

ACCESS, EQUITY, & DIVERSITY



October:

- October 9th: Ageism Awareness Day
- October 10th: Mental Health Awareness Day
- October 12th: Indigenous People's Day.

WORLD BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH

World Blindness Awareness Month is observed in October to raise awareness about blindness and vision impairment. Globally 2.2 million people suffer from some form of visual impairment including those with corrective lenses. The purpose is to educate the public about the challenges faced by individuals with visual impairments and to promote eye health and prevention strategies. Various organizations use this month to share information, host events, and advocate for better resources and support for those affected by vision loss. The goal is to highlight the importance of early detection, treatment, and accessibility for people with vision challenges.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Take a moment to read about World Blindness Awareness month. The hope is that this month can educate, inspire and advocate.
- Financial Aid Day is Oct 16th don't forget to take a moment to celebrate what you do for the profession!
- This month has many things to celebrate and focus on. Pick one to learn more about!

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in the continental United States. The observance also celebrates Filipino heritage and the contributions of Filipino Americans. The first Luzones Indios, or Filipino men, in the United States arrived at Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587. A Spanish galleon named Nuestra Senora de Buena Esperanza carried Filipino crew members, Spanish soldiers among others. However, Filipinos immigrants would not settle in the U.S. until nearly 200 years later.

