

Community Issues Addressed

I. Diversity and Inclusion

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Quarterly Issues / Programs List for October 1st – December 31st, 2023

WUSC has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter. Following each issue is a list of programs addressing that issue. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

ISSUE: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

10/02/23 - 07:15 PM - Whiplash - 25 Minutes - Host DJ Issac Czerniawsky

Issac Czerniawsky provides background information on the life and music of blues vocalist Big Maybelle.

10/07/23 - 10:20 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson

Ebony Robinson highlights Simone Biles' historic achievement as the most decorated gymnast with 34 medals and Aliyah Boston's recognition as WNBA Rookie of the Year.

10/24/23 - 10:25 PM - Honey and Spice - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Essence Cunningham

Essence Cunningham discusses the significance of Star Trek in featuring one of the first interracial kisses in America.

10/31/23 - 10:30 PM - Honey and Spice - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Essence Cunningham

Essence Cunningham focuses on the thriller segment played on MTV with its original title.

11/06/23 - 08:30 PM - The Swamp - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin

Daphne Franklin delves into the history of tango, exploring its cultural significance in music.

11/11/23 - 11:30 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson

Ebony Robinson covers Tracy Chapman's groundbreaking victory at the CMAs, becoming the first Black songwriter to win the CMA Award for Song of the Year.

11/12/23 - 07:25 PM - Whiplash - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Issac Czerniawsky

Issac Czerniawsky briefly details the life and times of the Pleasure Seekers, the first all-girl band to sign with a major record label.

11/18/23 - 11:15 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson

Ebony Robinson shares the joyous news of Kevin Hart receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in March.

11/20/23 - 01:20 AM - Sleep On It - 15 Minutes - Host DJs Audrey Savage & Hannah Parker

Audrey Savage and Hannah Parker delve into the profound impact of Hilma af Klint and Frida Kahlo on the art world.

11/27/23 - 08:25 PM - The Drive In - 25 Minutes - Host DJ Jenna Sweetman

Jenna Sweetman explores the cultural impact of The Hunger Games series, accompanied by the music of "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes."

12/02/23 - 10:30 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson

Ebony Robinson discusses Katherine Johnson's posthumous induction into the National Aviation Hall Of Fame Class of 2024.

12/02/23 - 11:30 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 25 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson

Ebony Robinson shares the news of Katherine Johnson's posthumous induction into the National Aviation Hall Of Fame Class of 2024. This recognition helps elevate the visibility of her achievements, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging diverse talents in historically underrepresented fields.

12/03/23 - 03:15 PM - Gone Bishin' - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Anna Bishop

Anna Bishop explores music history featuring Aretha Franklin, LL Cool J and Adam Sandler. Both celebrities come from diverse backgrounds and have made significant contributions to music in their respective genres. Including artists from varied backgrounds promotes representation and helps challenge stereotypes, contributing to a more inclusive narrative in the history of music.

12/04/23 - 11:20 PM - Ace in the Flame - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Ronnie Rahenkamp

Ronnie Rahenkamp discusses the history and gameplay of Subway Surfers, along with insights into the geographical locations visited in the game. The game pays attention to cultural details in each location. For instance, the Mumbai setting may feature elements of Indian culture, such as the iconic Mumbai local trains, Bollywood references, and traditional clothing.

12/10/23 - 08:10 AM - A Very Eclectic Jam Session - 10 Minutes - Host DJ J'Lyn Williams

J'Lyn Williams talks about Dee-1's new album, "From the Hood to Harvard," emphasizing the diversity within the music industry.

ISSUE: HEALTH AND SAFETY

10/03/23 - 09:25 PM - The Swamp - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin

Daphne Franklin discussed real-world skills, focusing on the history of port/starboard and the corresponding night signals - red for port, green for starboard.

10/10/23 - 08:15 PM - The Swamp - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin

Daphne Franklin shared skincare tips, emphasizing the importance of staying aware of UV rays even in the wintertime.

10/11/23 - 08:10 PM - Rustic Radio - 25 Minutes - Hosts DJ Rachael Lanning & Rachel Gulczinski

Rachael Lanning and Rachel Gulczinski talked about IBD and the solar eclipse, explaining UC and Crohn's, and sharing information about eclipse safety.

10/16/23 - 03:20 PM - Feminine Energy - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino provided information about the HPV vaccine and organ donation, including the health & societal benefits of HPV awareness.

