

Goals

- 1 Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment in the College of Science
- 2 Identify and enable faculty leaders in community building
- 3 Identify common challenges and generate new faculty/student groups and activities across the college
- 4 Strengthen existing community connections across campus
- 5 Utilize theater to spark meaningful discussions between faculty, staff and students around issues and experiences with diversity and inclusivity

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Community Activities

- Regular discussions on issues affecting the College climate
- Identification of gaps or obstacles in existing organizations and events
- New social events to break down barriers between faculty and students
- Development of a robust network of partnerships with inclusive student groups and support programs, other members of the RIT community, and alumni from diverse backgrounds and career paths.

Diversity Theater Workshops

- Engage small cohorts of students, staff, and faculty in discussions within the context of diversity and inclusion education.
- Foster community building, social change, and a deeper understanding of one another.
- Experience dynamic multi-sensory storytelling using Playback Theatre presented by RIT Diversity Theater actors and musicians to present stories shared by the participants around a common theme.
- Workshop themes include: *Inclusion starts with "I", Unconscious Bias & Diversity Awareness, Active Bystander Awareness, and Transformative Experiences*

Annual College of Science Symposium

- Disseminate results from all three initiative strands via presentations by students and faculty

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