

American University Library is awarded inaugural INSIGHT Into Diversity LEAD Award

INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine has honored American University Library with a prestigious, inaugural award for our outstanding commitment to diversity and fostering an environment that welcomes all voices and perspectives.

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INSIGHT's Library Excellence in Access and Diversity (LEAD) Award acknowledges initiatives to make academic libraries diverse, equitable, and accessible spaces. From increasing diversity in our hiring to countless DEIA focused events, the library is excited to share the initiatives that are being recognized by this esteemed award.



Volunteers tabling during Absentee Ballot Day

Empowering people to vote and promoting civic engagement are critical DEIA issues. AU Library's groundbreaking "Absentee Ballot Day in the Library" initiative, launched in 2018 and is run each general election cycle to help students vote absentee. The Library created and maintains an updated "Request a Ballot by State" LibGuide to combat the bureaucratic challenges students face remaining engaged in their home communities. During the weeklong event, the Library provides students with expert

assistance in navigating forms, free printing, ID photocopying, envelopes, stamps, and free notary services for the application and the ballot when received.