

# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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DIVERSITY  
IS THE ONE  
THING WE  
ALL HAVE IN  
COMMON.  
CELEBRATE  
IT EVERY  
DAY.

### Word of the Month: **Diversity**

The practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc.

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### WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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- Upcoming: Womens History Month
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### Welcome!!

*By Ethan C. Brown*

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the official newsletter for JSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. These will be monthly newsletters highlighting the amazing things around our campus. From spectacular events to our talented student body. We hope to shine a light and pursue our mission of keeping Jacksonville State "The Friendliest Campus in the South!" We hope you enjoy, and make sure to look out for future releases!

# A look back on Black History Month 2022

During the month of February we celebrated Black History Month with many great events around campus. If you missed them, don't worry, because I, Ethan Brown am here to fill you in on all that happened.

We started out the month with our **Mind, Body, and Spirit Celebration** on **Feb 1st**. During this event we had a Health Panel featuring Dr. Cynthia Fletcher, Tekeisha Goggins, and Varian May (See Picture Below). The mission of this panel was to bring awareness of the challenges faced by many black individuals when receiving medical care.

On **Feb 8th**, Speed Painter Evan Struck came to the TMB. He demonstrated his amazing talents by painting prominent black figures.



**BHM "Mind, Body, and Spirit Celebration" on Feb 1st**



**The JSU Gospel Choir performing at "Take Me To Church" on Feb. 27th**

There was a BHM themed **General Assembly Meeting** on **Feb 16th**. This event was at the International House and included music, games, and food for students to enjoy while celebrating African American culture.

To finish out the month we held a **"Take Me To Church"** event on **Feb 27th**. This event, held in the Leon Cole Auditorium, included a church service by Christopher Taylor, poems read by members of the JSU Student Body, a remembrance session, an amazing performance by the JSU Gospel Choir, fellowship, and of course food!



**JSU Students participating in the remembrance session at "Take Me To Church".**

It was amazing to see students, faculty, and staff join together throughout the month. All of them hoping to understand the importance of diversity and showing respect for all cultures.

**Way to go JSU!**

Be on the lookout for these **Womens History Month** events!

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JSU'S 2022  
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



**BRAVE | FEARLESS | BOLD**  
"PROVIDING HEALING, PROMOTING HOPE"

**March 3rd**  
**Movin' with Me | Women's Health Workout**  
Celebrate health and wellness by working out with fitness instructor Monique Jefferson from Birmingham, AL. Workouts will vary from low-intensity to high-intensity workouts.  
11F Houston Cole Library | Thursday, 11:30am - 12:30pm

**March 16th**  
**Women's Health, Wellness, & Self-Care Panel**  
Join us for a current discussion on research and trends surrounding women's health and wellness in the United States as well as explore experiences of managing health, wellness, and self-care in everyday life. The panel will include experts in the area of women's health, kinesiology, and social work.  
Teams | 12:00pm - 1:30pm

**March 31st**  
**A Toast to Women**  
Join us for small group discussions on the status of women in academia and gender issues. Facilitated by the Women in Academia group. Bring your own lunch.  
108 Houston Cole Library | Thursday, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Information and Select Event Registration**  
If you're interested in attending the virtual event on March 16th and March 31st, then scan this QR code.



**March 10th**  
**Women's History Month Awards Ceremony and Keynote**  
Guest Speaker: Alabama Poet Laureate, Ashley Jones  
Come celebrate Women's History Month with us as we recognize powerful women in our community, on our campus, and in our state. The Women's History Month Committee will announce the winners of its faculty, student, and gender advocate awards with a new lifetime achievement award presented to Dr. Roberta Watts.  
Leone Cole Auditorium | Thursday, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**March 2nd**  
**WHM Empowerment Poster Crafting Session**  
Interested in marching with your peers on March 8th? Come create a poster for the walk to celebrate empowering women in your life. Materials for poster making will be provided. Posters are subject to approval by WHM Committee on the day of the Empowerment March.  
TMB Auditorium | Tuesday, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**March 3rd - 31st**  
**Women's History Month Art Show**  
Throughout the month of March, Hammond Hall will be hosting a juried student art show in honor of Women's History Month. We invite you to view the submissions for the student show and to show your support for your local artists and sisters, as well as see the many talents of our JSU Art Department.  
Hammond Hall Student Gallery

**March 8th**  
**Women's History Month Empowerment March**  
March with us March 8th to show your support for your sisters on campus and throughout the world. Participants will meet on the TMB lawn at 11:30 with the march around Trustees' Circle to begin at 12. Participants can bring a poster, which will be subject to approval by the WHM committee present at the march.  
TMB Lawn | Tuesday, 11:30am - 12:30pm

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We hope to see you there!

# 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**.

# Meet Our Team!



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Stop by and say Hello!**

## Student Spotlight

Every month we want to highlight some of the amazing students here on campus and what they do to make our community stronger!

We also want to provide a place for students to share their art, poems, etc.

This month we want to give the spotlight to the **JSU Gospel Choir!**

Thank you all for the amazing performances you provided for our Black History Month events! You all have amazing talent and we are truly blessed to have you here on campus!

If you have anything you would like to share related to Diversity and Inclusion, or have a student that you think goes above and beyond for our campus, please feel free to reachout to Ethan Brown or Mr.Phillips

## **DONT MISS OUT!**

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

**Be on the lookout for #JSUhealingmirrors around campus this month! If you see one, take a picture and post it using the #JSUhealingmirrors, and while youre at it, tag us!**



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## **ALSO..**

We want to make sure you know about all of the clubs, groups, and resources available to YOU around campus!

Don't be afraid to reach out!!

## **FULL SPECTRUM**

Full Spectrum is a group for students and Allies of the LGBTQ+ community at JSU! Email them at [fullspectrum@jsu.edu](mailto:fullspectrum@jsu.edu) with any questions!

## **SGA**

Jacksonville State University's Student Government Association represents the student body within the university administration and the community. Since 1946, SGA has worked to provide an intellectual, social, and cultural student experience that will enhance student growth and success.

## **NAACP**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Youth and College Division's mission is to ensure the political, educational, equality of minority group citizens and eliminate race prejudice. The NAACP works to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

## Active Minds

Active Minds is a student-led organization whose purpose is to change the conversation on campus about mental health issues. This group strives to provide understanding and a supportive environment where students are able to openly discuss mental health related topics. Members of Active Minds seek to educate their peers, reduce the stigma associated with mental health conditions, promote mental wellness, and encourage their peers to seek help when necessary.

Membership is open to all current JSU students and alumni with an interest in mental health.

Meeting Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

<https://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/groups.html>

## Counseling Services

Visit:

<https://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/groups.html>

to find out about all of the other groups and resources available, or just to set up an appointment!

There is no shame in the Mental Health game!

# THANK YOU FOR READING!

See you next time!

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