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Queens University of Charlotte Presents Barbershop Talk

Over free haircuts, Black community and business professionals will engage minority male students in conversations regarding race and social injustice

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Feb. 25, 2022) – As Black History Month comes to an end, the office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (DICE) at Queens University of Charlotte will host a "Barbershop Talk" on Monday, Feb. 28th from 6-8 p.m.

Local Black community and business professionals will join male students of color in the DICE Lounge located on the lower level of Dana Hall to engage in conversations about issues impacting minority communities while receiving free haircuts from local licensed barbers.

"We first did this in February of 2020, just before the pandemic and it was so well received, many students have been asking for its return," said Darryl White Sr., assistant dean for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement. "For young Black men, in particular, minority barbershops are widely known as a place to receive more than a haircut. They often offer a safe place to talk about anything and everything. The past two years of widespread division and racism, as well as repeated instances of racial injustice and police brutality, have increased the need for deeper dialogue and strong mentorship for these young men."

DICE is partnering with the men of the Black Student Union and the iBelong Minority Male Mentoring Program to host the program.

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About Queens

Queens University is a private, coeducational university located in Charlotte, N.C. The university serves nearly 2,500 students with 43 major and 63 minor undergraduate degree options and 12 graduate degrees. Students represent 44 states and 70 foreign countries. As part of the university's vision to promote educational experiences that nurture intellectual curiosity and promote global understanding, nearly two-thirds of traditional undergraduates participate in study abroad experiences and 100 percent take part in internships. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Queens 15th among regional universities in the south in its 2022 edition of Best Colleges.