

## Happy Summer McKay!

For many of us June is a month of celebration. As we celebrated Juneteenth yesterday and continue to celebrate Pride with our friends and colleagues, we're taking time as a committee to reflect on the legacy and impact of these events that reflect revolutionary pushes against our country's divided past.

### Juneteenth: a time for rejoice and reflection

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") is a holiday commemorating June 19th, 1865, the day on which slavery was effectively ended in the United States. Although the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all enslaved people in the Confederacy, had taken effect two-and-a-half years beforehand, slaves in Texas still had not been freed. On June 19th, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to issue and enforce General Order Number 3, which stated that all slaves were free, and that freedmen would now work for wages instead of performing unpaid labor. Over 100 years later in 1980, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday, and in 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday.

[Learn more about Juneteenth](#)

### Pride: a time for celebration and protest

The first pride was a protest. To commemorate a riot.

We celebrate pride month in June to commemorate the riots that began on June 28th, 1969 when the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a small dive bar in New York City frequented by the city's gay and trans community.

A year later the rioters and larger gay community held the first pride parade, originally known as the Christopher Street Liberation Day March, to continue their push for equality. We continue their legacy of radical equality through pride demonstrations held around the country every June.

[Learn more about the first Pride parades](#)

[Pick up a pronoun pin by the microwaves](#)

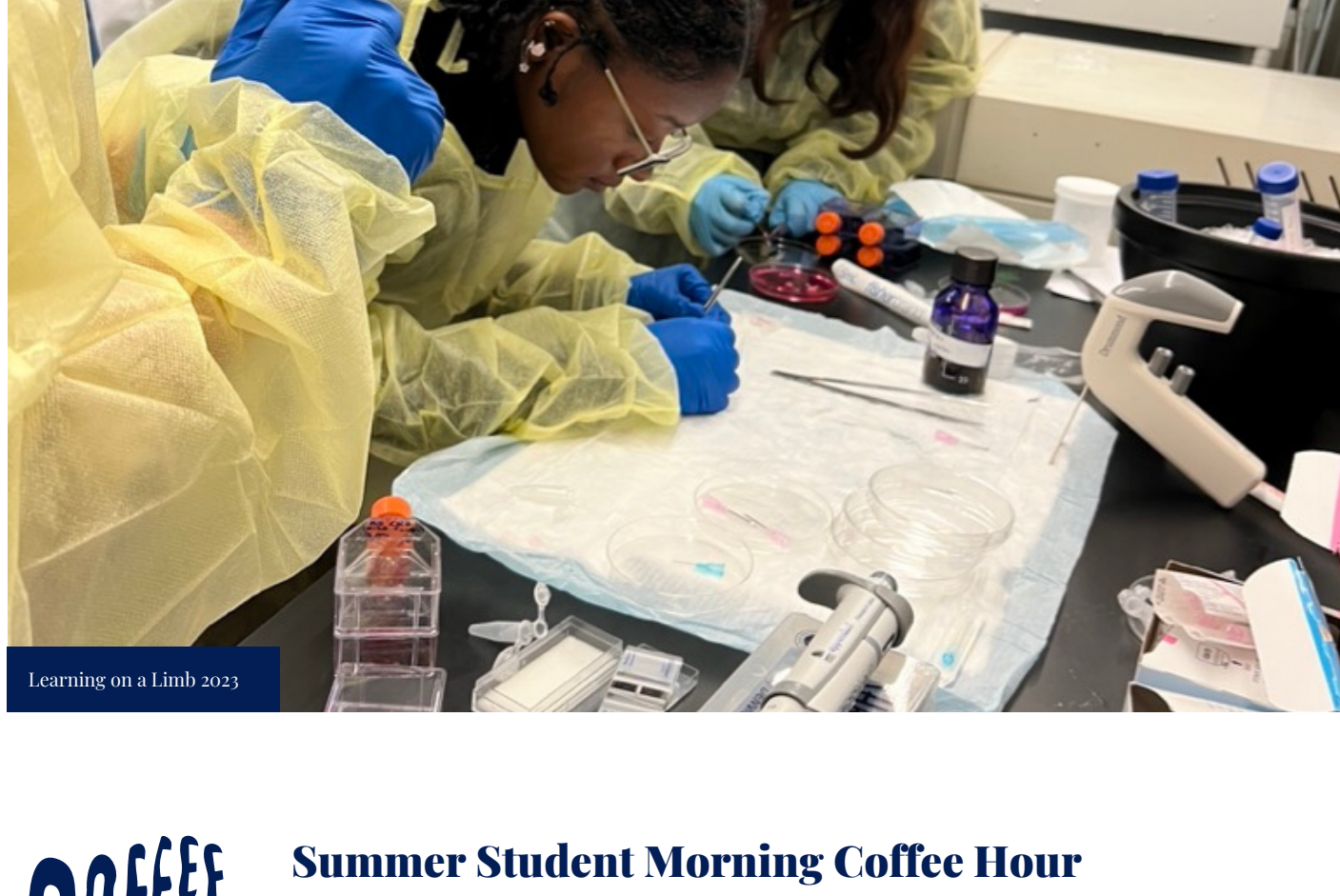
### Citizen of the Season: Spring 2023



This spring, we're awarding Citizen of the Season awards to everyone who volunteered their time planning and managing the interactive modules at this year's Learning on a Limb, a hands-on research exposure program designed to engage high school students with orthopaedic research. Thank you for your time and all your hard work!

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| Annemarie Lang         | Madhura Nijsure   |
| Christopher Panebianco | Margaret Tamburro |
| Emily Sharp            | Michael Duffy     |
| Jamie Santillan        | Tala Azar         |
| Karthik Rajagopal      | Talayah Johnson   |

## Events



Learning on a Limb 2023



#### Summer Student Morning Coffee Hour

6/28 9:00 - 10:00 am Stemmler 316

The DEI Committee is hosting a casual coffee hour for our McKay summer students to meet each other and network with members of different labs. Make sure you send your summer students to room 316 to enjoy a morning pick-me-up!



#### McKay DEI Ice Cream Social

7/13 4:00 - 5:00 pm Location TBA

Join the DEI Committee as we enjoy ice cream at our summer social! We'll have options for everyone, including our vegan and gluten free colleagues as well as plenty of opportunities to meet friends old and new.



#### 16 Galleries Showcasing Black Artists in Philly

Anytime!

Check out where you can see the work of black artists this month in Philadelphia. From artists working locally at the Cherry Street Pier to those working globally at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

## Opportunities

#### Join the Pride @ ORS Community



Pride @ ORS is a community network for LGBTQIA+ identifying individuals and allies with a primary goal of promoting acceptance, inclusivity, and visibility for LGBTQIA+ identifying individuals in the ORS. Join to connect with other LGBTQIA+ professionals in our field, share experiences, and form life-long friendships and collaborations.

## What we're...



Reading: "For years, Black people have waited longer for kidney transplants because of their race. A new rule aims to fix that"



Watching: "The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson" documenting the life of Johnson and other trans activists as they start the pride movement in the American 60's and 70's



Do you have something you're reading, watching, or listening to that you want to share with McKay? Let us know, and we'll send it out with next month's newsletter!

**Cheers,**  
Your McKay DEI Committee

[Read previous DEI newsletters loaded with relevant resources](#)