Sibling Program

The AADPRT Annual Meeting 2023 – Envisioning a New Way Forward was riveting and is still fresh in our minds. The Sibling Program was sponsored by the J.E.D.I. and Mentorship Committees on the premise of joining programs who normally would not intersect to provide opportunities for diversity, mentorship, collegiality... the possibilities are limitless. The pilot program has blossomed with 12 matched sibships consisting of 24 programs. At this time, we have closed the enrollment period and will look forward to future endeavors and ideas generated by our sibships.

Our initial objectives include, but are not limited to:
- Increase diversity among trainees and faculty
- Seek opportunities for cultural humility growth
- Seek opportunities to encourage academic and scholarly activity growth
- Seek opportunities for mentoring and other professional development

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From the JEDI and Mentorship Committees—Happy Juneteenth – For those who are unfamiliar with this African American holiday, please read the description below.

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Juneteenth, an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s.

The Historical Beginning of Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, about two months after the Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Va., Gordon Granger, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. General Granger’s announcement put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued nearly two and a half years earlier, on Jan. 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln.

The holiday is also called “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Freedom Day” or “Emancipation Day.”