

SEPTEMBER 16TH-20TH, 2024

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THIS YEAR'S THEME

Dignity

the understanding that all humans have fundamental values regardless of their culture, background, beliefs, or actions.

Our committee defines dignity as the inherent value of every human being, regardless of their background, actions, culture, or beliefs. This year, Solidarity Week is guided by this theme, chosen by Co-Chairs Gaile Anasco and Addison Cook. Throughout the week, you'll hear personal stories from a diverse range of voices—some experiences may be unfamiliar, but they all offer valuable lessons. Acknowledgment means being aware and accepting of others, even when their experiences are different from your own.

Each event this week has been carefully designed by our partners and committee to foster courageous acts that promote justice both on and off campus. Education isn't about taking away your identity; it's about actively striving to understand your neighbor. Through learning, we build relationships with those who are different from us, creating a culture where everyone feels welcome and loved.

Celebration is a vital part of this process, and every student at Berry deserves to be celebrated. We invite you to participate in this week's cultural celebrations, but the work doesn't stop here. Together, we can uplift every identity and continue fostering a community where all are valued. In solidarity, we are all called to the table, embracing the richness of our differences.

Recognizing and empowering each person's worth is essential for cultivating a culture of belonging. Such a culture cannot exist without education and mutual understanding, rooted in dignity. This week is just one step toward building a community filled with love, acceptance, and belonging. We hope you'll join us in this journey.

-Gaile Anasco and Addison Cook, 2024 Solidarity Week Co-Chairs



SW Student Team (L to R): Gaile Anasco, Jake Patton, Addison Cook, Mykelle Patterson, Amani Pyron

Things you should know

01

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE TABLE.

Students, staff, and faculty are all invited to Solidarity Week events.

Belonging and Community Engagement is a campus-wide initiative, and everyone is invited to be part of the solution.

02

YOU MAY NOT AGREE.

You may hear something you disagree with, and that's okay. Solidarity Week is about the awareness and celebration of diverse identities and ideas for marginalized groups. Please keep our events safe by practicing our Community Norms.

03

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

Topics about historic, systemic, and individualized harm may be difficult to listen to for some. It's okay to take a breath or step outside if you need to. Please take care of yourself.

04

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

We're glad you're going to be a part of this special week. Thank you for thinking about how you can be a better neighbor to those around you.

Solidarity Week

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>Solidarity Week Volunteer Appreciation Night 6:00PM</p>	<p>*Dignity – A Discussion with Mr. Anthony Hinton 6:00PM</p>	<p>Freemantown & Its Legacy at Berry College 5:00PM</p>	<p>*Berry Circles 6:00PM</p>	<p>*An Uncommon Friendship: From Opposite Sides of the Holocaust 5:00PM</p>	<p>Solidarity Week Community March 5:00PM</p>
		<p>*Empowering Reintegration: Community Support & Dignity for Returning Citizens 5:00PM</p>		<p>*The Matrilineal Society of the Cherokee 5:00PM</p>	
		<p>Workshop: Exploring Dignity through Mini-Zines 5:00PM</p>		<p>Community Celebration: Art Show 6:15PM</p>	
		<p>Community Celebration: Intercultural Fashion Show 6:15PM</p>		<p>*Human Trafficking & Human Rights: A Call to Action 7:30PM</p>	
		<p>^Connecting Generations through Communication 7:30PM</p>		<p>Danielle Balfour Workshop 7:30PM</p>	
		<p>*Nourishing Dignity: Addressing Food Insecurity in our Community 7:30PM</p>			<p>Good Neighbor Potluck & Block Party 5:45PM</p>

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Let's start this together.

On our first day of Solidarity Week, we invite all students, staff, faculty, and other Berry community members to join us for an event that speaks to the heart of understanding and storytelling.

Monday session



“It all matters. How we live matters. Do we choose love or do we choose hate? Do we help or do we harm? Because there is no way to know the exact second your life changes forever. You can only begin to know that moment by looking in the rearview mirror. And trust me when I tell you when you never, ever see it coming.”

