Dear campus colleagues,

Thank you for choosing to present the IEE “Bulletin Board in a Bag”: Spring Holidays and Observances in your area this April!

In this packet, and any attached documents, you will find everything you need to begin a great bulletin board.

How to use
We’ve provided several flyer-sized pages of information, intended to get your board started; researching and adding additional information that would be of most interest to your particular residents (relevant communities in their home states/nations, campus/community activities that appeal to their majors and hobbies) can help expand the board and improve its impact.

For the most part, the Board is just print and post ready. If we had it available at the time of publication, we’ve also included or attached information about campus/community events observing this month, that you can post as well. If there aren’t any, you can check campus calendars such as the Diversity Portal (www.du.edu/diversity) or IEE (www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education/) for opportunities you can add to your Board. And, consider making attending one of these events a program for your floor!

Feedback
To help us know where our boards have been, and how residents have responded to them, please email us (igr@du.edu) any/all of the following:

· Your name, hall and floor where the board is posted
· A photo or two of the board up on your floor
· A brief description of any reaction/feedback the board generated on your floor community,
· And any feedback you have about this board or ideas for other Inclusive Excellence-related identities/issues/observances we could provide for the future.

(And in the unfortunate event there’s any defacement or other negative reaction to the board, please follow your hall’s reporting procedures, and let us know.)

THANKS for sharing this important, and interesting, info with your residents!

Sincerely,
Inclusion and Equity Education
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Spring Holidays and Observances, 2019
Some Major Holidays and Observances this spring

- Good Friday
- Easter
- Rama Navami
- Passover (Pesach)
- Orthodox Good Friday
- Orthodox Easter
- Beginning of Ramadan
- Memorial day
- Laylat al-Qadr
- Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
- Shavuot

https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/religcal.html#spr19
SO WHAT?

- It is important to recognize all of the holidays that take place during the spring season besides the public holidays, such as Easter and Memorial Day.
- Just because these holidays are nationally recognized does not mean that they are more important than all the other holidays that are celebrated during this time period.
Good Friday

- Good Friday is a Christian holiday celebrated on April 19th, 2019.
- It is the Friday before Easter Sunday, on which the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated in the Christian Church. It is traditionally a day of fasting and penance.
- The date of Good Friday varies from one year to the next on both the Gregorian and Julian calendars. Eastern and Western Christianity disagree over the computation of the date of Easter and therefore of Good Friday. Good Friday is a widely instituted legal holiday around the world, including in most Western countries and 12 U.S. states

https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/zimbabwe/good-friday
https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

- It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent (or Great Lent), a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.
- Easter is celebrated on April 21st, 2019.
- [https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter](https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter)
Rama Navami

- Rama Navami is a spring Hindu festival that celebrates the birthday of god Rama. He is particularly important to the Vaishnavism tradition of Hinduism, as the seventh avatar of Vishnu. The festival is a part of the spring Navratri, and falls on the ninth day of the bright half in the Hindu calendar month of Chaitra, which is April 14th this common year.

Passover (Pesach)

- Passover or Pesach is a major, biblically derived Jewish holiday. People of the Jewish faith celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses.
- This year, passover will begin the night of April 19th and end the night of April 27th.

[www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/default_cdo/jewish/Passover.htm](http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/default_cdo/jewish/Passover.htm)

[https://www.thoughtco.com/four-questions-on-passover-2076455](https://www.thoughtco.com/four-questions-on-passover-2076455)
Orthodox Good Friday

- Orthodox Christian churches in the United States generally observe Good Friday at a later date than the Good Friday date observed by many western churches. Good Friday focuses on Jesus Christ’s death, which is described in the Christian bible. The day is also known as Great Friday, Holy Friday, and Holy and Great Friday.
- Orthodox Good Friday is celebrated on April 26th this year.

https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/orthodox-good-friday
http://www.explorecrete.com/traditions/greek-easter.html
Orthodox Easter

- Many Orthodox Christians in the United States celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Orthodox Christian date for Easter Sunday often occurs at a later date than the Easter date observed by many western churches. The day is also known as Pascha, Easter, and Easter Day.
- Orthodox Easter is celebrated on April 28th this year.

https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/orthodox-easter-day

Beginning of Ramadan

- Ramadan, is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (Sawm) to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad according to Islamic belief.

- Since the new moon marks the beginning of the new month, Muslims can usually safely estimate the beginning of Ramadan. However, to many Muslims, this is not in accordance with authenticated Hadiths stating that visual confirmation per region is recommended. The consistent variations of a day have existed since the time of Muhammad.

- This year it is celebrated on May 6th.
Memorial Day

- Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, is held on May 27 this year.
- The holiday was held on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.
- For many, it marks the unofficial start of the summer vacation season.

http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page_id=2

http://time.com/4346170/memorial-day-three-day-weekend/
Laylat al-Qadr

- Laylat al-Qadr is in Islamic belief the night when the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the Islamic prophet Muhammad. It is one of the nights of the last ten days of Ramadan. Muslims believe that on this night the blessings and mercy of God are abundant, sins are forgiven, supplications are accepted, and that the annual decree is revealed to the angels who also descend to earth, specially the Angel Gabriel, referred to as "the Spirit", to perform every and any errand decreed by God.
- This year it is celebrated on May 31st.
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)

- Eid al-Fitr is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. This religious Eid is the first and only day in the month of Shawwal during which Muslims are not permitted to fast.
- This year Eid al-Fitr will begin on the evening of June 3rd, and will end on the evening of June 4th.

Shavuot

- Shavuot is known as the Feast of Weeks in English and as Pentecost in Ancient Greek. It is a Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. Shavuot has a double significance. It marks the all-important wheat harvest in Israel, and it commemorates the anniversary of the day when God gave the Torah to the nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai—although the association is not explicit in the Biblical text between the giving of the Torah and Shavuot.
- Shavout is celebrated starts on the evening of June 8th and ends on the evening of June 10th.
DU’S INTERFAITH INITIATIVE

- A new, grant-funded initiative to expand opportunities and collaboration across campus faith communities.
- Based in the Center for Judaic Studies, the “i10” working group is developing resources, events and other educational involvement opportunities.
- Stay tuned for more info, and check out CJS’s current resource site: www.du.edu/ahss/cjs/interfaith

https://kulanukids.org/dvar-torah/f/week-34-parshat-bamidbarshavuot