

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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Word of the Month: **Inclusion**

The practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those who have physical or intellectual disabilities and members of other minority groups.

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Welcome Back!

By Ethan C. Brown

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the 2nd official newsletter for JSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion! These monthly newsletters will highlight the amazing things going on around our campus. 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!



Looking back on Women's HER-story Month 2022:

During the month of March, JSU had many amazing events around campus to celebrate women. Don't worry if you missed them, because I am here to give you some highlights!

We started the month off with a poster crafting event on the **2nd**. These posters were created for the WHM Empowerment March that was held on the **8th**. The march included students and faculty and took place around Trustees Circle. These events were great ways to celebrate the empowering women in our lives, and show support for all of our sisters on campus!

Last month Hammond Hall also held a juried student art show in honor of WHM. They displayed local talents from **March 3rd - 31st**.

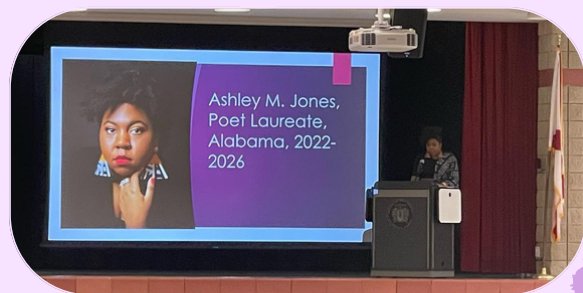


Students with signs for the Womens March



Emrys Donaldson, Jacob Price, and Dr. Oye Akisanya at the WHM awards ceremony.

On **March 10th**, the WHM awards ceremony was held. JSU had the pleasure of having Ms. Ashley M. Jones, who is the Alabama poet laureate, as the keynote speaker. Ms. Jones had also done a reading of her new book on campus the previous day. After Ms. Jones keynote and dinner, the awards were announced. The winners of the awards include Student Woman of the Year, Chelsee Allen; Professional Woman of the Year, Dr. Oye Akisanya; Student Gender Advocate of the Year, Jacob Price; Professional Gender Advocate of the Year, Emrys Donaldson. JSU also presented its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Roberta Watts, retired dean of nursing, for her numerous contributions to the university and academic community.



Alabama poet laureate Ashley M. Jones speaks at keynote for the WHM Awards.

Congratulations to all the nominees! You provide so much for our JSU community and truly capture the Gamecock Spirit. Thank you everyone for your support this March!

Way to go Gamecocks!

Coming up this month!

APRIL

Celebrate **Diversity Month**

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

APRIL 5TH

SPEAKER: ELI PINHAS

MERRILL HALL AUDITORIUM, ROOM B10 FROM 7-9 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AT JSU. GUEST SPEAKER ELI PINHAS WILL DISCUSS AND REMEMBER THOSE LOST IN THE HOLOCAUST.

MUSCOGEE NATION HOMECOMING

APRIL 7TH

SPEAKER: DR. MONTE RANDALL

MERRILL HALL AUDITORIUM, ROOM B10 FROM 2 - 3 PM

DR. MONTE RANDALL WILL JOIN US TO EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF ON THE MUSCOGEE NATION. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AND LEARN ABOUT MUSCOGEE CULTURE AND HISTORY.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVATIONS (MAY)

APRIL 14TH

CHINESE BRUSHPAINTING SESSION

HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY 1103C
FROM 2:00PM - 3:30PM

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A PAINTING SESSION IN OBSERVANCE OF APAHM. WE WILL BE EXPLORING TRADITIONAL CHINESE BRUSHPAINTING WITH GUEST PAINTER TINGTING MITCHELL. PARTICIPATION LIMITED TO 20 PAINTERS. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

APRIL 21ST

APAHM INTERNATIONAL PARTY

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
LAWN
EVENT STARTS AT 2:00PM

JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES, FOOD, COMPANIONSHIP, AND MORE ON THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE LAWN IN CELEBRATION AND OBSERVANCE OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

APRIL 25TH

JAPANESE HISTORY PRESENTATION

HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY 1103C
FROM 6:30PM - 7:30PM

ON APRIL 25TH, JOIN US FOR STUDENT PRESENTATIONS SPANNING SEVERAL TOPICS IN JAPANESE HISTORY. TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO ATTEND.

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April 6th



**FEATURING JSU
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The TRHT Center Presents

CAUSING GOOD TROUBLE

Anti-Racism Lunch and Learn Workshop

(Light lunch items will be provided)

> Brewer Hall, Room 330

> Thursday, April 14th

> 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

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AFROFUTURISM: THE POWER AND PROMISE OF BLACK SCIENCE FICTION

A Presentation by Sidney Blaylock,
Visiting Scholar of African-American Literature

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.
MERRILL HALL AUDITORIUM



SAFE ZONE Full Spectrum

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY SGA TRANS HOUSING BILL

A bill to give incoming trans students priority housing, and improve housing for Trans and LGBTQ+ students!

Written by Sydnee Houghton and Jake Price

If you are interested in this bill please attend the April 4th Senate meeting

Location: TMB auditorium

Time: 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Did you know?

Did you know that JSU now has a Black Student Union (BSU)?

Well you do now!

JSU's **first** ever BSU is now on campus and the executive board is complete!

Please help me by congratulating these amazing students on their hard work and dedication!

President - Hakeem Bennett

Vice President - Aravia Taylor

Director of Marketing and Communication -

Tierra Thatch

Director of Programs - Iyana Little

Treasurer - Daniel Washington

Secretary - Khyra Colton

Parliamentarian - A'maya Jones

ALSO, make sure to give BSU a follow on Instagram!



@jsu_bsu



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 BSU Executive Board.**

This amazing group of students are creating history on campus! We are so proud to have individuals such as yourselves on campus and can't wait to see the legacy you all leave behind!

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 reach out to Ethan Brown or Mr. Phillips

HELP!

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion needs your help!
We need to know what students want to see included for our
Juneteenth celebration that will be coming up!

If you have any ideas or requests please reach out via email or just stop by the
office and talk to us!

Email: diversity@jsu.edu

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.

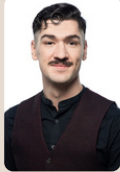
For more information please visit our Safe Zone webpage, or contact Mr. Jacob Phillips.

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

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**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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