-Anthony Hinton, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*

MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



MR. ANTHONY HINTON

Anthony Ray Hinton survived for 30 years on Alabama's death row. His story is a decades-long journey to exoneration and freedom. In 1985, Mr. Hinton was convicted of the unsolved murders of two fast-food restaurant managers based on the testimony of ballistics experts for the State who claimed that the crime bullets came from a dusty revolver found in Mr. Hinton's mother's closet. Without the benefit of a competent expert to challenge the State's theory (Mr. Hinton's lawyer hired a ballistics expert who was blind in one eye), an all-white jury convicted Mr. Hinton and he was sentenced to death. After years of petitioning to have the revolver re-analyzed, three independent experts concluded that the bullets could not have been fired from his mother's revolver. With the assistance of the Equal Justice Initiative, led by attorney Bryan Stevenson, Mr. Hinton was freed in 2015. Since his release, Mr. Hinton has traveled the world sharing his story and discussing the changes that need to be made to prevent similar injustices from happening to other people. In 2018, Mr. Hinton published *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, which was selected for Oprah's Book Club and is a New York Times bestseller. In 2019, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from St. Bonaventure University.

*Monday, 6 pm, College Chapel
overflow in Krannert Ballroom*

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Seek to learn and understand others' experiences.

Our second day of Solidarity Week kicks off our break-out sessions. Students, staff, and faculty are able to choose from a selection of break-out options. In between the two sets of break-outs, you're also invited to come to a cultural celebration to honor diverse cultures.

TUESDAY

BREAK-OUT SCHEDULE

Time	Location	Session & Topic
5:00 pm	Krannert Ballroom A	Session A Freemantown and Its Legacy at Berry College
5:00 pm	Krannert Ballroom B	Session B Empowering Reintegration: Community Support & Dignity for Returning Citizens*
5:00 pm	The Gathering Space <i>(formerly the ICC)</i>	Session C Art Workshop: Exploring Dignity through Mini-Zines
6:15 pm	Krannert Ballroom C	Intercultural Fashion Show
7:30 pm	Krannert Ballroom A	Session D Dialogue Dynamics: Connecting Generations through Communication^
7:30 pm	Krannert Ballroom B	Session E Nourishing Dignity: Addressing Food Insecurity in Our Community*

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Session Topics

Session A | Freemantown and Its Legacy at Berry College & Beyond

Session B | Empowering Reintegration: Community Support & Dignity for Returning Citizens

Session C | Art Workshop: Exploring Dignity through Mini-Zines

Community Celebration: Intercultural Fashion Show

Session D | Dialogue Dynamics: Connecting Generations through Communication

Session E | Nourishing Dignity: Addressing Food Insecurity in Our Community

Topic Description

Join Cheryl Snipes, a descendent of Freemantown's founding families, and Jennifer Dickey from KSU as they explore the rich history of Freemantown and highlight the resilience of the community and its lasting impact on the local area, including Berry College .

Hear from Berry College professors Dr. Eunie Shin and Dr. Sarah Allred as they discuss the numerous challenges faced by people transitioning from incarceration into society.

Explore your creativity as Malaka Gharib, a graphic novelist, writer, and cartoonist, guides you in making an eight-page mini zine about your relationship to dignity & self-worth. You don't need to be an artist to attend!

A celebration of cultural and self-expression through fashion.

In this session with Phillip Edge from the CPPD, you'll explore the unique characteristics of different generations and discover practical strategies to enhance your communication skills.

With representation from the Rome Community Kitchen, Northwest Georgia Hunger Ministries, The Davies Shelter & Mountain Mama Farms, this session discusses sustainable solutions and the importance of community-driven efforts in ensuring food access for all.

DAY

three

Acknowledge & Honor.

Our third day of Solidarity Week features the first of four Berry Circles to take place throughout the 2024-2025 Academic Year. Berry Circles is a campus-wide good neighbor conversation series that aims to help the Berry community practice thoughtful and courageous conversation, share experiences and ideas, and build meaningful relationships.

6pm

KRANNERT
BALLROOM



Wednesday Berry Circles:

How Different Religious Perspectives Participate in Civic Conversations

In Partnership with The Interfaith Council and Chaplain's Office
Krannert Ballroom

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four

Be good to others. Be good to you.

On our fourth day of Solidarity Week we continue our break-out sessions. Students, staff, and faculty are able to choose from a selection of break-out options. In between the two sets of break-outs, you're also invited to come to a cultural celebration to honor diverse artists.

