International Women's Day
- United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace
- Purim
- World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film
- Pi Day
- St. Urho day
- St. Patrick's Day
- United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- World Down Syndrome Day
- Naw-Ruz (Baha'i New Year)
- Jewish: Passover
- Hindu: Holi

April

- Community Service Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Arab-American Heritage Month
- Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month
- Diversity Month
- People with Disabilities: World Autism Awareness Day
- Christian: Easter
- International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
- Buddhist: Buddha's Birth
- Islamic: Ramadan
- Youth Homelessness Matters Day
- Bahá'í Faith First Day of Ridvan—Festival of Ridvan
- Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)

May

- National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Haitian Heritage Month
- Indian Heritage Month
- Jewish-American Heritage Month
- Mental Health Month
- South Asian Heritage Month
- Personal History Awareness Month
- Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
- Older Americans Month
- Cinco de Mayo
- Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who Lost their Lives during WWII

- LGBTQ+: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- International Day for Biological Diversity
- Declaration of the Bab in Shiraz, Shavuot
- Ramadan Begins
- Memorial Day
- Ascension of Bahau'llah

June

- National Caribbean American Heritage Month
- AIDS Awareness Month
- LGBT Pride Month
- Black Music Month
- Race Unity Day
- Juneteenth

July

- French-American Heritage Month
Independence Day
- Filipino-American Friendship Day
- The Martyrdom of the Bab
- World Population Day
- Islamic: The Hajj
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pioneer Day
- Americans with Disabilities Act Signed "Disability Independence Day"
- Tisha B'Av

August

- National Civility Month
- International Day of the World's Indigenous
- Islamic: Al-Hijri (New Year)
- Roman Catholic: Feast of the Assumption
- World Humanitarian Day
- International Day
- Women's Equality Day
- Hindu: Janmashtami (Birth of Lord Krishna)

September

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Recovery Month
- Jewish: Rosh Hashanah
- Labor Day

- Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi
- Patriot Day
- National Native American Day
- International Day of Democracy
- Mexican Independence Day
- Rosh Hashanah
- Women: HeForShe
- International Day of Peace
- Autumnal Equinox
- Yom Kippur

October

- Bullying Prevention Month
- Global Diversity Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Family History Month
- Filipino-American Heritage Month
- Italian-American Heritage Month
- LGBT History Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- National German Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- Polish-American Heritage Month
- International Day of Non-Violence
- Sukkot
- German American Heritage Day
- People with Disabilities: World Mental Health Day
- National Coming Out Day
- United States: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- White Cane Safety Day
- Spirit Day—Anti Bullying
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- World Humanitarian Action Day
- Birth of the Bab in Shiraz
- LGBTQ+: Spirit Day
- International Stuttering Awareness Day
- Halloween
- Day of the Dead

November

- National Native American Heritage Month & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- Men's Health Awareness Month
- Hindu: Diwali

- Veterans Day/Armistice Day
- Birth of Baha'u'llah
- World Kindness Day
- International Day for Tolerance
- Dutch American Heritage Day
- International Students' Day
- Thanksgiving

December

- Universal Human Rights Month
- World AIDS Day
- International Day for People with Disability
- International Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah
- Mexico: Las Posadas
- International Human Solidarity Day
- Winter Solstice/Yule
- Christmas
- Kwanzaa