

## SCS WEDNESDAY WIRE | JUNE 15, 2022

A midweek update from the SCS Dean's Office & SCS Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | SPECIAL EDITION

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[Juneteenth Freedom Day](#) is on June 19 and for the first time will be celebrated as a federal holiday, observed on Monday, June 20. CMU has several events planned leading up to Sunday. Visit the [Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer's web page](#) for more information. Also, thousands are expected to attend the [Western Pennsylvania Juneteenth Homecoming Celebration June 17-19](#) downtown in Point State Park and Market Square, featuring the biggest free Juneteenth entertainment events in Allegheny County.

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Friday, June 17

12 - 1:15 p.m.

Rangos Ballroom, Cohen University Center

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER JAMELLE BOUIE**

Wanda Heading-Grant, CMU's vice provost for diversity, equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer, will moderate this year's Juneteenth streamed keynote event with award-winning New York Times columnist Jamelle Bouie, who is also a political analyst for CBS News. Jamelle covers history and politics as a writer, historian and journalist. [Be sure to register](#) to attend in person or on Zoom.

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Thursday June 16

3 p.m.

Frick Art Museum, Point Breeze

### **Fork in the Road: From Inspiration to Action**

The Frick Art Museum hosts an evening of conversation, exploration and inspiration with diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging leaders. Wanda Heading-Grant and CMU Provost Jim Garrett will participate in this discussion about the need and desire for change in Pittsburgh. [Find out more and register](#).

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Thursday, June 16

4:30 - 6 p.m.

Newell-Simon Atrium

### **First Juneteenth Welcome Reception with Sankofa**

Sankofa is a concept firmly rooted in the teachings of the Akans people of what is now present-day Ghana. Symbolized by a bird with its feet firmly planted forward with its head turned backward, its literal meaning is "it is not taboo to fetch what is at risk of being left behind." Join Sankofa, CMU's Black Faculty and Staff Alliance, to kick off this time of remembrance and celebration to reinvigorate the power of our communal voice for freedom that is informed by the lessons of our past. More information is available on the [VP for DEI & CDO website](#).

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Friday, June 17

4 p.m.

### **Jubilee on the Cut**

Following in the traditions of Juneteenth Freedom Day celebrations, the CMU Black Graduate Student Organization (BGSO) will host its third annual Juneteenth Jubilee. This celebration is open to all and features music, outdoor field game, food, giveaways and educational materials. More information is available on the [VP for DEI & CDO website](#).

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Friday, June 17

7 p.m.

August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Downtown

### **Poetry Unplugged: Juneteenth Celebration**

In honor of Juneteenth, the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion invites you to Poetry Unplugged. Students can request a limit of

two tickets sponsored by the Center. Send email to [csdi@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:csdi@andrew.cmu.edu)

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Until next week,

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**REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES**

Connect with a [Dean's Advisory Committee](#) if you have questions or concerns you want to share.

Connect with a representative leader from [SCS Council](#) if you'd like to submit a topic for Council to consider.

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