THURSDAY

BREAK-OUT SCHEDULE

Time	Location	Session & Topic
5:00 pm	Krannert Ballroom A	Session F An Uncommon Friendship: From Opposite Sides of the Holocaust*
5:00 pm	Krannert Ballroom B	Session G Matriarchy vs Patriarchy: Discovering the Matrilineal Society of the Cherokee*
6:15 pm	Krannert Ballroom C	Community Celebration Student Art Showcase
7:30 pm	Krannert Ballroom A	Session H Human Trafficking & Human Rights: A Call to Action*
7:30 pm	Krannert Ballroom B	Session I Workshop with Danielle Cook Balfour

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Session Topics

Session F | Uncommon
Friendship: From Opposite Sides
of the Holocaust

Session G | Matriarchy vs.
Patriarchy: Discovering the
Matrilineal Society of the
Cherokee

Community Celebration:
Student Art Showcase

Session H | Human Trafficking &
Human Rights: A Call to Action

Session I | Workshop with
Danielle Cook Balfour

Topic Description

Bernat Rosner will share his powerful story of survival and reconciliation. Join us as he reflects on the unlikely bond he formed with the son of a Nazi soldier, offering profound insights into forgiveness, healing, and the human spirit.

Mary Crowe will lead a discussion on the matrilineal society of the Cherokee, exploring the central role of women in Cherokee culture and governance. Her insights will provide a deeper understanding of how these traditions continue to shape and empower Cherokee communities today.

A celebration of cultural and self-expression through art.

This panel will focus on the realities of human trafficking, with experts like Debbie Crumbley from End Slavery Georgia sharing their knowledge and experiences. Learn about the ongoing fight against human trafficking and how community-driven efforts are making a difference in prevention and recovery.

Known online as ohhappydani, Danielle will lead a session on artistic activism and living a more just and hopeful life.

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Let's celebrate.

On our last day of Solidarity Week, we come back
together as a campus and celebrate diversity,
understanding, new bridges being built, and that
Solidarity does not end here.

March

The Solidarity Week Committee along with its partners will be marching from College Chapel to the front of Herman Hall. This is a physical display of solidarity and a celebration of each voice on our campus. We invite everyone to celebrate with us.

Meet at College Chapel at *5pm*



Friday Good Neighbor Potluck & Block Party

As a close to Solidarity Week, the Berry community will come together to enjoy a potluck together. Everyone has a seat at the table and is welcome to engage in our final event of the week.

Krannert Ballroom C & Lawn
after the march

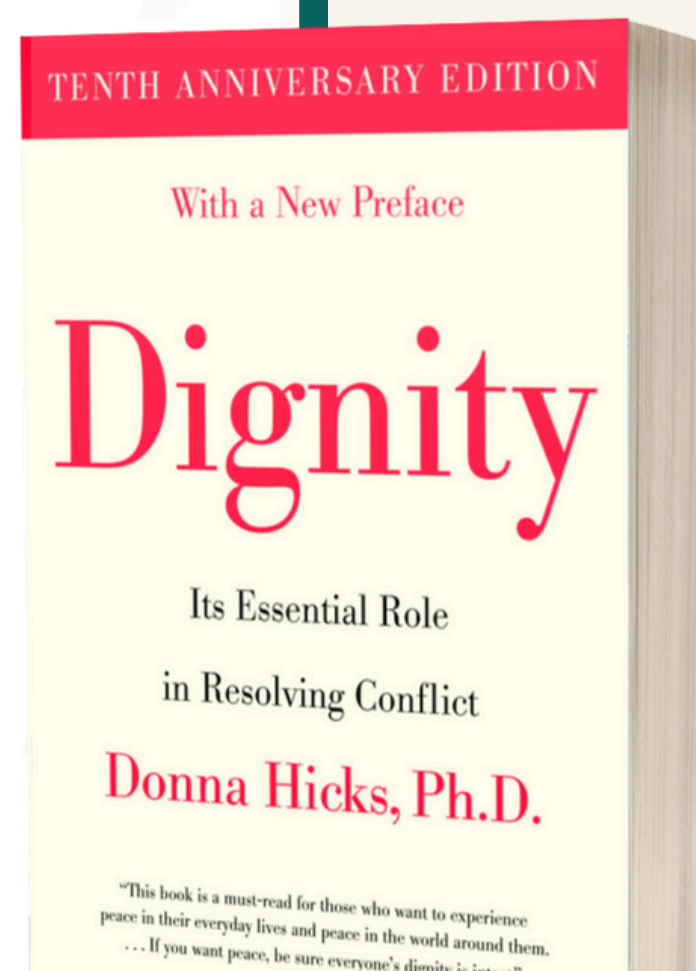


Additional Offerings

discussion on dignity

Drawing on her extensive experience in international conflict resolution and on insights from evolutionary biology, psychology, and neuroscience, Donna Hicks explains what the elements of dignity are, how to recognize dignity violations, how to respond when we are not treated with dignity, how dignity can restore a broken relationship, why leaders must understand the concept of dignity, and more.

