



Human Resources Presents:

Month of April

**Celebrating Multicultural Communication Month, National Poetry Month,
April Fool's Day, Easter, Passover, and Earth Day**

The April word search has been distributed. Complete the word puzzle and return it to the Department of Human Resources (Maher 101). The winner will be chosen at the end of the month to receive a \$25 gift certificate.

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS MONTH

Multicultural communications may seem difficult at first—differences in languages, backgrounds, and customs create many challenges when interacting with other people. The month of April has been dedicated to recognizing the various ways different cultures communicate. By learning more about the different cultures and languages, it becomes easier for all individuals to interact.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

In 1995, The Academy of American Poets convened a group of publishers, booksellers, librarians, poets, and teachers to discuss the need for a month long holiday to celebrate poetry. The first National Poetry Month was held in April 1996. Each year, publishers and educators use April to promote poetry by releasing and publicizing poetry titles and holding special poetry readings.

PASSOVER AND EASTER WEEKEND

Passover Thursday, April 9

Good Friday, April 10: Offices Closed

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Department of Human Resources wishes all employees a happy and holy Easter. The University of San Diego's entire campus will be closed on Good Friday in observance of the holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

SIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, and 29

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, Degheri Alumni Center

Throughout the month of April, join the Department of Human Resources each Wednesday for an educational series on sign language. USD employees Cheance Adair and Susan Crouch will lead four classes on the history and use of American Sign Language. Expand your knowledge of sign language communication and learn a few common signs.





GET ON THE BUS – CHILD TOY DRIVE

Get on the Bus brings children from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers at state prisons. Get on the Bus offers these children free transportation and a special free lunch to visit their mothers on Mother's Day. There are thirty children for whom we would like to provide games while they are on the bus. Please bring new toys and games to the Center for Community Service Learning (Maher 218) or to the Department of Human Resources (Maher 101) by Friday, May 1st.



EMPLOYEE BINGO

Tuesday, April 14: 10:00-11:30 am / 11:30-12:30 pm, Salomon Hall

The Department of Human Resources invites all employees to come play BINGO! Bring your lunch and a friend, and join us for a few games to win cool prizes. Come at 10:00 am or 11:00 am for an hour of fun and games.

BLACK STORYTELLERS OF SAN DIEGO

Thursday, April 16: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm, UC Forum B

The Department of Human Resources, along with the Center for Educational Excellence, brings you the Black Storytellers of San Diego. Join us for a special hour of traditional Black Storytelling, an art form which inspires and educates all audiences. The Black Storytellers focus on keeping African American culture and tradition alive through the spoken word. A light lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by the Black Storytellers at 12:30 pm. Big thanks to PABID for sponsoring this event.

EARTH WEEK

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as a way to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. Today, Earth Day is observed in 175 countries each year on April 22. Join us throughout the week for environmentally-conscious events and activities dedicated to helping our planet.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION DAY

Tuesday, April 21: 7:00-9:00 am

Join USD students and employees to take the Alternative Transportation Challenge. Pledge to take your car off the road and come to work by bike, trolley, tram, bus, or carpool. Meet at Colachis Plaza in the morning for free food and raffle prizes.

LIVING IN HARMONY FAIR

Thursday, April 23: 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Front of the UC

Come visit a variety of vendors who will be educating the USD community about how to live simply and smartly while protecting our planet. Take part in our goal to create a healthy, sustainable environment.



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