Dear SEHD Community,

As we settle into the summer and continue navigating the myriad changes and opportunities that are before us and lie ahead, I wanted to offer you a few updates and thoughts. First, our ODDI team has undergone some major transitions with the recent departures of our program manager, Patrice French and graduate assistant, Anna Nouzovsky, both of whom had been with ODDI since Fall 2019. In addition, I want to acknowledge and thank the three former Dean’s CARE interns (Desiree Akurue, Emily Ball, and Mikayla Slaydon) who were an integral part of the team this past academic year. I also want to formally introduce and welcome our new faculty leadership fellow, Dr. Erinn Whiteside and graduate assistant, Amea Thompson to the ODDI team. I look forward to working with them and the rest of our team and adding new members to the team in the year ahead.

Second, as many of you know, I had the opportunity to visit with each academic department during Spring 2022 to engage in initial discussions of our new ODDI strategic plan. Since then, I have worked closely with our staff in marketing and communications to highlight key aspects of this plan on our website that is currently being updated. I encourage each of you to engage with this content on our website and the full PDF version of the plan as well. This PDF is a living document that we will continuously revisit and refine as needed. Moreover, please stay tuned for some exciting changes we are in the process of making in/to ODDI.

Finally, in reflecting on Dean de Miranda’s May 24 email message to us about the recent mass shootings at the grocery store in a Black community of Buffalo, New York and elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, I want to reiterate the importance of the collective work we do in and through the School of Education and Human Development. Let’s use this moment to think more deeply and intentionally about how we might do more impactful and consequential work going forward. I challenge each of us to seriously engage in a process of self-introspection and self-improvement. We should also critically and honestly assess who we are and want to be(come) as an organization.

John N. Singer, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion
Welcome the New Members of the ODDI Team

**ODDI FACULTY LEADERSHIP FELLOW**

**ERINN WHITESIDE, PH.D.**
EPSY, SPECIAL EDUCATION

**ODDI GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

**AMEA THOMPSON, MPA**
BUSH, NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

Thanks to Departing Members of the ODDI Team

**ODDI PROGRAM MANAGER**

**PATRICE FRENCH, PH.D.**
EAHR, ADULT EDUCATION

**ODDI GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

**ANNA NOUZOVSKY**
EPSY, Counseling Psychology
CELEBRATE SUMMER 2022

**CLIMATE AWARD WINNERS**

The SEHD Climate Awards are intended to recognize individual excellence in the contribution to a positive workplace climate, advocacy for inclusive practices that recognize diversity, and/or the promotion of equity across SEHD.

**FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENT**

**WEN LUO, PH.D.**  
EPSY, RESEARCH, MEASUREMENT, AND STATISTICS

**STAFF AWARD RECIPIENT**

**ZANE BIGGS**  
OFFCIE OF THE DEAN, FACULTY AFFAIRS

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**CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH**

June is Pride month! According to GLAAD, a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultural change and accelerating acceptance for the LGBT, Pride takes place in June to commemorate the anniversary of the New York City Stonewall Rebellion on June 28, 1969. Texas A&M Aggie Allies offers an Ally Workshop training to learn about the benefits and responsibilities of being an Ally.

Learn more about about becoming an Aggie Ally.
JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.

Learn more about the history of Juneteenth.

Join in on the celebration activities for this weekend.

NCORE 2022

34th Annual Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education

Individuals in SEHD and across TAMU attended the week-long National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) conference in Portland, Oregon.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE CHECK OUT NCORE.