Hello Colleagues,

Grace Van Dyke Bird Library's second campus-wide "Learning Together" event will take place on Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m. as part of President Christian's virtual seminar series. The next discussion will be on two short videos. The first is a TED talk from diversity consultant Verna Myers titled "How to Overcome Biases?: Walk Boldly Toward Them" which encourages viewers to recognize their biases in order to overcome them. The video may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYyvbgINZkQ&ab_channel=TED

The second video of our discussion will be "A Conversation About Growing Up Black" from the award-winning *New York Times* "Op-Docs" series. African American young men candidly discuss the daily challenges they face. The link for this video is <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=rSAw51caEeg&feature=youtu.be</u>

Our discussion on the 15th will provide time for us to learn, reflect, and increase understanding.

Please remember to view the libguide "Race and Cultural Competence" which is available at <u>https://bakersfieldcollege.libguides.com/culturalcompetence</u> Submissions from across campus allowed us to include a variety of perspectives on issues of race and equity. As has been mentioned before, our hope is that with ongoing input from the campus community this guide will grow during the year.

Our first event was a huge success. We thank you for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

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