



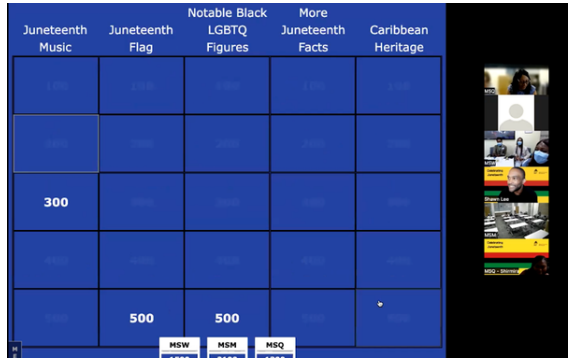
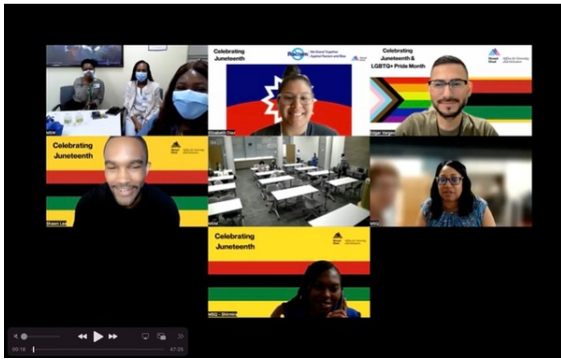
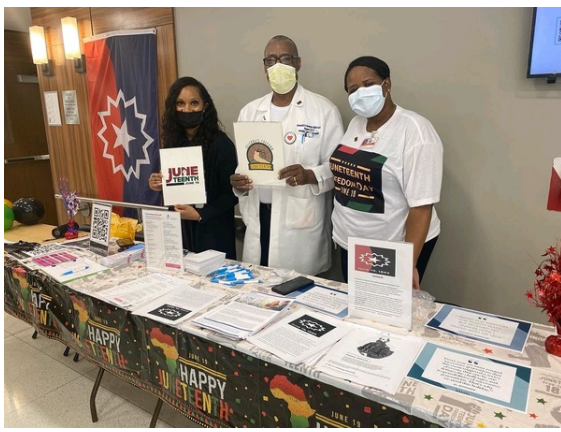
June 17, 2022

Celebrating Juneteenth at Mount Sinai

Happy Friday, Mount Sinai Community,

As many of you know, this Sunday, June 19, is the official Juneteenth holiday that commemorates the emancipation of the last enslaved persons following the Civil War.

In May of this year, the Health System announced that Juneteenth will be an official holiday going forward, observed on Monday, June 20, this year. Throughout this week, Mount Sinai is hosting a series of events to both celebrate Juneteenth and remind us of slavery's lasting impacts. On Monday, information tables offering educational materials on the history of Juneteenth were spread across System campuses:



On Tuesday, the “Reflections of Healing and Hope” event brought together members of the Black Leaders Advocating for Change and Community (BLACC) Employee Resource Group (ERG) and staff from across the Health System to reflect on recent racial and ethnic tragedies and to exchange stories of strength and resilience. The discussion included how the BLACC ERG is building a coalition of Black leaders at Mount Sinai to guide and support employees of color and the need to be “patient yet stern” in pushing for structural change.

Yesterday, BLACC ERG teams from Mount Sinai Morningside, Mount Sinai Queens, and Mount Sinai West battled in a Juneteenth-themed game of Jeopardy, with the Mount Sinai West team coming out victorious. Click [here](#) to see more photos of these events.

Kudos to the groups that worked so hard to host these events, including the BLACC ERG, the Diversity Councils, and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion. And the best news is that the celebrations aren’t over yet! Join us at our last Juneteenth event for the week by registering [here](#):

- **Juneteenth Dance Performance by the Edge School of the Arts (ESOTA)**—On **Friday, June 17, at noon**, watch a special dance performance in celebration of the holiday.

We encourage everyone to use the Juneteenth holiday to do some act of service in your [community](#), support a Black-owned business, or continue to learn and educate others about our nation’s history.

In addition to Juneteenth, this Sunday is also Father’s Day. In honor of the fathers and

father figures in our lives, please take a few minutes to watch the [video](#) below that highlights what fatherhood means for some of your colleagues.

All the best,

Shawn and Angela



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