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### COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING WITH JUAN WILLIAMS

United Way of Northern New York announces its first community-wide, virtual town hall meeting on justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 11:30AM – 12:30PM. The special event features Fox News personality and journalist Juan Williams, who will share his perspective of race relations in the United States. A cohost of *The Five* on Fox News, Juan Williams has successfully brought balance to the network's conservative voices. Widely regarded as one of America's top speakers, he has authored seven best-selling books and has interviewed every president since Ronald Reagan, which gives him a unique vantage point on our nation's constantly evolving political climate.

Natasha Gamble, Program Director of United Way's North Country Center of Nonprofit Excellence, highlights the importance of this topic in Northern New York, "The United Way has long been a voice for the disenfranchised and vulnerable in our community. Following the tragic deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, it is more important than ever for us to have an honest and constructive discussion about the systemic biases and discrimination that has created barriers to success for many children and families in our area."

The United Way released a statement on JEDI on July 31, 2020. In the message, the United Way vowed to, "host multiple forums to discuss racism, biases, and diversity, with the goal of achieving a community educated on creating equal access for every resident to nutritious food, a strong education, quality physical and mental healthcare, justice and the opportunity to succeed."

The September 24 event, which is sponsored by Community Bank, is open to all North Country residents and begins at 11:30AM. Online registration will be available beginning Monday, August 31. Details can be found on United Way's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/unitedwaynny](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwaynny) or by calling (315) 788-5631.

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#### ABOUT THE UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

United Way of Northern New York's mission is to measurably improve the lives of all residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties through leadership, training and funding. It is a designated 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization by the IRS with an EIN of 15-0543356. Its offices are at 200 Washington St., Suite 402A, Watertown, NY 13601. Visit [unitedway-nny.org](http://unitedway-nny.org) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

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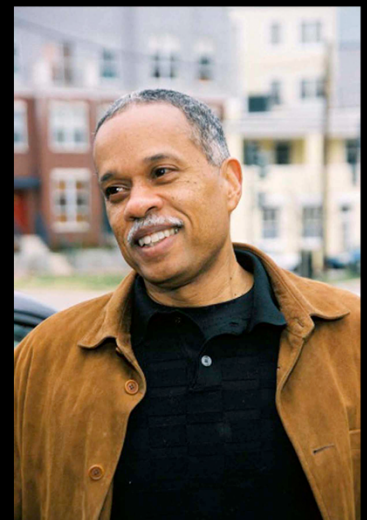
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 11:30AM - 12:30PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

FREE ONLINE EVENT - EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Join the United Way of Northern New York in a virtual, interactive discussion with Mr. Juan Williams, cohost of *The Five* on Fox News, where we discuss race relations in the United States. A New York Times best-selling author, Fox News political analyst and award-winning columnist, Juan has successfully brought balance to Fox's conservative voices. Widely regarded as one of America's top speakers, Williams has authored seven best selling books, the latest entitled, *What the Heck Do You Have to Lose?: Trump's War on Civil Rights*. Juan has interviewed Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barrack Obama, which gives him a unique vantage point on America's constantly evolving political climate.



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