

# Cultural, Heritage, & Religious Observances

## MARCH 2026

Thoughtful acknowledgment of cultural, heritage, and religious observances fosters belonging, invites learning, and strengthens connections. Through this effort, the Office of University Engagement and Enrichment (OEE) serves as a connector and amplifier—curating resources, highlighting events, and creating space for awareness in collaboration with campus partners to recognize the richness of traditions represented across our institution.

### Women's History Month



Honoring and celebrating women's leadership, contributions, and lived experiences across history and in the present—continuing a movement that began with local Women's History Week efforts in 1978 and expanded to national recognition in 1987—and affirming the ongoing work to ensure women's voices, labor, and achievements are documented, taught, and remembered.

#### Purim



#### 2nd–3rd

**A joyful festival commemorating Jewish survival in ancient Persia, marked by public readings, generosity, and community feasts.**

*Staff/Faculty: Be mindful of team members requesting time off for festive communal meals and public Megillah readings.*

#### 3rd–4th

**A Hindu springtime festival of colors symbolizing renewal and the victory of good over evil.**

*Students: Check campus calendars for color-celebration zones.*

#### Holi



#### International Women's Day



#### 8th

**A global day to recognize women's achievements and accelerate progress toward gender equity.**

*Managers: Highlight the leadership and contributions of women within your specific departments or clinical teams.*

#### 19th–20th

**Marks the close of Ramadan with gratitude and shared meals.**

*Staff/Faculty: Fasting concludes at sundown on March 19; please consider this when scheduling team meetings or food-centered events.*

#### Eid al-Fitr



#### Trans Day of Visibility



#### 31st

**Affirms the dignity of transgender people while celebrating joy and resilience.**

*All Community Members: Recommit to safety, inclusion, and using inclusive language in all professional and social spaces.*

#### **Curated in collaboration with:**

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