

**STAFF UPDATE FROM DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR  
JEREMY PAGEL – June 13, 2020**

Greetings, Colleagues—

Dr. Carlsen noted in his message on June 1 that the college would begin offering a new series called *Drop-In Dialogues*.

The *Drop-In Dialogues* for LTC staff, faculty, and management are a voluntary opportunity to come together in small groups to talk with each other about what is going on in the world around us. Separate *Drop-In Dialogues* for students occurred on June 9 and will occur again on June 23. See Student E-News for details.

In the Pre-COVID era, many of us would oftentimes talk or discuss topics in passing or between meetings or classes. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee recognizes that dialogue between our team members plays a vital role within the LTC community. The *Drop-In Dialogues* are an opportunity to connect with our LTC colleagues and begin to have meaningful conversations about race, class, and other topics that impact the communities that we serve.

The first round of *Drop-In Dialogues: Taking Our Pulse on Race* are listed below:

Thursday, June 18: 10-11 AM

Friday, June 19: 12 PM-1 PM

Wednesday, June 24: 9-10 AM

Wednesday, June 24: 2-3 PM

Thursday, June 25: 11-12 PM

LTC staff, faculty, and management can enroll in any of these sessions through [SumTotal – Featured Courses](#), and participants will earn professional development for their participation in any of these sessions. I, along with other members of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, will facilitate each of the dialogues. After you register through SumTotal, a calendar invitation will be sent to you with a link to the specific Drop-In Dialogue. You will be able to join the discussion by clicking on the link in your calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jeremy.pagel@gotoltc.edu](mailto:jeremy.pagel@gotoltc.edu) or feel free to reach out to me on Microsoft Teams using the Call feature or Chat feature.

We look forward to having these difficult but necessary conversations for the benefit of our school and our community.

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If you have any questions regarding session registration, please contact Nadine Schreiter in the Organizational Development Center.