



Inspire Cultural Change by Supporting America Rows



Diversity Statement

Diversity is a core value of USRowing. Diversity for USRowing means that every individual member is valued for his or her differences. The differences includes appearance, ideas, race, gender, religion, socioeconomic, ethnicity, beliefs, sexual orientation and physical disabilities.



Inclusion Statement

Inclusion at USRowing means that the individual's differences are embraced and respected. We are passionate about recruiting and retaining the most skilled professionals and athletes, and we recognize that diversity will strengthen the sport of rowing.

Become an America Rows Affiliate. Support diversity and inclusion within the sport of rowing and donate today.

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America Rows is a nationwide diversity and inclusion initiative aimed at increasing awareness of rowing and introducing the sport of rowing to a diverse group of Americans. Specifically the underserved urban youth who may not have the opportunity to participate in rowing. America Rows programs will provide competitive rowing, personal development and a platform to help combat the urban youth obesity crisis.

America Rows Core Values

1. Increase the participation and awareness of rowing to America's urban youth.
2. Provide support and consultation to existing and emerging youth community outreach rowing programs.
3. Ensure that sustainable systems and structures are in place within the organization that foster inclusion throughout our rowing community.

Why Should Urban Youth Row?

America's Urban Youth is in a Crisis

- Over 2 billion dollars was cut from schools sports programs in 2008.
- One third of the nation's children will be overweight or obese by the third grade.
- Only 3 percent of youth in low income areas play sports.
- Thirty percent of our youth will not graduate from high school.



Benefits of Rowing

- Benefits the physical and emotional well being.
- Rowing is a lifetime sport
- Demands teamwork, leadership and creates exceptional followers
- It's a year round sport

America Rows Objectives



- To address the challenges ,barriers and opportunities and implement a national inclusion strategic plan.
- Evangelize diversity and inclusion throughout our individual members and our membership organizations.
- Establish a contribution program to sustain the diversity and inclusion initiative.
- Provide a platform to combat the urban youth obesity crisis.



America Rows Affiliates

- Jack London Aquatics Center: Oakland, Calif.
- Cross Currents Minority Rowing: Rochester, N.Y.
- Chicago Training Center, Chicago, Ill.
- Austin Rowing Center: Austin, Texas
- Rowing Docks: Austin, Texas
- Cleveland Rowing Foundation: Cleveland, Ohio
- Row LA : Los Angeles, Calif.
- Access to Rowing (AXS2R): Philadelphia, Pa.
- Philadelphia City Rowing: Philadelphia, Pa.
- Saginaw Rowing Club: Saginaw, Mich.
- DC Strokes: Washington, D.C.
- Oakland Strokes: Oakland, Calif.

More Diverse Rowing Programs

Team Row Miami: Miami, Fla.

Row New York : New York, N.Y.

Wilmington Youth Rowing Association: Wilmington, Del.

Community Rowing, Inc.: Boston, Mass.

Row Tampa : Tampa, Fla.

Rainier Valley Rowing: Seattle, Wash.

Pacific Crew: Stockton, Calif.