

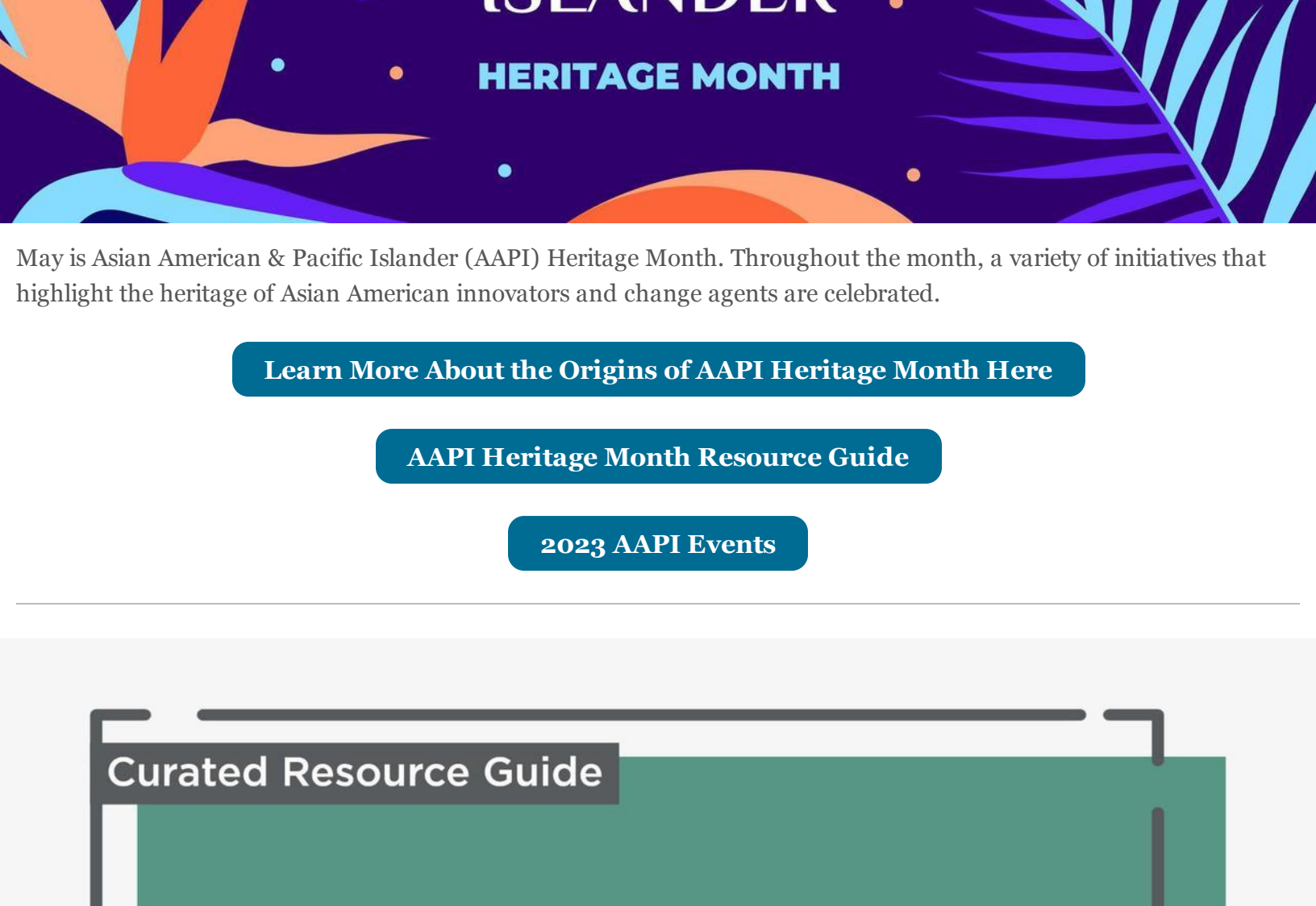


# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

May 2023

## NEWS



May is Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. Throughout the month, a variety of initiatives that highlight the heritage of Asian American innovators and change agents are celebrated.

[Learn More About the Origins of AAPI Heritage Month Here](#)

[AAPI Heritage Month Resource Guide](#)

[2023 AAPI Events](#)

### Curated Resource Guide

## Jewish American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation. The month-long observance, which takes place every May, is a time to honor the legacy of Jewish Americans who have made a significant impact in fields such as science, art, music, politics, and business.

