

# ACC National Day of Racial Healing

## January 22, 2019

On January 22, 2019, Austin Community College will be joining the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and 130 organizations across the nation in acknowledgment of The National Day of Racial Healing (#NDORH). Observance of this day shows our collaboration with the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) enterprise – a national and community-based process to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism. This day emphasizes our district-wide commitment to engage in work that is equitable and sustainable.

On the National Day of Racial Healing, the ultimate goal of these initiatives is to provide:

- An introduction to racial healing with a shared definition
- An opportunity to create awareness of the concept and its meaning for faculty, staff, students and community members
- An opportunity to encourage self-reflection on racial healing and what it means

### How to Get Involved

From January 22-25, 2019; faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to any ACC campus and share their responses and reflection about: “*What does racial healing mean to you?*”

### Call for Artwork

Faculty, staff, students and community members are also invited to showcase their artwork about truth, racial healing and transformation at the HLC Elevator Lobby in Building 4000. The theme is “*What’s Your Story?*”

Please submit artwork to:

**Access Form Link:** <https://bit.ly/2wRM0zy>

Add QR Code that links to form

**Contact Person:** Loretta Edelen, Community Engagement Director, [edelen@austincc.edu](mailto:edelen@austincc.edu) 512-223-7672

**Date:** Friday, November 16th

**Time:** 5:00 pm CST

### Call for Performances

Faculty, staff, students and community members may also sign-up to share spoken word, poetry, stories, music, readings, dances or monologues about racial healing relating to the same theme: “*What’s Your Story?*” Performances will be held on January 22nd from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Highland Campus in the Elevator Lobby in Building 4000.

Please submit a copy of your performance using email with a video or transcript to:

Access Form Link: <https://bit.ly/2NSHbfT>

Add QR Code that links to form

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## **Participate in a Racial Healing Circle**

On January 22, 2019; ACC will hold racial healing circles at several locations across the Austin area. Racial healing circles provide a space for listening, reflection and conversation with the hope to build trust and respectful relationships across racial and ethnic lines that honor and value each person's humanity. The average healing circle lasts 3-5 hours; however, ACC will present 90 minute racial healing circles in an effort to raise awareness on the meaning and importance of the circles during the National Day of Racial Healing.

**Learn more:** <http://www.austincc.edu/equity>