

## COMMUNITY &amp; CONNECTIONS

# SUMMER GRADUATE ENGAGEMENT



## Exciting News from NCORE!

Last week, I had the honor of presenting at the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) in New York City alongside two incredible graduate students Marvin Herrera, MS (now alum, '25) and Sofia Williams, PhD student in teaching and curriculum.

Our session, "Inclusive Pathways: Empowering First-Gen Graduate Scholars Through Community and Learning," highlighted strategies for fostering belonging and academic success for first-generation graduate students. We shared research-informed practices, community-building models, and actionable tools for educators, administrators, and student leaders to cultivate inclusive, equity-centered environments.

Interested in a presentation featured?  
Email: [asjohnson@warner.rochester.edu](mailto:asjohnson@warner.rochester.edu)

**Juneteenth REAL Conversations  
with Dr. Jeffrey Gardere '78,  
Thursday, June 12, 6 – 7:15 p.m. (ET)**

[Register for the virtual conversation!](#)

## Join MLK Juneteenth Festival

**Saturday, June 14th, 2025**

**Location: MLK Memorial Park, 353 Court  
Street Rochester, NY**

**Time: Festival begins at 12:00pm-8:00pm**

**\*Parade begins at 11:00 AM\***

[Learn more about Rochester Juneteenth!](#)



Warner Students at the Kern Partners  
for Character & Educational  
Leadership (KPCEL) Conference in  
Memphis, TN.

## Rochester LGBTQ Pop-Up Pride Events

### Pride Day at the Zoo

**Saturday, Jun. 14, 2025, 1:00pm**

Seneca Park Zoo

2222 St. Paul St., Rochester, NY

### Pride Day at Seabreeze

**Saturday, Jul. 12, 2025, \*11:00am\***

Seabreeze Amusement Park

4600 Culver Rd., Rochester, NY

[Read more about Rochester LGBTQ+ Together!](#)



**July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ Cookout  
register today for details!**



### Submit a UR Boundless Together Conference session proposal

**Proposals are due by  
Thursday, July 10 at 4:00  
pm.**

[Submit proposal here!](#)

*Looking to connect this summer, be sure to contact Dr. J., LeChase 374 Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3:30pm or via [asjohnson@warner.eochester.edu](mailto:asjohnson@warner.eochester.edu)*



## The Memorial Art Gallery Pride Celebration Day 2025

**Thursday, July 10, 5:00 pm–8:00 pm, Free for everyone!**

Join us for our annual celebration of acceptance, community, learning, and love! Enjoy free museum admission and all-ages fun. Dress in your favorite Pride or rainbow outfit, come hang in our Centennial Sculpture Park, or bring a blanket to picnic on the MAG lawn!

[Read more about The MAG!](#)