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Word of the Month: **Acceptance**

Agreement with or belief in an idea, opinion, or explanation.

From Lexico.com

Welcome Back!

By Ethan C. Brown

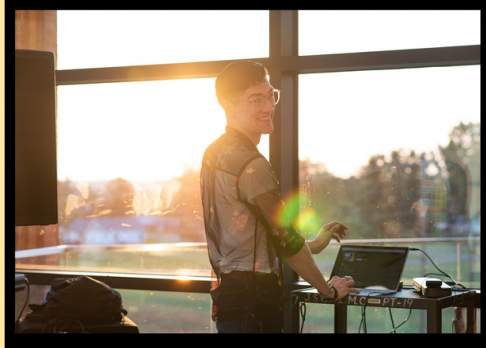
Hey, Gamecocks!!

I am back in the office and we are getting ready for an amazing fall semester. We hope everyone had a safe and fun summer, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces once again!



DIVERSITY DURING SUMMER

This summer on June 16th, a few days before the official holiday, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion held our Juneteenth Celebration. Members of surrounding communities, faculty, and students all gathered to celebrate 'The Day of Freedom'. Festivities included live music from the JSU gospel choir, local line dance demonstrators, food, and fellowship. Everyone in attendance got to learn something new about the day we know as 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 ½ 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

Acceptance VS. Agreement

Acceptance means, "I receive you as you are."
You can't accept what you don't respect.

Acceptance is not agreement. You can accept someone-just as they are- without being in agreement.

In order to accept someone, you have to acknowledge that they have the right to exist as they wish to exist, not as you wish they would exist.

Acceptance does not mean that you condone or support whatever it is you're accepting. It simply means you accept that what is, is. You might prefer it to be different, but you accept that it is what it is.

You can accept without agreement. So you can accept absolutely anyone. You can accept any situation. Your agreement is not required.

Acceptance says, "You exist for yourself, not for me."
Acceptance says, "I do not have to understand you in order to value you."

JSU Student 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!!



Are You Curious about Safe Zone?



LOOK FOR THE JSU SAFE ZONE SIGN AROUND CAMPUS!

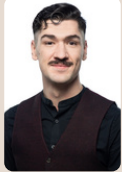
JSU Safe Zone is a campus-wide program that works to ensure a welcoming environment for all gender identities and sexual orientations. By establishing an identifiable network of trained individuals committed to fostering an atmosphere of respect and inclusion, the program provides a safe space for members 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.

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Want to volunteer for our team?
Please reach out to Mr. Phillips for
more information.

**We are located on the first floor of Angle Hall!
Stop by and say Hello!**

DONT MISS OUT!

Follow us on social media to
keep up with events around
campus!!



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THANK YOU FOR READING!

See you next time!

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