

DIVERSITY SPEAKS: BELONGING AND BEING SEEN

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, noon to 1 p.m., Lincoln Theater
Free and the entire campus community is invited

UHart's campus community is enriched by its diversity, but does diversity signify inclusion? Join us for the first in a series of campus-wide dialogues to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, and a welcoming environment where all can thrive and succeed.

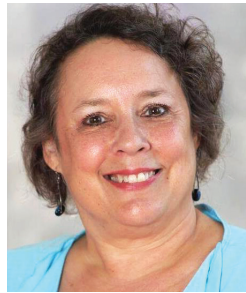
You will hear from and talk with:



Jayden Rameikas '22, a transgender man from Oakville, Connecticut. He was the first transgender student to come out at his high school and often felt isolated prior to coming to college. He is a double major in political science and entrepreneurial studies. He is the Student Government Association chief of staff, a 2019 Orientation leader, and a resident facility assistant (RFA).



Fred Colon, vice president, chief diversity officer and head of organization effectiveness at Travelers Insurance. As a Hispanic gay male, he is committed to advancing diversity and inclusion as a business imperative. Under Colon's leadership, Travelers was named one of America's Best Employers for Diversity by *Forbes* in 2019 and has been recognized six consecutive years by DiversityInc for its diverse and inclusive culture. Colon is a member of the University President's Community Advisory Council.



Robin McHaelen, founder and executive director of True Colors, Inc. a nonprofit organization that works with social service agencies, schools, organizations, and within communities to ensure that the needs of sexual and gender minority youth are both recognized and competently met. The organization trains more than 6,000 people annually, organizes the largest LGBT youth conference in the country with more than 3,000 attendees, and manages the state's only LGBT mentoring program.



Mildred McNeill, executive director of marketing and communication at UHart. At NBC30, she became the first African American female television news director in the country and won two regional Emmy Awards. A native of the pre-Civil Rights Act South, she also has held communication positions at WGN, WTNH, the state treasurer's office, the state's largest teacher's union, and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut. McNeill is a member of the University President's Community Advisory Council.



Jay Williams, president of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region and one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the country. He is leading the Foundation's efforts to address disparities in our communities based on race/ethnicity, place, and income in order to make opportunities more available to everyone. Williams is a member of the University President's Community Advisory Council.



The year-long Diversity Speaks project is presented thanks to a partnership between Travelers and a committee of faculty, staff, and students selected by the President's Office for Diversity and Community Engagement.