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Kaleidoscope

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Letter from the Vice Chancellor

Welcome to another edition of Kaleidoscope, the newsletter for the UAMS Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DDEI).

Over the past few months, we have made great strides toward reaching people across the state, even while continuing to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Our team has demonstrated its ability to learn and grow even through challenging times. Earlier this year, we started accepting applications for our new Pathways Academy, which is a community engagement program focused on preparing low-income K-12 students for educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, math and health sciences (STEM-H) disciplines. [Read More](#)



UAMS Named Top Performer in Healthcare Equality Index

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) was named a 2022 Top Performer in the Human Rights Campaign's Healthcare Equality Index.

The survey is used to evaluate health care facilities and measure their support for the needs of LGBTQ+ patients and employees. UAMS, which was named a Top Performer in 2020 as well, currently holds a rating of 95 out of 100 in the index. That score indicates that UAMS goes beyond the basics in its policies and practices in LGBTQ+ care. [Read more](#)



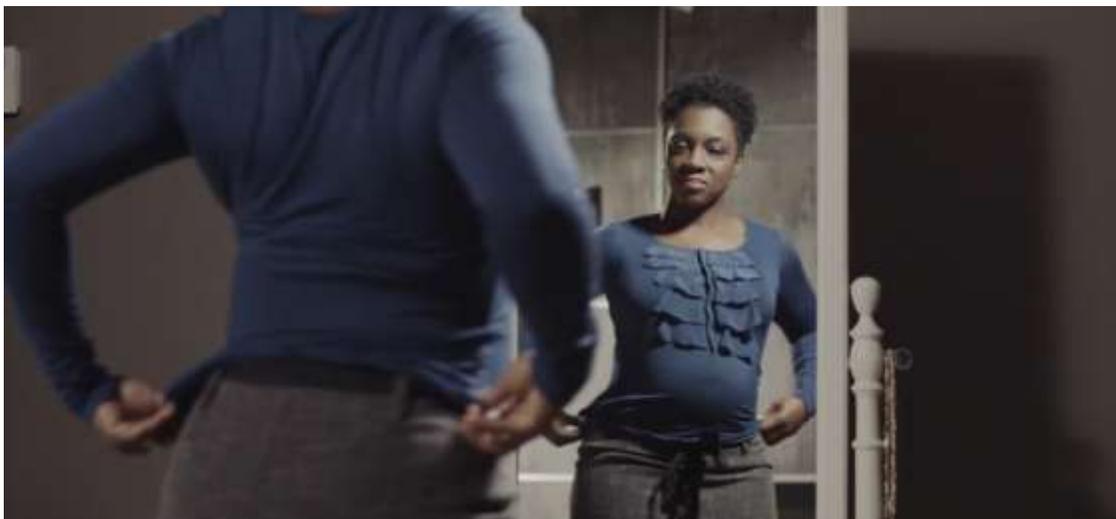
Dream Land Discussion: How West Ninth Street Shaped Little Rock

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted a virtual event to discuss *Dream Land*, a documentary about Little Rock's West Ninth Street and how urban renewal shaped the Black community. [Read more](#)



UAMS Highlights Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dedication to Service

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted a virtual event observing the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as it kicked off the annual UAMS Serves campaign. The event was planned by the Diversity and Engagement subcommittee. [Read more](#)



UAMS Hosts Panel Discussion on Black Maternal Mortality

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences hosted a distinguished panel discussion about Black maternal mortality rates and the short film *Toxic: A Black Woman's Story*.

UAMS Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DDEI), in partnership with the Little Rock (AR) Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the National Healthy Start Association, hosted several virtual viewings of the film followed by community discussions on Black maternal mortality rates in the weeks leading up to the panel discussion.

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UAMS Hosts Inaugural Mentoring Excellence Awards

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) hosted its inaugural

Excellence in Mentorship Awards at a virtual Mentor Appreciation Day event Jan. 27. This was the first year that faculty members across the university were recognized for the commitment, time and knowledge they have given to their mentees throughout the years. Faculty members were selected for six mentoring excellence award categories: Women Faculty, Diversity Faculty Mentoring, Clinical Emerging Faculty, Clinical Legend Faculty, Research Emerging Faculty and Research Legend Faculty Mentoring. [Read more](#)



DDEI Welcomes, Renews Appointment of Subcommittee Co-chairs

In February 2022, Brian Gittens, Ed.D., MPA, vice chancellor for the Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, welcomed and renewed appointments of co-chairs for DDEI subcommittees. [Read more](#)

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