



#### **OTHELLO IS DISGUSTING**

In October of 2020, Doctor Joynicole Martinez, Ms. Stormy L. Mongiello, Mr. Orlando Herrera, Jr., Ms. Brittany Leach, Mr. Martin CJ Mongiello, Ms. Lesley Green, Ms. Rebecca Fernandez, and Mr. Antwain Thomas formed the Presidential Center Commission on "Othello is Disgusting" - President Adams.

The Commission aim is a broad-based scope of introspection on inclusion, colonial roots, the heritage of immigration, colourism and anti-Blackness, and the one-race theory. Further, complex conversation around ethnicity, inter-faith marriage, culture, traditions and norms form a growing body of study. Fueled by open-discussion and discourse recorded live and transmitted - the resulting conversations and research will be archived after each broadcast.

# **MISSION**

To dismantle and disrupt racism and rhetoric by bringing awareness to the issues surrounding myths and stereotypes, inequity and inequality to the forefront of conversation through complex discourse.

### **VISION**

To see a world unfocused on divisions across racial and ethnic lines.

#### **WE NEED TO TALK**

The need and desire to have complex conversations surrounding race and relationships has too long been obscured by ego and fear. We must confront the lessons embedded in our histories and uncover those in our present if we are to establish a future when human connection and civil rights outpace the growth of discord. Alongside the work accomplished by the Presidential Service Center and the Presidential Culinary Museum, we must humanize our leaders by giving voice to their strengths and weaknesses. We are offered an unique view of the idiosyncrasies and choices of history's leaders through meals, storytelling, and expertly curated exhibitions., including the Commission's first project, "OTHELLO IS DISCUSTING."



## **VALUES**

EQUITY
EQUALITY
LOVE
CONFRONTATION

