

NSULA Gail Metoyer Jones Center for Inclusion and Diversity



*“Peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice”
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr*



January is Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. The U.S. Department of State raises awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad. Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. It not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere.

January is Poverty in America Awareness Month

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the official poverty rate in 2022 was 11.5 percent with 37.9 million people living in poverty. This month-long initiative is used to raise awareness of poverty and to take a look at the disparities in society and what we can do to help change the situation. It is also a time to learn about and understand the circumstances that can cause people to live in poverty, getting away from the preconceived notions that may or may not have anything to do with it. National Poverty in America Awareness Month calls on people to show empathy and donate to those in need. It also is a time to look at measures and public policies that can help eliminate poverty in the country.



MLK Weekend Celebration

NSULA will host their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. weekend celebration where we honor the legacy of Dr. King. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 19: Judas and the Black Messiah Movie Night
Student Union Lucille Hendricks Room 6PM

Friday, January 17 – Saturday, January 18: MLK Days of Service
Time and Location will vary

Saturday, January 20: Echoes of Change
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame 12PM

Monday, January 20 – MLK Day March and Program
Ben Johnson Center 11AM

Monday, January 20 – NSU Basketball game – Honoring Nicole Gray
Prather Coliseum 6:30PM

Tuesday, January 21 – National Day of Racial Healing
Cane River Room 5PM

Upcoming Events

NICSS: Implicit Bias [Faculty/Staff]

Join Mr. Zachary Veuleman and the CID for this NICSS session to learn how implicit bias can cloud judgement and how to eliminate them.

Thursday, January 30
Student Union President's Room
12:00pm

Cultural Bridge Builders Interest Meeting

The Cultural Bridge Builders is a student led group that serves as a way to celebrate diversity with other students through hosting events and student outreach.

Join us at this event to learn more.
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Dates to Know

- **New Years Day – January 1**
- **World Braille Day – January 4**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 20**
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day – January 27**
- **Lunar New Year – January 29**

Last Month

Students began finals week with coffee and donuts in the CID.



We celebrated Claire Guillett for graduating who has been our GA for the past couple of years.



Tip of the Month

File a complaint when buildings lack accessibility

You can file an ABA complaint if you have encountered or are aware of an accessibility barrier at a building or facility covered by the ABA. This includes federal buildings

If your concerns are about the accessibility of state or local government facilities, or places of public accommodation, like movie theaters and hotels, you can file a civil rights complaint with the US department of Justice using its Civil Rights Reporting Portal.