10/23/23 - 03:10 PM - Feminine Energy - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino offered information about mental health awareness, including where to find mental health counseling at the University of South Carolina.

10/29/23 - 06:30 PM - Starlight Radio - 10 Minutes - Host DJ River Harper

River Harper shared anatomy facts about vision and hearing, explaining how they work. They discuss how wearing appropriate eyewear, such as safety goggles, during activities that pose a risk of eye injury is crucial.

11/03/23 - 12:20 PM - That WUSC Show - 30 Minutes - Host DJs Thomas Bellanger & Fletcher Blowers

Thomas Bellanger and Fletcher Blowers discussed the auditory hearing system, delving into brain plasticity and how musicians can train themselves to detect music better.

11/10/23 - 07:25 AM - Dead Air - 20 Minutes - Host DJs Brooke Jones & Elizabeth Ernst

Brooke Jones and Elizabeth Ernst explored the topic of syphilis, discussing different kinds and their Latin names, along with popular types in the United States.

11/15/23 - 01:15 PM - Retrograde - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Zane Heinlein

Zane Heinlein talked about the cause of Jeff Buckley's death in the entertainment industry. This death was an accidental drowning, and Zane also discusses ways to stay safe in bodies of water.

11/19/23 - 06:10 PM - Starlight Radio - 10 Minutes - Host DJ River Harper

River Harper discussed the health benefits of knitting. They discuss that engaging in knitting has been shown to promote relaxation and reduce stress levels. The repetitive and rhythmic nature of the activity can have a calming effect, helping to alleviate tension and anxiety.

11/27/23 - 03:30 PM - Feminine Energy - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino offers information about migraines, drunk driving, and diabetes.

11/28/23 - 10:20 PM - Honey and Spice - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Brielle Horton

Brielle Horton talked about stress and Christmas, discussing the effects of stress and highlighting "The Grinch" as the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time.

12/03/23 - 03:25 PM - Feminine Energy - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino provides information about the HPV vaccine and family literacy.

12/11/23 - 03:25 PM - Feminine Energy - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino offers information about the Heimlich maneuver, panic attacks, and minority education.

ISSUE: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

10/20/23 - 05:10 PM - /DTACK Grounded - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Alex Anderson-McLeod

Alex Anderson-McLeod discussed space, focusing on the technology behind SpaceX's Starship and the technical details of the Apollo 13 mission, including the political coordination required to bring the astronauts home alive.

10/26/23 - 05:15 PM - Blue Light Cafe - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Andrew Hardin

Andrew Hardin delved into NASA's DART mission, discussing the history and effects of NASA slamming a spacecraft into an asteroid in the name of science. The decision to launch and conduct such missions is often influenced by political considerations, including funding allocations, national priorities, and international collaboration.

10/27/23 - 05:20 PM - Feminine Energy - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Catherine DeMino

Catherine DeMino discussed the political significance of absentee voting, which lies in its potential to enhance democratic participation by providing an accessible option for individuals facing barriers such as distance, illness, or travel.

10/27/23 - 07:25 PM - Cryptid Watch - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Marceline Proctor

Marceline Proctor discussed the Roswell incident, exploring aliens and conspiracy theories. The controversy surrounding the event has led to debates about transparency, accountability, and the government's role in handling information, creating a political dimension to the ongoing discussions and speculation.

10/29/23 - 08:30 AM - A Very Eclectic Jam Session - 30 Minutes - Host DJs J'Lyn Williams & Veronica Finnan

J'Lyn Williams and Veronica Finnan talked about Halloween and Christmas spending, discussing the US spending \$12.2 billion for Halloween and \$886 billion for December holidays.

11/05/23 - 02:15 PM - The Milky Way - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen
Hannah Keen discussed the Riot Grrrl movement and the comic series Paper Girls. Riot Grrrl was not just a musical genre but also a social and political movement. Participants were involved in activism, advocating for issues such as women's rights, reproductive rights, and confronting societal expectations and gender stereotypes.

11/06/23 - 08:25 PM - The Drive In - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Jenna Sweetman
Jenna Sweetman talked about Casablanca (1942) and Film Noir in the context of pop culture.

11/09/23 - 02:30 AM - Nothing of Value - 5 Minutes - Host DJs Jackson Reizer & Adji Cisse
Jackson Reizer and Adji Cisse shared news about the Sag-Afra actors' strike ending, allowing movies to happen again.