[Learn More About the Origins of Jewish American Heritage Month Here](#)

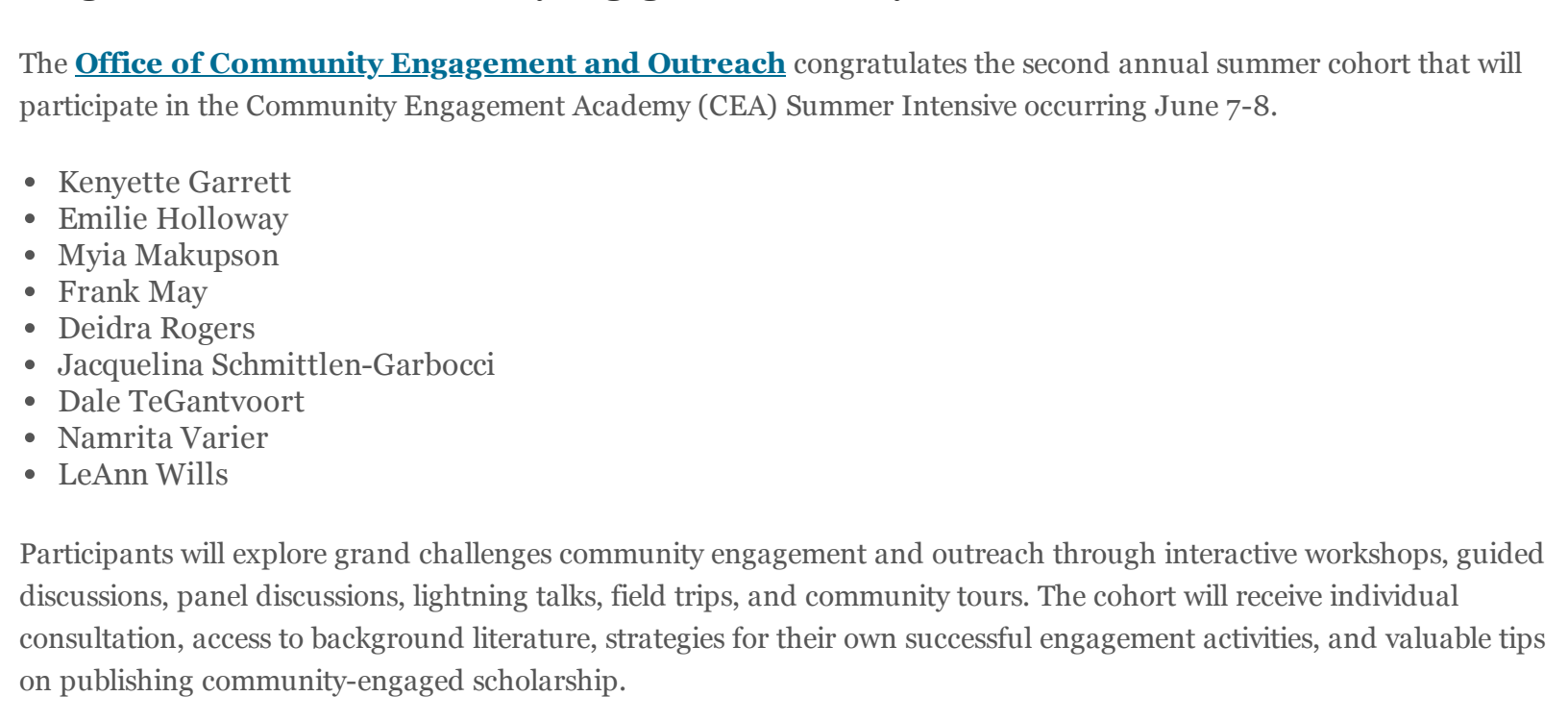
[Jewish American Heritage Month Resource Guide](#)

### Yo-Yo Mama & Friends in Knoxville

Yo-Yo Ma has partnered with Big Ears to design a week of cultural experiences that lift the myriad voices of Appalachia and gather local artists, scientists, leaders, and community members in an exploration of our common future, with nature as our guide. The culmination of this week-long gathering will take place in Knoxville's World's Fair Park on Friday, May 26, where Yo-Yo Ma will be joined by special musical guests including Rhiannon Giddens, Edgar Meyer, and Chris Thile, along with storytellers, poets, puppets, and dancers in a concert experience like none other.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

### 2023 Sneaker Ball



On May 12, the [Knoxville Area Urban League \(KAUL\)](#) in collaboration with the [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#), hosted their annual Sneaker Ball. This was an end-of-year awards ceremony for the [KAUL National Achiever's Society](#). High school scholars were honored and celebrated for their dedication, achievements, and community service, among other accomplishments.

### Congratulations 2023 Community Engagement Academy Summer Intensive Cohort

The [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) congratulates the second annual summer cohort that will participate in the Community Engagement Academy (CEA) Summer Intensive occurring June 7-8.

- Kenyette Garrett
- Emilie Holloway
- Myia Makupson
- Frank May
- Deidra Rogers
- Jacqueline Schmittlen-Garbocci
- Dale TeGantvoort
- Namrita Varier
- LeAnn Wills

Participants will explore grand challenges community engagement and outreach through interactive workshops, guided discussions, panel discussions, lightning talks, field trips, and community tours. The cohort will receive individual consultation, access to background literature, strategies for their own successful engagement activities, and valuable tips on publishing community-engaged scholarship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



**The Center for Leadership Development in Built Environment Sustainability**

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Eligible applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

[Center for Leadership Development in Built Environment Sustainability Webpage](#)

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT U-EXTENSION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



For those who work with teenagers, whether it's at Tennessee 4-H Congress, 4-H Roundup, 4-H Academic Conference, 4-H Electric Camp, on campus or in your personal life, the State 4-H Staff is offering a workshop on how to work with youth.

