

NSULA Gail Metoyer Jones Center for Inclusion and Diversity



*“With ignorance comes fear, from fear comes bigotry. Education is the key to acceptance.”
— Kathleen Patel*



June is Pride Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is observed in the United States during the month of June. Pride month is dedicated to the celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pride. Pride Month began after the Stonewall riots, a series of gay liberation protests in 1968. The 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

Pride Month also serves as a time to combat homophobic/transphobic bigotry and to challenge stereotypes and prejudices in order to serve as an ally to the LGBTQ+ community.

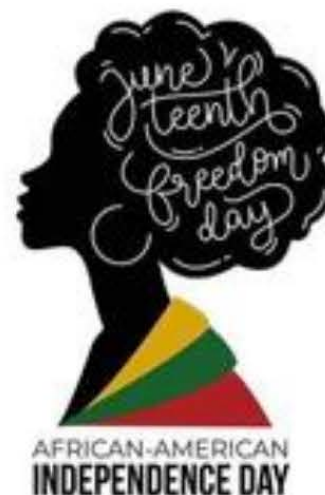


Juneteenth National Independence Day

Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery.

Juneteenth marks our country's second independence day. Although it has long celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans.

Juneteenth today is about celebrating culture, freedom, respect, and inclusion. Celebrating this day reflects our desire to repair the impact centuries of slavery still have on society.



Pride Events in the Community

CENLA Pride 10th Annual Pride Weekend

CENLA Pride is hosting a pride weekend and festival! Activities include a silent art auction, creative art competition, pride walk, festival/concert, and drag show.

Randolph Riverfront Center, Alexandria, LA

June 7th - June 8th

See CENLA Pride on Facebook for more info!

Shreveport Q-Prom

Dress up in your best attire and get ready to dance the night away at the Shreveport Q-Prom. Celebrate love and self-expression in a welcoming and joyous environment filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable memories!

Artspace, Shreveport, LA

Saturday, June 22nd

7:00 p.m. - Midnight

See ShrevePride on Facebook for more info!

Juneteenth Events in the Community

Juneteenth Freedom Festival

The City of Natchitoches is hosting the Juneteenth Freedom Festival. There will be live music, food, vendors, and fireworks! Admission is free!

Downtown Riverbank, Natchitoches, LA

Saturday, June 15th

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Student Educator Opportunity

If you are a student and are interested in planning and partaking in more events like our Shades of Feminism: A Paint and Sip Discussion, join the Cultural Bridge Builders. Click the link below to apply!

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Dates to Know

- **Race Unity Day (Baha'i) - June 9th**
- **Shavuot/Pentecost (Jewish) - June 11th - 13th**
- **Loving Day - June 12th**
- **Anne Frank Day - June 12th**
- **The Hajj - June 14th - June 19th**
- **Eid al-Adha (Islamic) - June 16th - June 19th**
- **Father's Day - June 16th**
- **Juneteenth - June 19th**
- **World Refugee Day - June 20th**
- **Anniversary of Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S. - June 26th**
- **National Pride Day - June 28th**

Last Month

We celebrated our graduating students of the CID who dedicated their time to teaching their peers how to be more inclusive on campus.

Congratulations A'Shuntee and Gabrielle!



Tip of the Month

How to be an ally:

- Acknowledge & recognize your privilege
- Educate yourself on the challenges faced by underrepresented groups
- Listen to others, validate their feelings, and know when to let someone else speak.
- Speak up and use your voice and privileges to amplify the voices of others. Stand up against discrimination and microaggressions.