11/11/23 - 10:20 PM - Into the Saucepan - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah James
Hannah James discussed Political Science/Election Law, focusing on the requirement for polling places to tape/place "zero tapes" to ensure transparency in vote counting.

11/13/23 - 09:30 PM - In A Pickle - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Izzie Rushton
Izzie Rushton talked about US history, specifically how the US's immigration policy of deterrence was shaped by a court case of El Paso students vs. ICE and unlawful stops of students.

11/14/23 - 08:10 PM - The Swamp - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin
Daphne Franklin discussed sustainable capitalism/sustainable farming.

11/17/23 - 05:30 PM - /DTACK Grounded - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Alex Anderson-McLeod
Alex Anderson-McLeod talked about what's happened with SpaceX's Starship rocket and educated people about the basic architecture of the Apple Lisa computer.

11/29/23 - 01:15 AM - The Rats Nest - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Zachary Cook
Zachary Cook discussed Nestle breastfeeding, focusing on the formula crisis that occurred in East Africa due to Nestle pushing formula on poor mothers.

ISSUE: COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

10/02/23 - 11:25 AM - The Backbeat Show - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Rick Wrigley
Rick Wrigley discussed USC Culture, featuring Jay Jacobs, Director of the USC Marching Band, talking about the invitation to march in the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

10/05/23 - 04:15 PM - The Garden - 10 Minutes - Host DJs Aubrey Ayres & Bryanna Raymond

Aubrey Ayres and Bryanna Raymond shared information about local events, specifically the reopening of the Caroliniana library, the oldest free-standing collegiate library in the US.

10/16/23 - 11:30 PM - Ace in the Flame - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Ronnie Rahenkamp
Ronnie Rahenkamp discussed pop culture, focusing on Doki Doki Literature Club.

10/17/23 - 12:15 PM - Origami - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Kate Bothe
Kate Bothe talked about current events, discussing Shibuya being run over during Halloween by costumed people. They also announced the SC Jewish Communities vigil for Israeli and Jewish victims.

10/20/23 - 07:10 AM - Dead Air - 30 Minutes - Host DJs Elizabeth Ernst & Brooke Jones
Elizabeth Ernst and Brooke Jones discussed public library cards, providing information on how to get a library card and other useful details.

10/21/23 - 11:20 AM - Holla If Ya Hear Me - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Ebony Robinson
Ebony Robinson shared information about a local event, specifically the SC Pride Festival happening on Main Street with various Drag Race performers and local talent.

10/22/23 - 08:25 AM - A Very Eclectic Jam Session - 45 Minutes - Host DJ J'Lyn Williams
J'Lyn Williams discussed John Burbage, "The Final Countdown" by Europe, and "Space Oddity" by David Bowie. John Burbage talked about his time in the station, Darius Rucker, and working at J.D. Sticky's during college.

11/06/23 - 02:20 PM - The Milky Way - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen
Hannah Keen discussed Sir Big Spur, the live mascot for USC, and some history.

11/15/23 - 11:30 AM - It's Not That Serious - 30 Minutes - Host DJs Lily Eppes & Ally Krizka
Lily Eppes and Ally Krizka talked about campus resources, focusing on Hunger and Homelessness Week and the Gamecock CommUnity Shop.

11/16/23 - 04:25 PM - The Garden - 10 Minutes - Host DJs Bryanna Raymond & Aubrey Ayres
Bryanna Raymond and Aubrey Ayres shared information about local music, specifically a show at the Spaze on 11/17 and some local bands around Cola.

11/26/23 - 02:15 PM - The Milky Way - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen
Hannah Keen discussed pop culture/music, talking about the new Scott Pilgrim TV show and upcoming concerts in Columbia.

12/06/23 - 01:25 AM - The Rats Nest - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Zachary Cook

Zachary Cook talked about mushrooms and nature, discussing forageable plants and mushrooms as well as the endangered and endemic plants of the Carolinas.

12/07/23 - 04:10 PM - The Garden - 5 Minutes - Host DJs Aubrey Ayres & Bryanna Raymond
Aubrey Ayres and Bryanna Raymond shared information about local music, specifically a show happening on 12/09 at New Brookland Tavern.

12/11/23 - The Backbeat Show - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Rick Wrigley
Rick Wrigley discussed local events, featuring a call from Suzanna Pavlovsky about two upcoming concerts by the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra.

ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, & SCIENCE

10/06/23 - 08:20 AM - Morning Coffee - 30 Minutes - Host DJs Sun Heslin & Victoria Iacabucci
Sun Heslin and Victoria Iacabucci discussed anatomy, focusing on the patella (kneecap) and the ulna (forearm).

10/10/23 - 08:15 PM - The Swamp - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin
Daphne Franklin talked in length about nature, specifically leeches, quicksand, and ticks.

10/13/23 - 07:30 AM - Dead Air - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Elizabeth Ernst
Elizabeth Ernst discussed anthropology, specifically the different types of fingerprints.

10/13/23 - 05:15 PM - /DTACK Grounded - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Alex Anderson-McLeod
Alex Anderson-McLeod explained the basics of the Motorola 68000 processor and what the /DTACK signal does in the context of computers.

10/16/23 - 09:15 AM - The Soup Aisle - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Acey Zimpel
Acey Zimpel shifted the topic to birds, sharing facts such as albatrosses having 12ft wingspans and the idea that geese would make good home defense animals.

10/16/23 - 09:30 AM - The Soup Aisle - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Acey Zimpel
Acey Zimpel discussed squirrels, mentioning that they can jump 5 feet in the air and don't respect human morality.

10/22/23 - 02:25 PM - The Milky Way - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen
Hannah Keen shared moon facts, including its formation, orbital period, influence on tides, and the presence of water.

10/22/23 - 02:30 PM - The Milky Way - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen

Hannah Keen provided quick facts about the Milky Way, such as its size and the existence of a black hole at the center.

10/27/23 - 04:30 PM - Zesty Hours - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Vivek Crowe
Vivek Crowe discussed space and planetary storms throughout history.

10/29/23 - 03:25 AM - Totally A Vibe Show - 20 Minutes - Host DJ CJ Rosenberger
CJ Rosenberger talked about bridges, highlighting how Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has more bridges compared to Venice, Italy, known as the city of bridges.

11/03/23 - 06:30 AM - Rocks for Jocks - 15 Minutes - Host DJs Artemis Capece, Ava Steines, & Owen Coulum
Artemis Capece, Ava Steines, and Owen Coulum shared geology facts about volcanoes on Earth and Mars.

11/05/23 - 01:25 AM - The Cosmic Drive-In - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Jarrett Wright
Jarrett Wright discussed Saturn, emphasizing the hexagon-shaped vortex wings on its northern part.

11/05/23 - 03:25 AM - Totally A Vibe Show - 5 Minutes - Host DJ CJ Rosenberger
CJ Rosenberger focused on eels, sharing the fact that across all types of eels, they can range from 2 inches to 13 feet long.

11/07/23 - 10:30 PM - Honey and Spice - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Essence Cunningham
Essence Cunningham discussed ocean animals, specifically dolphins sleeping with only half of their brains.

11/07/23 - 10:40 PM - Honey and Spice - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Brielle Horton
Brielle Horton talked about ocean discovery, covering the percentage of ocean discovery and recent species found in the ocean.

11/11/23 - 10:30 PM - Into the Saucepan - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah James
Hannah James explained meteorology, discussing cold weather/rain resulting from a cold front and a low-pressure system that passed over SC.

11/14/23 - 02:15 PM - The Mail Bag - 15 Minutes - Host DJs Jakob Torino & Jack Durning
Jakob Torino and Jack Durning described the basics and history of the first law of thermodynamics.

11/21/23 - 08:15 PM - The Swamp - 20 Minutes - Host DJ Daphne Franklin

Daphne Franklin talked about the science behind roller coasters and discussed some history of Busch Gardens Williamsburg.

12/01/23 - 08:10 AM - Morning Coffee - 30 Minutes - Host DJs Sun Heslin & Victoria Iacabucci
Sun Heslin and Victoria Iacabucci discussed organic chemistry, focusing on ethane as a 2-carbon chain with 6 hydrogens and the characteristics of alkanes.

12/04/23 - 09:25 AM - The Soup Aisle - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Acey Zimpel
Acey Zimpel talked about animals, mentioning that spiders, lizards, cuttlefish, and zebrafish have dreams.

12/04/23 - 09:40 PM - In a Pickle - 10 Minutes - Host DJs Izzie Rushton & Cody King
Izzie Rushton and Cody King talked about the ocean, the fear of deep waters, and great white shark breeding grounds.

12/07/23 - 02:30 AM - Nothing of Value - 5 Minutes - Host DJs Jackson Reizer & Adjii Cisse
Jackson Reizer and Adjii Cisse shared a fun fact about sloths, mentioning that sloth hair grows upside down on their bodies so rain can run off when they hang upside down on trees.

