

# NSULA Gail Metoyer Jones Center



## Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

*"You have to remember the value of your individuality- that you have something special and different to offer that nobody else can."*  
— Jennifer Lopez



## Ways to Celebrate:

- Learn about Latino culture
- Look for local Hispanic/Latin celebrations
- Take a virtual tour of a museum
- Read books, magazines, or articles about Hispanic history



## September Starts Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture that starts on September 15 and ends on October 15. It began as a week-long celebration in 1968 and was expanded to a month years later in 1988. It is a time to properly recognize contributions that Hispanic/Latino Americans have made to the United States.



## Upcoming Event

### Wing Wednesday

Join us for a flavorful introduction to the Gail Metoyer Jones Center. As you indulge in delicious wings, you'll also feast on conversation about our mission.

**September 10 in Student Union Hendrick Room at 5:00pm**

## Upcoming Events

### **Inclusive Language and Communication NICSS [Faculty/Staff]**

Dr. Jasmine Wise and Mrs. Brittany Broussard will explain language that includes and excludes, with a focus on names, pronouns, idioms, and culturally respectful communication.

**Student Union President's Room  
September 16 at 11:00am - 12:30pm**

### **International Day of Sign Languages**

Join us in celebration of World Sign Language Day as we learn basic signs that are used in every day language.

**Student Union President's Room  
September 23 at 7:00pm**

### **First Generation Graduate Student Mixer**

Being a first generation student can be challenging. Join us and other students to partake in a supportive and educational environment.

**Student Union Purple Jacket Room (321)  
September 24 at 5:00pm**

## Dates to Know

- **September 1 - 30 - National Guide Dog Month**
- **September 1 - 30 - Suicide Prevention Month**
- **September 11 - Patriot Day**
- **September 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month begins**
- **September 15 - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua Independence Day**
- **September 15 - International Day of Democracy**
- **September 16 - Mexican Independence Day**
- **September 16 - 23 - Bisexual Visibility Week**
- **September 18 - Chile Independence Day**
- **September 21 - Belize Independence Day**
- **September 22 - Rash Hashanah Begins**
- **September 23 - Bisexual Visibility Day**
- **September 23 - International Day of Sign Languages (UN)**
- **September 26 - National Native American Day**

## Last Month

We started the semester off strong by welcoming incoming freshman at the Information Station.



The Cultural Bridge Builders held their first meeting to plan this semester's events.



## Tip of the Month

### **Building a Sense of Belonging**

Creating an environment where everyone feels accepted, respected, and included requires intentional effort. Try practicing proactive communication, valuing individual identities and fostering meaningful connections in any setting.