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Word of the Month: **Empathy**

the psychological identification with or vicarious experiencing of the emotions, thoughts, or attitudes of another:

Dictionary.com

WELCOME!

By Ethan C. Brown

Thank you for reading our first newsletter of Summer 2023! Though there is not an abundance of events this summer, i have included some "can't miss" dates in the newsletter. We hope that everyone stays safe this summer, and we look forward to seeing you again!



The Inclusion Celebration

APRIL 20TH, 2023



Advocate for Social Enlightenment Award:
Brayden Turner



The Lavender Award:
Angel Smith



Excellence in Community Engagement Award:
Alexandria Quintero



Beloved Gamecock Community Award
(Student Division):
Ethan Brown

Not Pictured:

Champion of Social Justice Award: Hakeem Bennett

Beloved Gamecock Community Award (Faculty Division): Dr. Sean Creech

JUNETEENTH

The History of Juneteenth

June 19th, otherwise known as Juneteenth (a mix of the words June and Nineteenth), marks the freedom of African Americans from slavery in the U.S. It is on this day in 1865 that Major General George Granger made his last stop in Galveston Bay, Texas to inform slaves that slavery had been abolished. Though it is important to note that it took nearly 2 1/2 years after the initial abolition for all slaves to be freed. Nevertheless, this 'Day of Freedom' holds a special place in our hearts and history.

Info courtesy: NationalToday.com



What Do These Colors Mean?

- **Black**, which represents resilience.
- **Red**, which is meant to symbolize the blood of innocent Black lives shed throughout history.
- **Yellow**, which is meant to convey optimism, justice, and equality.
- **Green**, which is used to symbolize Africa's rich greenery and other natural resources.

marca.com

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
JUNE 15TH
HUMANITY TOGETHER,
CELEBRATING FREEDOM DAY

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND
COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME!

WHERE: MERRILL
HALL COURTYARD

WHEN: JUNE 15TH,
2023 5-9 PM

FREE FOOD AND LIVE MUSIC!
COME AND SUPPORT LOCAL
BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES!

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CALHOUN COUNTY AREA
CHAMBER AND VISITORS CENTER

Celebrate Pride Month at JSU!

Pride Photoshoot

WHEN: 3:30PM, JUNE 9TH, 2023

WHERE: UNIVERSITY QUAD

Bring your best colors to the JSU Quad and celebrate Pride as we bring in the month together.



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Please note that by participating in the event, photoshoot models are agreeing to the use of their image in public forums



Upcoming Dates!

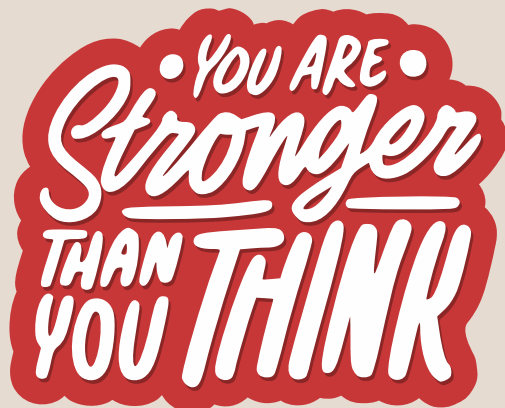
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	2:30:00 PM	SZ Pt. 1 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge
Tuesday, May 30, 2023	2:30:00 PM	SZ Pt. 2 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge
Monday, June 5, 2023	10:30:00 AM	SZ Pt. 1 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge
Monday, June 12, 2023	10:30:00 AM	SZ Pt. 2 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge
Tuesday, July 11, 2023	2:30:00 PM	SZ Pt. 1 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge
Wednesday, July 19, 2023	2:30:00 PM	SZ Pt. 2 Combined	Diversity and Inclusion Office Lounge



Though everything is not open on campus this summer, most of your student resources are.

For example, Counseling Services is continually open and is always looking to help people. If you or anyone you know is struggling, make sure to visit the Counseling Services page on the JSU.edu website and set up an appointment.

JSU also has a mental health club on campus! ActiveMinds is a student group striving to break the stigmas around mental health. Make sure to follow **@activeminds.jsu** on instagram so that you can keep up with events!

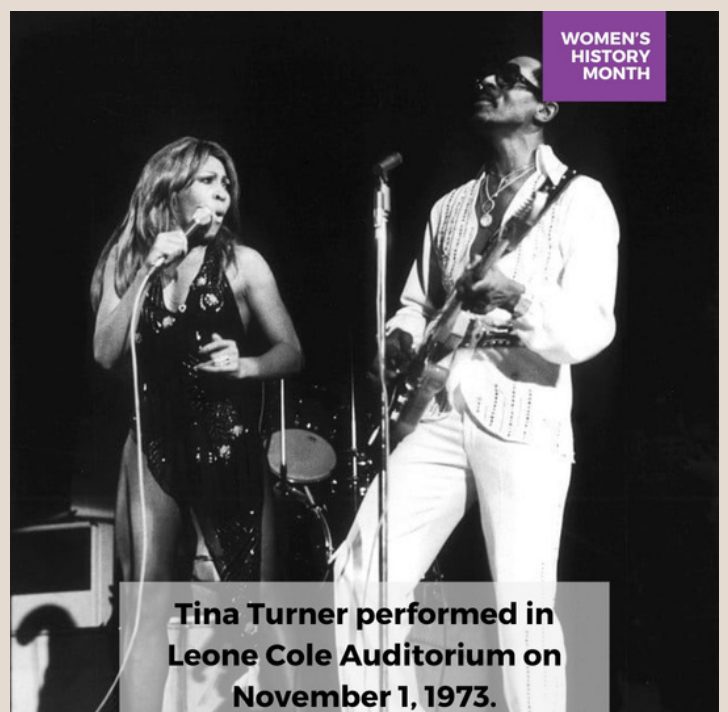


Remembering Tina Turner

During Women's History Month (March) Jacksonville State shared throwback pictures of prominent female artists performing at the university. These pictures included one of the iconic Tina Turner performing in Leone Cole Auditorium in 1973.

We are saddened with the recent news of Ms. Turner's passing. Her life and legacy leave behind a courageous story of survival. Tina Turner demonstrated resilience despite the many trials and tribulations thrown at her. She fought for her life in the public eye, and learned to value, care for, and love herself along the way.

We could all take a lesson from Tina's book.



STUDENT RESOURCES

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/>

D&I Glossary

<https://www.jsu.edu/diversity/glossary.html>

Diversity Discussion Request

<https://www.jsu.edu/diversity/event-request.html>

Cocky Cares

<https://www.jsu.edu/cockycares/>

Disability Resources

<https://www.jsu.edu/disabilityresources/>

Student Success

<https://www.jsu.edu/studentssuccess/>

Gamecock Market

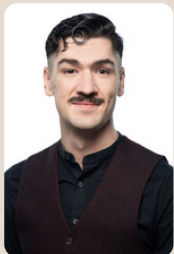
<https://www.jsu.edu/gamecockmarket/index.html>

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.



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