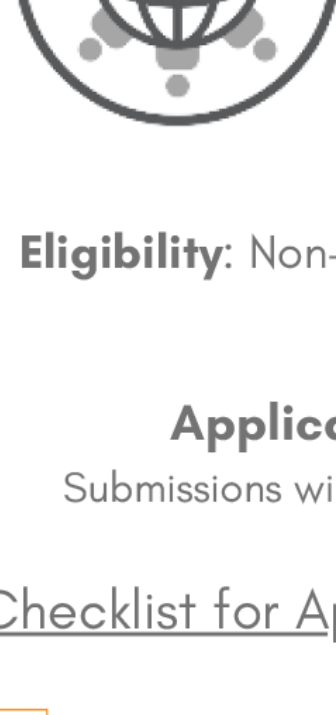
The in-service will be held face-to-face on Wednesday, May 24, from 10:00-12:30 p.m. in PBB 160.

Free lunch will be provided to all participants who pre-register by May 19.

[Register Here](#)

## ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### UConnect



### UConnect

UConnect is an inclusive, yearlong immersive leadership and professional development program. The goal of UConnect is to promote growth and development for our highly motivated non-exempt staff who have three years of continuous service. Learn more about the application process here.

**Eligibility:** Non-exempt staff w/2y of continuous UT service who submit an application.

**Applications window opens April 3, 2023**

Submissions will be reviewed and cohort finalized in July 2023

#### Checklist for Application:

- ☐ Complete the UConnect Application to apply yourself
- ☐ Include a Letter of Support from your direct leader

#### To Nominate Someone:

- ☐ Complete the UConnect nomination form

For more detail on UConnect, visit: [hr.utk.edu/our-programs/](http://hr.utk.edu/our-programs/) or Contact LOD by email at: [lod@utk.edu](mailto:lod@utk.edu)

**To Apply:** Applications are live on the UConnect website and will close on June 9th. Please be sure to complete the application fully and include all required items. Once the application is closed we will begin to review submissions and finalize the 2023-2024 cohort.

**To Nominate Someone:** Nomination forms are live on the UConnect website and will close on June 2nd to give nominees an opportunity to submit their application before the deadline. LOD will notify those who are nominated so they can assess their interest and availability to participate and apply if they wish.

[Program Application](#)

[Find out More Information Here](#)

### East Tennessee Freedom Schools Paid Internship



Did you know summer learning loss is currently one of the major challenges affecting poor and working-class children? Did you know there was a way for you to help minimize this learning gap for these children while getting **paid** to do so? Please join East Tennessee Freedom Schools this summer for their reading enrichment program. The program is designed to help children fall in love with reading, increase self esteem, and cultivate positive attitudes toward learning. Be a part of the difference and apply today.

[Application Link](#)

## FUNDING AND AWARDS

### Arnold Ventures-Open Request for Proposals

**Arnold Ventures** (AV) is a nonpartisan philanthropy whose core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that maximize opportunity and minimize injustice. It works in four key issue areas: [Criminal Justice](#), [Education](#), [Health](#), and [Public Finance](#). AV's work is guided by [Evidence-Based Policy](#), [Research](#), and [Advocacy](#). The programs below are open for submission on a rolling basis.

**Rigorous Impact Evaluations of Student Success Programs and Practices in Higher Education**

**Randomized Controlled Trials of Criminal Justice Programs and Practices**

**Demonstrating the Power of Evidence-Based Programs to "Move the Needle" on Major U.S. Social Problems**

**RCT Opportunity: Evaluating Social Programs Whose Delivery Will Be Funded by Government or Other Entities**

### Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood (CFEC) Funding Opportunity

CFEC supports promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy to age 7, in the U.S. Welfare is broadly defined to include physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, education, play, familial support, acculturation, societal integration and childcare. The Foundation's goal is to provide seed money to implement imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children, on a national scale. Letters of Intent are due by May 31.

[More Information Here](#)



## 2024 Young Scholars Program Funding Opportunity

The Young Scholars Program (YSP) supports scholarship for early-career researchers. The program funds implementation research that is policy- and practice-relevant, and that examines the preparation, competency, compensation, well-being, and ongoing professional learning of the [early care and education \(ECE\) workforce](#). All proposed research must have primary questions that are relevant to at least one of the Foundation's [three ECE workforce goals](#).

[More Information Here](#)

## Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity

The Brady Education Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

[More Information Here](#)

## Spencer Foundation - Racial Equity Research Grants

The [Racial Equity Research Grants program](#) supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. The Foundation is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education, and which seek to (re)imagine and make new forms of equitable education. Thus, it is interested in research projects that seek to envision educational opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities.

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