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Word of the Month: Equity

The quality of being fair and impartial.

From Lexico.com

Hello, Summertime!

By Ethan C. Brown

Hey, Gamecocks!! It is that time of year again; SUMMER! Some will leave campus for the last time, some will have a nice two month break, and some will just keep doing their thing. No matter what you are doing for summer break, I hope you are safe and have fun!



Look back on April 2022:

April 2022 was a pretty busy month. From Holocaust Remembrance day, to the Muscogee Nation Homecoming, and even some early observations for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (which is in May). There were some awesome events around campus last month. If you missed them, don't worry, I'm here to let you know what happened.

April 5th: <u>Holocaust Remembrance Day</u>

A few days before the official Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 8th), Eli Pinhas, the son of two holocaust survivors came to JSU. Pinhas shared stories of his parents' struggles with the almost 60 people who gathered. He speaks at events in hopes to educate people about the past. We are lucky to have had him speak for us.



Photo of Eli Pinhas (right), courtesy of Madison Parker

April 7th: <u>Muscogee Nation Homecoming</u>

Dr. Monte Randall, the President of the College of the Muscogee Nation, visited JSU to teach students and faculty about his nation's history. The Muscogee Nation is special to our part of Alabama because their nation once ranged from Talladega to Oxford.



Dr. Christie Shelton, Dr. Monte Randall, Mrs. Charlcie Pettway Vann, and President Don Killingsworth

Dr. Randall spoke on the origin of his nation, the meaning of their names, and many other things including the forced relocation of his nation to Oklahoma. Randall welcomed all to his nation's homecoming ceremony, which was held at their original sacred grounds at Choccoloco Park. Busses filled with the nations members traveled from Oklahoma to Oxford. We are lucky to have had Dr. Randall visit and are inspired by his mission of keeping the Muscogee Nation's history alive.



Ethan Brown and Jacob Phillips at Chocoloco park for the Muscogee Nation Homecoming

April 7th: <u>Chinese Brush Painting</u>

TingTing Mitchell came to the University and taught attendees about Traditional Chinese Brush Painting. This painting session was our first event in observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. She taught everyone how to paint a basic bamboo portrait. It was a blast learning this beautiful form of art!



TingTing Mitchell demonstrating Chinese brush painting

April 21st: <u>APAHM International Party</u>

Later in the month there was a party at the International House for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Students enjoyed eating great food and playing some games!



APAHM party at the International House

April 20th: JSU NAACP Awards

The JSU NAACP chapter held their red carpet awards event this month! There were so many amazing students and faculty in attendance. Many awards given to our deserving faculty and staff.



Mrs. Charlcie Pettway Vann with her Lifetime Achievement Award

Our very own Mrs. Charlcie Pettway Vann won the lifetime achievement award! We are so proud of her and appreciate her continued dedication to Jacksonville State. All nominees continue to make an astounding impact at JSU, and should be very proud!



Members of the BSU at the NAACP awards

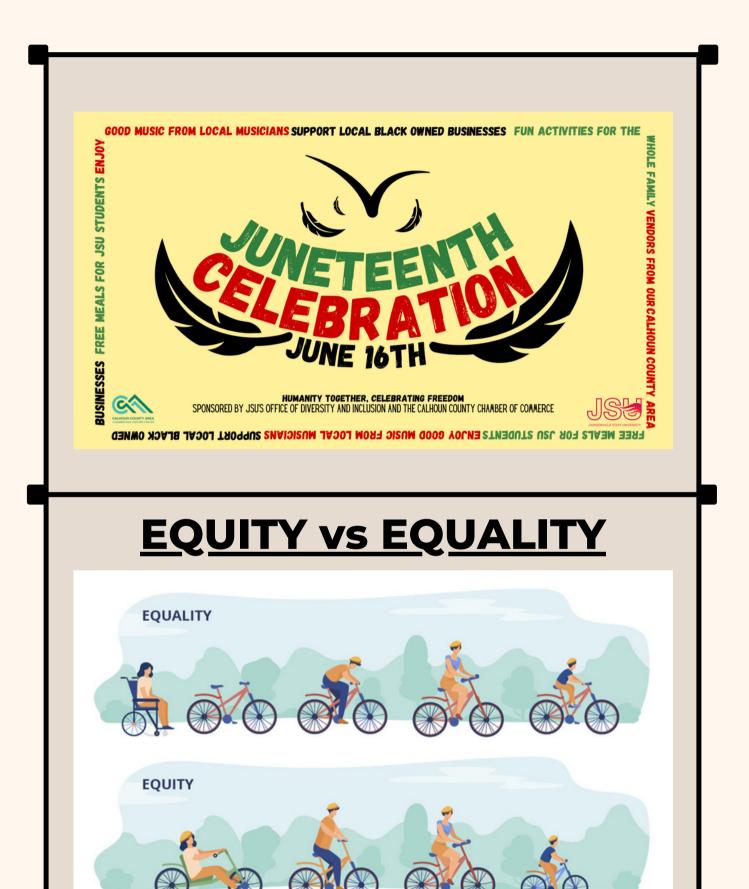


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Attention!

BECAUSE I AM NOT ON CAMPUS, THIS D&I NEWSLETTER WILL BE DIGITAL, AND OUR ONLY ONE FOR THE SUMMER. CHECK THE 'NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE' TAB ON OUR WEBSITE OR JUST KEEP AN EYE OUT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FUTURE RELEASES!

JSU Resources

Office of Diversity and Inclusion http://www.jsu.edu/diversity/ Preferred Name Request (Registrar's office) http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/student_forms.html Counseling Services http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/ Student Health Center http://www.jsu.edu/studenthealth JSU Library LGBTQ+ Resource Collection http://libguides.jsu.edu/lgbtq Title IX - http://www.jsu.edu/titleix/ LGBTQ Vocabulary List https://thesafezoneproject.com/resources/vocabulary

Umbrella Alliance - The mission of Umbrella Alliance is to be a LGBTQ group that offers support, snacks, and speakers for trans and gender non-conforming students.

Full Spectrum – The mission of Full Spectrum is to promote a safe, non-judgmental environment for people of all sexual and gender identities and their allies.

Never be afraid to reach out!!

Curious about Safe Zone?



JSU Safe Zone is a campus-wide program that works to ensure a welcoming environment for all gender identities and sexual orientations. By establishing an identifiable network of trained individuals committed to fostering an atmosphere of respect and inclusion, the program provides a safe space for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies on campus. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is proud to offer Safe Zone trainings periodically throughout the fall, spring, and summer semesters. For more information please visit our Safe Zone webpage, or contact Mr. Jacob Phillips.

LOOK FOR THE **JSU SAFE ZONE** SIGN AROUND CAMPUS!

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See you next time!

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