

# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

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## Word of the Month: **Cultural Competence**

the ability to effectively interact with people from cultures different from one's own, especially through a knowledge and appreciation of cultural differences.

Dictionary.com

## It's November!

By *Ethan C. Brown*

Hey Y'all! This last month was jam packed with events at Jax State. LGBTQIA+ History month brought many fun opportunities for representation on campus. The first half of the month also concluded Hispanic Heritage Month, and it is lovely to see our community celebrate different cultures. Though last month was full, we are not done yet! Make sure to check out Active Minds Friendsgiving next week! The QR code to RSVP is included on the 5th page!



# LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH

By Ethan C. Brown

October was LGBTQIA+ History Month, and the celebrations on campus were abundant. The festivities started on September 30th with a Pride Sign Crafting Session. These signs were made and used by students at the October 5th Pride Walk. The walk consisted of community members and allies coming together to walk up to Jacksonville Square. October 11th was one of the months busiest days. Events of that day included the All Mixer, which was a mixer hosted by the Safe Zone Project. The National Coming Out Day Cookout at Germania Springs was hosted on this day as well. The last event of October 11th was the International Student Organization's Worldwide Pride Night. This event highlighted different facts about pride and how it is celebrated around the world. The month continued with a Pride Climb Night at the UREC on October 16th. This event was a good opportunity for members of the community to get active in a judgement free environment. These last two events of the month seemed to be the most popular. Students gathered once again to celebrate with their peers on October 19th at Pride on the Quad. The Gamecock community showed up and showed out! Among the food and fellowship, students and allies also got to hear from faculty and staff that closely work with our LGBTQIA+ students. The LGBTQ+ support group was highlighted at the event, and this group is a spectacular resource for students on campus. They meet every Thursday at 5:30 in the International House basement if you are interested! Our last event of the month was the Diversity Fashion Show on the 1st of November. This event was an amazing opportunity for students to showcase their different styles, as well as the traditional clothing of their cultures. Before the walk there was also a brief presentation for attendees on how to dress in professional settings. It was a very educational night, as was the whole month! As always, keep a lookout for upcoming events so that you don't miss out on the fun!



# CDC PIÑATA CONTEST

By Ethan C. Brown

The Jax State Child Development Center celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the week of October 9th, 2023. Classes in the Child Development Center read English/Spanish books throughout the week to celebrate the month. On October 11th, 2023, the kids were able to participate in a Piñata contest. Piñatas were entered into the contest by various student groups around campus, the CDC kiddos were then able to take turns swinging at the handmade creations! It was a fun-filled event for all in attendance. Exposing our youth to different cultures is very important in their development. Jax State is very lucky to have the CDC, which frequently gets involved with many events surrounding diversity and inclusion. Students from the CDC have performed at multiple events over the last year such as MLK Jr. Day, The Role of Music in Black Resistance, and our Juneteenth Celebration. We look forward to seeing what else is to come from the Child Development Center.



Pictured is CDC Director Mrs. Nikki Truss and her son Ash at the October 11th Pinata Contest.

# THE GAMECOCK MARKET

By Ethan C. Brown

The following email was sent from The Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management regarding the re-opening of The Gamecock Market:

“Dear Students,

We are glad to announce that The Gamecock Market has re-opened! Starting Monday, November 6, 2023, you can visit the Gamecock Market website at the following link [www.jsu.edu/gamecockmarket/](http://www.jsu.edu/gamecockmarket/) and submit your online orders. The Market is located in the Basement of Sparkman Hall and will be open for order pick-ups on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:00-4:00 pm**. You can access the Market from the rear door of Sparkman by ringing the bell on the outside of the building. The Market offers food, hygiene items, school supplies, and professional clothes at no cost to Jax State Faculty, Staff, and Students who are in need and do not have the resources to purchase those items.”





YOU ARE INVITED TO

# *Friendsgiving*

WITH ACTIVE MINDS

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

5 PM

BASEMENT OF  
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE-  
MULTICULTURAL  
CENTER

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO  
BRING DISH TO SHARE!



RSVP for Active Minds  
Friendsgiving





# Native American Heritage Celebration

November 16th @ 1PM  
Merrill Hall Auditorium

Sylestine Legacy will be  
presenting their  
traditional and authentic  
native dance, music, and  
attire for Native American  
Heritage Month.

Don't miss out on this  
chance to celebrate NAH!

# STUDENT RESOURCES

## Preferred Name Request (Registrar's office)

[http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/student\\_forms.html](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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