DIGNITY: ITS ESSENTIAL ROLE IN RESOLVING CONFLICT
TUESDAY, 11 AM, THE GATHERING SPACE (VIRTUAL)
FAC/STAFF ONLY



community partners' fair

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS' FAIR
THURSDAY, 11 AM, KRANNERT BALLROOM

We look forward to this hour being time for our campus community – students, faculty, and staff – to visit with our community partners, learn about their mission, and discover ways to walk alongside them in their work to strengthen Rome, Floyd County, and beyond



“I wanted students of all identities to feel acknowledged, educated, and celebrated.”

Solidarity Week is an annual event at Berry College. Its mission seeks to acknowledge, educate, and celebrate the differences on campus. Diamond Newsome, 20C, the founder of Solidarity Week states, “The inspiration for Solidarity Week emerged after the Neo-Nazi riots that took place in Charlottesville, VA in 2017. Myself and some of my friends were very shaken up about the incident and I noticed

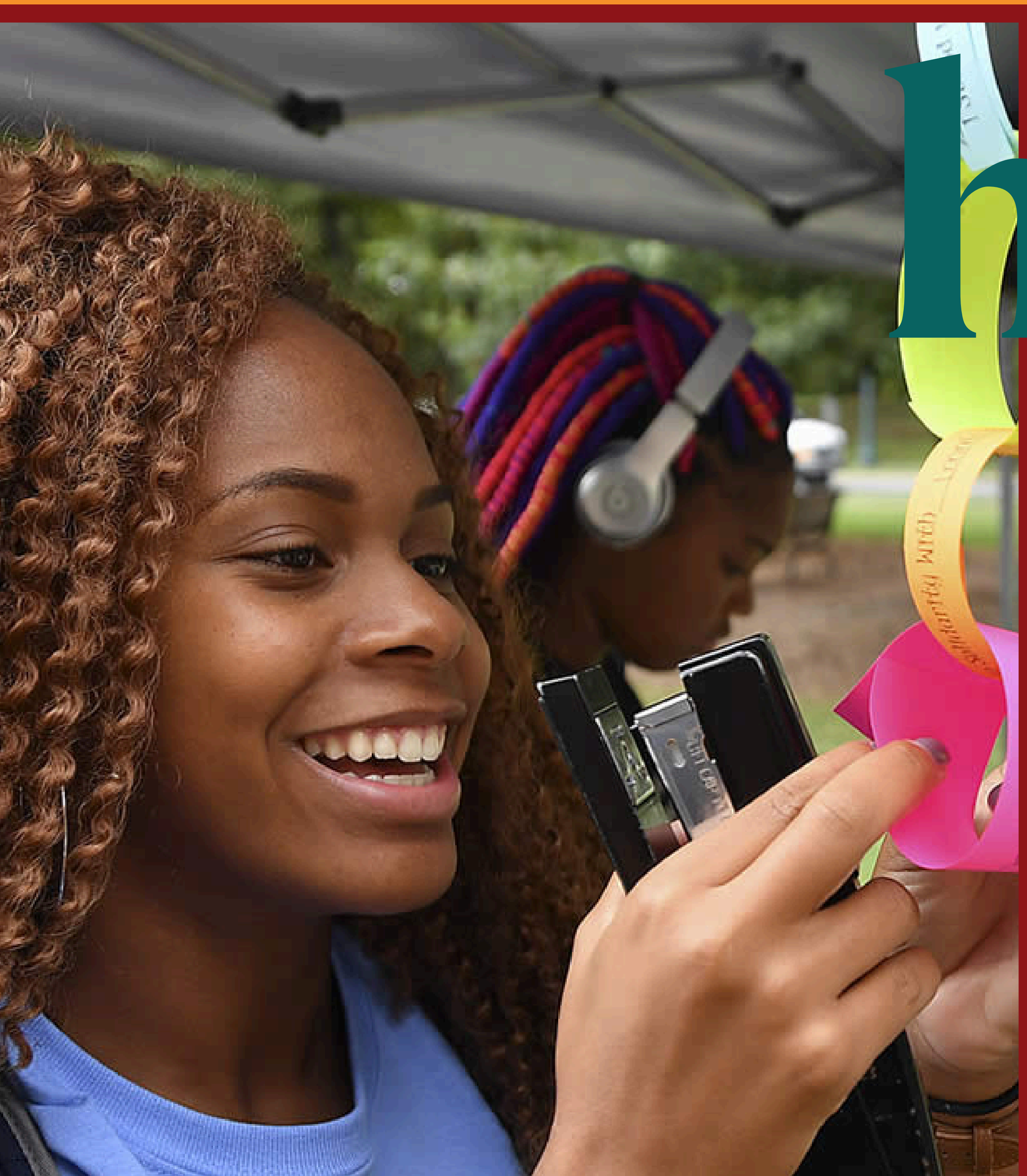
that other universities were releasing responses, hosting programming, and engaging in protests to assure their students that they did not stand for that type of behavior. I wanted Berry to have something for our students.”

