


“To me, diversity and inclusion mean acknowledgement of a person's value. To recognize a person's value says that we are all part of the human family.”

Alvin Samala

Environmental Health & Safety






“To me, diversity and inclusion mean fairness and belonging. It is equal access to opportunity fostered by teamwork, collaboration, and community. It empowers and encourages everyone to thrive in their own unique being, while cohesively striving for unity and success for all.”

Jessica Soto

Office of the CFO and Vice Chancellor



“To me, diversity and inclusion mean that we recognize everyone is unique and we are respecting and appreciating those differences by including them as valued members to our organization.”

Helen Templin (she/her/hers)

Internal Audit






“Each day I will choose to respect the individuality of my staff and fellow team members, I will remain open and available to their unique needs, and I will embrace the development and growth of others to create a welcoming, equitable, and engaging workplace environment.”

Julianna Bayley

Transportation & Distribution Services



“To me, diversity and inclusion mean tolerance, respect, and acceptance no matter the circumstance.”

Sarine Dadourian (she/her/hers)
Environmental Health & Safety





“To me, diversity and inclusion mean a safe space for everyone. It’s a space where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels included. Diversity and inclusion are important because a person is more than their skin tone, cultural background, and sexual identity. Every single person adds value and insight and contributes to what makes life beautiful. I promise to champion diversity and inclusion in DFA through the sharing of knowledge and resources. I want to be a diversity and inclusion ally.”

Vanessa Lopez

Transportation & Distribution Services