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Happy New Year, Cascadia Community!



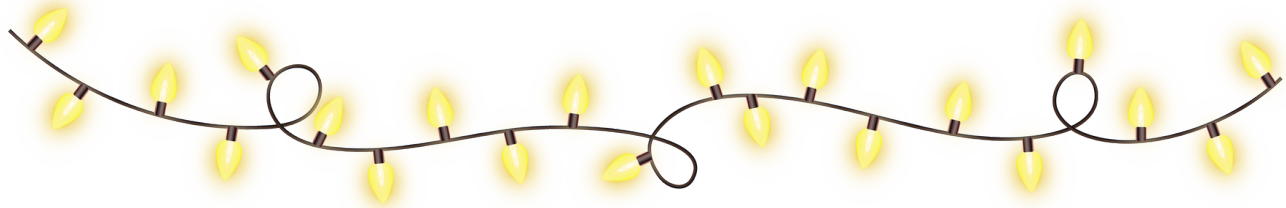
Onwards we go, holding one another and
shinning much light into this brand new
2025.



Mural by Kobra. NYC



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Celebrations

Poverty in America Awareness Month and Slavery and
Human Trafficking Prevention Month

4 World Braille Day

20 Martin Luther King Day

21 National Day of Racial Healing

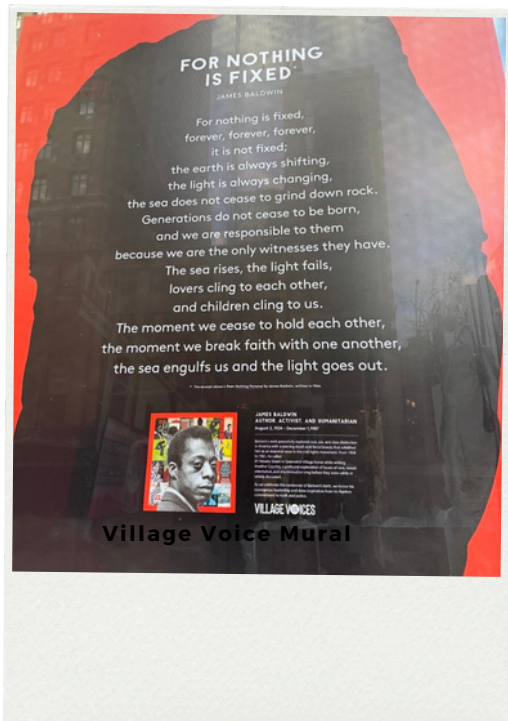
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Spotlight on: National Day of Racial Healing

The National Day of Racial Healing (NDRH) is observed on the Tuesday after MLK day. The day is about creating connections, learning about one another, and building bridges. Coming one day after MLK, the celebration seeks to make real Dr. King's vision of a Beloved Society with dignity for all. HDORH is dedicated to fostering social justice by engaging in activities that promote healing and raise awareness to the effects of racism.

The drivers of NDORH define racial healing as “the experience shared by people when they speak openly and hear the truth about past wrongs and the negative impact created by individual and systemic racism.” Heeding Baldwin's words: “The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.”

We hope you can join us in service and community building to celebrate MLK and foster a Beloved Community at Cascadia. How? Stop by the MLK Service-a-thon event in collaboration with the Kodiak Cave: Wednesday, January 22, 11am-2pm, CC1-011



For nothing is fixed,
forever, forever, forever,
it is not fixed;
the earth is always shifting,
the light is always changing,
the sea does not cease to grind down rock.
Generations do not cease to be born,
and we are responsible to them
because we are the only witnesses they have.
The sea rises, the light fails,
lovers cling to each other,
and children cling to us.
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~For Nothing is fixed. James Baldwin

On Solid Foundations: Social Justice



1. Definition

Social justice is a broad concept. The Foundations of E&I course defines it as “Equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all through equal access to resources, privileges, and decision-making. The presence of social justice would mean that all individuals in society have access to what they need to live a comfortable, productive, and safe life and a community in which that access does not have limitations or conditions.” Foundations, Module 2.

2. Resource

Understating social justice, and social injustices, invites us to understand power, privilege, and their relationship to recourse access. The “Wheel of Power/Privilege” can be a good place to start: Wheel of Privilege and Power

3. Takeaway

The fight for social justice “is not a quick pursuit and it is not necessarily clear when the pursuit will be complete,” but...”we are all links in the cord of social justice... You are one of the links, and you can make a positive impact.” Foundations, Module 8.

At the Diversity & Equity Center

It is a new year with a new D&E Center!
The Center will be under construction from January to June. Our doors and paint will change to create an even more welcoming environment. We will be operating from CC1-011 (just across the hall) and CC1-004 (Scholars Office)



Eat Dessert First!

Tuesday, January 7, 12pm-1pm, and
Wednesday, 8, 12pm-1pm and 6pm-6:30pm,
CC1-002

Impostor Syndrome Workshop with

Briana Quintanilla:

Tuesday, January 14, 2pm to 3pm, CC1-011

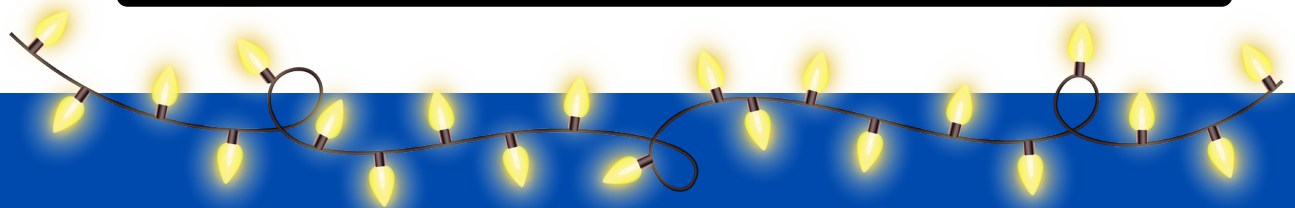
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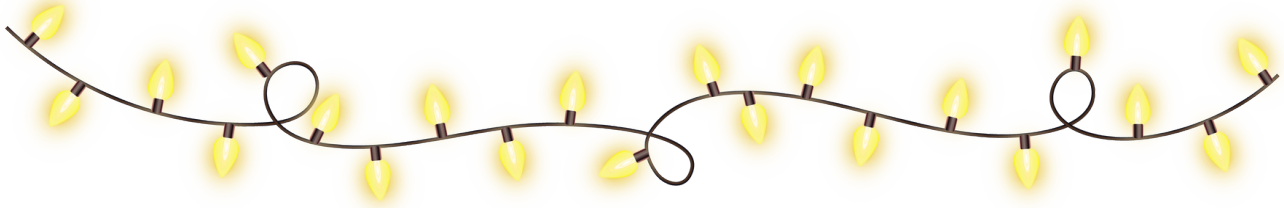
Hungry to Learn, documentary screening in collaboration with Accessibility and Student Services,

Tuesday, January 28, 1pm-3:30pm

We hope to see you!



(Free) Community Resources



Lunar New year celebrations

Tết in Seattle – Vietnamese Lunar New Year, Seattle
Center Festál,

Seattle Chinatown, Hing Hay Park

Seattle Asian Art Museum

Bellevue Square

Kirkland