Newsome notes that she wanted Berry to show its support for the diversity on campus. “I wanted students of all identities to feel acknowledged, educated, and celebrated. I wanted Berry to dedicate time to promoting and celebrating its diversity while also acknowledging the acts of hate taking place in our country,” Newsome said. Solidarity Week began with five students, each sophomore at the time. The students included Gabby Sola (20C), Ryan Moran (20C), Katie Ott (20C), and Sara Jordan (20C).

Our history

Solidarity Week is comprised of several students from different years, overseen by The Office of Belonging & Community Engagement. Newsome notes that Solidarity Week’s impact has grown since its start.

“I could not be prouder. It continues to grow and evolve, and more students are being impacted as a result. What once seemed like a small and random event, is now ingrained into the fabric of Berry,” Newsome said.



Community Norms

COMMUNITY NORMS

01

OUR PRIMARY COMMITMENT IS TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. WE WILL LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND NOT TALK AT EACH OTHER. WE WELCOME DIFFERENCES AMONGST US IN BACKGROUNDS, SKILLS, INTERESTS, AND VALUES

02

ASSUME GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT RECOGNIZE IMPACT, AND EMERGENTLY RESPOND TO HARM

03

DEBATE IDEAS, NOT THE INDIVIDUAL SHARING THE IDEA OR PRACTICE

04

ENGAGE TENSION BUT DO SO WITH LOVING KINDNESS TO OTHERS AND TO SELF

05

STEP UP & STEP BACK. BE MINDFUL OF TAKING UP MUCH MORE SPACE THAN OTHERS. ON THE SAME NOTE, EMPOWER YOURSELF TO SPEAK UP WHEN OTHERS ARE DOMINATING THE CONVERSATION

06

RESPECT OTHERS' POINTS OF VIEW (EVEN WHEN YOU THINK AND BELIEVE DIFFERENTLY)

07

PRIORITIZE CONFIDENTIALITY. SHARE THE LESSON, HOLD THE IDENTITY/STORY (WHAT'S SAID HERE STAYS HERE). OBTAIN CONSENT

08

BE A CHARITABLE LISTENER. ASSUME ALL YOU ENGAGE WITH HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH YOU

09

SPEAK OPENLY TO YOUR EXPERIENCES, VALUES, & PERSPECTIVES

CREATE SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL SPACES

To make Solidarity Week the best it can be, we encourage everyone to follow the community norms above. This will ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe during events. Misconduct of any sort, physical or verbal, will not be tolerated. Our professional staff will be present to sort out any violations of our community norms.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

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SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

THE
CHAPLAIN'S
OFFICE

THE GATE OF
OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP

THE MOON GALLERY

THE INTERFAITH
COUNCIL

CAMPUS
SCHEDULING

THE CPPD

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CENTER

THE MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT

THE ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE & STUDIES
DEPT.

THE SOCIOLOGY &
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPT

BLACK STUDENT
ASSOCIATION

AAPI CLUB

THE INTERNATIONAL
CLUB

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LISTEN

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THE BROTHERHOOD

CNDR

KEEP LEARNING

Office of Belonging & Community Engagement

The Office of Belonging and Community Engagement serves the campus in envisioning and implementing how Good Neighbor Culture is sustainably accomplished at Berry and beyond the Gate of Opportunity



Berry Impact

The Berry Impact program (formerly BCVS) mobilizes Good Neighbor Culture by equipping and encouraging Berry College students and employees to join our community through intentional and meaningful service.

Student Organizations

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