



SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAMS (2022)

PRIDE MONTH

PRIDE EVENTS	
AGENCY	OBSERVANCE DETAILS
FPAC, NIFA, OASCR, & EQUALITY USDA JUNE 1, 2022 8:30 A.M. EST (USDA WIDE)	Event/Topic: LGBTQI+ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony Description: This event will feature remarks from Secretary Vilsack and Deputy Secretary Broun followed by the raising of the LGBTQI+ Pride Flag. Event Type: Live/In-Person Location: Whitten Building Apron POC: Charles Thomas, Charles.Thomas2@usda.gov
FPAC, NIFA, OASCR, & EQUALITY USDA JUNE 8, 2022 1:00 P.M. EST (USDA WIDE)	Event/Topic: A Bounty of Pride Description: Event will feature the following keynote speakers: The Okra Project, The Williams Institute, and The Giver Network. The observance will also include Post Cards from the Field – short video or photo submission of individuals within USDA LGBTQ+ workforce. Platform: YouTube Link: TBA POC: Charles Thomas, Charles.Thomas2@usda.gov
USDA POLITICAL APPOINTEES	Event/Topic: Economy Cluster Pride Event Description: The event will be hosted by USDA and include appointees from the Econ cluster. Platform: In-person at the USDA rooftop or People's Garden POC: Brandon Chaderton, WHLO and Fernando Brigidi, Office of the Deputy Sec

AMS June 16, 2022 1:00 P.M. EST (AGENCY ONLY)	Event/Topic: The Lavender Scare Description: The “Lavender Scare” was a period starting in the 1950s when gay men and women were “purged” from the federal government because they were determined to be national security risks. This presentation looks at the discriminatory policies that started this process; the Executive Order that solidified this discrimination as a federal government practice; the programs put in place across agencies; the tactics used to identify gay federal employees; and the devastating impacts of this policy that lasted for decades. This presentation includes actual historic documents and images to tell the story of the discrimination towards LGBTQ+ employees in the federal government from the 1950s to present day. This is an AMS only event. Platform: Microsoft Teams Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTAwNGRIZDctMTlhOS00YWM2LWJkZGQtOWVjODU5ODliMWFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ed5b36e7-01ee-4ebc-867e-e03cfa0d4697%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c22fcec-cb9b-4930-a4f2-d6da3fedefa7%22%7d POC: Yvette Torres Delgado, Yvette.TorresDelgado@usda.gov
FPAC, NIFA, OASCR, & EQUALITY USDA JUNE 16-18, 2022 (USDA WIDE)	Event/Topic: A Film Screening Description: A virtual film screening of the movie Freeheld. Based on a true story, Laurel Hester fights to secure her pension benefits for her partner Stacie Andree when Laurel is diagnosed with terminal cancer. Platform: Swank Virtual Portal Link: https://digitalcampus.swankmp.net/vs-usda388805/passphrase-watchlink/ POC: Charles Thomas, Charles.Thomas2@usda.gov
FPAC, NIFA, OASCR, & EQUALITY USDA JUNE 21, 2022 1:00 P.M. EST (USDA WIDE)	Event/Topic: Urban Agriculture Description: Round table discussion featuring the following Agriculture producers: The Side Yard Farm & Kitchen, Sweet Sourland Farms, Happy Hens Homestead, and Urban Oasis Project. Platform: Zoom Link: TBA POC: Charles Thomas, Charles.Thomas2@usda.gov

FNS JUNE 28, 2022 1:00 P.M. EST (AGENCY ONLY)	Event/Topic: “A Bounty of Pride” Description: FNS event will center on exploring the rich history of the LGBTQIA+ experience, the origins of Pride month, and significant movements in the community. Platform: Zoom Link: TBA POC: Frederick Cheng, frederick.cheng@usda.gov
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