

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

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Word of the Month: **Opinion**

1. a belief or judgment that rests on grounds insufficient to produce complete certainty.
2. a personal view, attitude, or appraisal.

Dictionary.com

GO GAMECOCKS!!

By Ethan C. Brown

Hey everyone! It is my hope the beginning of the semester has not been too hard on you. This month's newsletter will feature Hispanic Heritage Month, The Safe Zone Project, our upcoming events, and a new segment "The Spotlight!" You will also find a QR code that can be used to sign up for the upcoming Diversity Fashion Show. Have a great month, and make sure to take care of yourself!



Hispanic Heritage Month

By Ethan C. Brown

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed every year from September 15th to October 15th. The special occasion celebrates Hispanic people in the United States and Hispanic Countries. HHM was actually once only a week long celebration. On September 17th, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a proclamation creating Hispanic Heritage Week. His goal: To honor the positive and widespread impact that people of Hispanic descent have on the United States. Luckily, in 1988, under President Ronald Regan, Hispanic Heritage Week became Hispanic Heritage Month! Students can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Frita Friday bake sale on September 15th. This event will take place on The Quad from 11am-1pm. Students can also come to The Caf on September from 11:30am-1:30pm and enjoy the Latinx Heritage Cuisine.



(Information courtesy www.bestcolleges.com)

The Safe Zone Project



Learn how to be a better friend and ally to the LGBTQIA+ community by registering for our Safe Zone Trainings! Sign up by visiting jsu.edu/studentaffairs/safe-zone, and then designate if you're a faculty/staff member here at JSU. Class size is limited to 15 members, so act fast and register today!

Student Classes

- Part 1
 - October 13, 2023 - 2-3pm
 - November 9, 2023 - 9-10am
- Part 2
 - October 20, 2023 - 2-3pm
 - November 16, 2023 - 9-10am

Faculty/Staff Classes

- Part 1
 - October 16, 2023 - 2-3pm
 - November 6, 2023 - 11am-12pm
- Part 2
 - October 23, 2023 - 2-3pm
 - November 13, 2023 - 11am-12pm

The Spotlight

By Jay Clark

Who are you?

My name is Brayden Turner. I am a junior here at Jax State (Jacksonville State University), majoring in Secondary Education with a concentration in English and I am also a work study at the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. I am also an executive for ISO and rushing Alpha Psi Omega.

Why did you choose Secondary Education as your major?

I have wanted to be a teacher ever since third grade and I kind of vibed with it. I have always wanted to teach students and provide input into someone's life as they grow up.

How is it working at the International Student Organization as the Public Relations Representative?

It is fun. I get to meet a bunch of cool people; it is a diverse group of people as well. And it is fun learning diverse cultures, especially from across the world rather than just the diverse cultures in the United States. I can learn about the cultures from India, Eastern Asia, Europe, America and all that stuff.

What has been a memorable moment as far as a work study for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion?

I would have to say, seeing Jacob put on those sparkling high heel boots for the Fashion Show Photoshoot. He is already 6'7, he does not need them. He is like 7 feet tall with them on.

What is one thing you want people to know about you?

Did you know I have a hitchhiker's thumb? Meaning that I can bend my thumb back 90 degrees. Also, my fingers are naturally bent back at the tip. I have very weird hands.

The Gamecock Market

The Gamecock Market is in need of food items! Items which are needed are listed below. Items can be dropped off at Angle Hall 117 at Jax State University between the hours of 8AM and 4:30PM, which will in turn be delivered to Gamecock Market. Thank you in advance!

Items Needed:

Chicken noodle Soup

Chili

Canned chicken and tuna

Canned vegetables

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Saltine crackers

Chickpeas

Microwave Meals

Oatmeal (individual packages)

Cereal

Bottles of Water, Gatorade and Juice

Tea and Coffee (individual packages)

Individual Bags of Snack Food



Upcoming Events:

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE**

HISPANIC HERITAGE

WITH OUR

FRITA FRIDAY BAKE SALE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

EL LATIDO DE MI CULTURA

Join us for free, fried leches on the Quad,
where you can also purchase food and drinks prepared
by active group members in El Latido De Mi Cultura.

15TH SEPTEMBER
UNIVERSITY QUAD | 11AM - 1PM

JAX STATE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY **FIESTA!**

LATINX HERITAGE CUISINE



Stop by Jack Hopper to
celebrate Hispanic Heritage
Month with a special menu
inspired by Latin/Hispanic
cuisine.

 September 26
11:30am-1:30pm

 (256) 782-7242

 @jsudining

DINING SERVICES
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

JAX STATE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY



Diversity
**FASHION
SHOW**

November 1, 2023
6PM - 8PM | Leone Cole Auditorium

Wear your
favorite outfit!

RSVP Now!



DREAM TEAM

EVERY THURSDAY HCL BASEMENT
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AT 4:30PM

**DREAM TEAM IS A CLUB FOR ANYONE WHO
WANTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS ON
CAMPUS REGARDING DISABILITIES,
INCREASE SUPPORT SYSTEMS, AND
PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DISABILITYRESOURCES@JSU.EDU



LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP

Jacksonville State University

Meets: **Thursdays** at **5:30pm** **First Meeting:** September 14, 2023

Place: International House (Multicultural Center/Basement Level)

The support group is a safe space for students who are interested in gaining support and supporting one another.

For more information:

Please call Counseling Services at 256-782-5475 or email jlfarr@jsu.edu



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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.

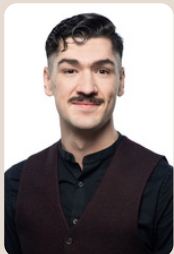


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