ISSUE: HISTORY AND EDUCATION

10/03/23 - 01:20 PM - Retrograde - 45 Minutes - Host DJs Brooke McDermott & Zane Heinlein
Brooke McDermott and Zane Heinlein discussed literature, specifically "The Feminine Mystique" and the concepts it introduced.

10/06/23 - 11:10 AM - The Exhibition - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Sydney Sommers
Sydney Sommers discussed music history, providing a general overview of the history of classical music.

10/09/23 - 08:30 AM - Bardic Inspiration - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Johanna Stone
Johanna Stone talked about folk music history, specifically the origins of murder ballads as a genre and highlighted specific songs.

10/12/23 - Chasing Waves - 20 Minutes - Host DJs Genevieve Robinson & Cam Osterholt
Genevieve Robinson and Cam Osterholt discussed the history of the steelpan, covering its invention, use in Trinidad and Tobago, construction, and musical elements.

10/13/23 - 11:30 PM - The Exhibition - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Sydney Sommers
Sydney Sommers discussed music history, specifically the life and music of Frederic Chopin.

10/18/23 - 01:25 AM - Ratsnest - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Zachary Cook

Zachary Cook talked about Richard Hell, focusing on his clothing and impact on the punk scene.

10/22/23 - 02:35 PM - The Milky Way - 45 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah Keen

Hannah Keen talked about the Smashing Pumpkins, focusing on the "Tonight, Tonight" music video.

10/23/23 - 08:20 PM - The Drive In - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Jenna Sweetman

Jenna Sweetman talked about the history of B-movies, focusing on the rise of Block Booking from the 5 major studios in the 1930-1950s, the popularity of Drive-In movie theatres, and specific movies like "The Blob," "Plan 9 From Outer Space," "Forbidden Planet," "The Creature from The Black Lagoon," and "Attack of the 50 Foot Women."

10/26/23 - 02:30 AM - Nothing of Value - 45 Minutes - Host DJs Adj Cisse & Jackson Reizer

Adj Cisse and Jackson Reizer discussed rotoscoping animation in the 1930s.

10/28/23 - 11:20 PM - In the Key of Life - 10 Minutes - Host DJs Bradley Alford, Andrew Goad, & Quinten Busick

Bradley Alford, Andrew Goad, and Quinten Busick discussed the origin of the week schedule and the Catholic Church's role in creating the modern calendar.

10/31/23 - 10:40 PM - Honey and Spice - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Brielle Horton

Brielle Horton shared a fact about Cartoon Network being 31 years old, focusing on the history of cartoons.

11/03/23 - 07:30 AM - Dead Air - 20 Minutes - Host DJs Elizabeth Ernst & Brooke Jones

Elizabeth Ernst and Brooke Jones discussed anthropology and philosophy, focusing on Jeremy Bentham and his principles of utilitarianism.

11/06/23 - 06:20 AM - Lake Placid - 45 Minutes - Host DJ Dylan Kunkel

Dylan Kunkel talked about small artists, specifically Velvet, providing background information and discussing their new EP.

11/10/23 - 11:30 AM - The Exhibition - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Sydney Sommers

Sydney Sommers discussed music history, focusing on classical composers with military history and American military marches.

11/26/23 - 03:25 PM - Gone Bishin' - 10 Minutes - Host DJ Anna Bishop

Anna Bishop presented "Today in music history" featuring MTV unplugged, the Beatles, and Casablanca!

11/27/23 - 09:30 PM - In a Pickle - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Izzie Rushton

Izzie Rushton talked about art and general topics, specifically types of clay and how they are fired to make pottery.

11/27/23 - 11:35 PM - Ace in the Flame - 30 Minutes - Host DJ Ronnie Rahenkamp

Ronnie Rahenkamp discussed pop culture, focusing on the history and gameplay of the MLPG5 show and discussing "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic."

12/02/23 - 10:25 PM - Into the Saucepan - 15 Minutes - Host DJ Hannah James

Hannah James discussed etymology/linguistics, specifically the etymology of the word "rigmarole" and its shift in spelling and pronunciation.

12/15/23 - 07:20 AM - Dead Air - 5 Minutes - Host DJ Brooke Jones

Brooke Jones talked about the history of Slaughter Beach, Dog, and how the bassist and lead singer came from a previous band.