

NSULA Gail Metoyer Jones Center



*"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour."
- John Boswell*



December is AIDS Awareness Month



December is AIDS Awareness Month. This is a time to raise awareness and reflect on the impact that this epidemic has had on our communities and on the world. The United States has made enormous strides in HIV treatment, care and prevention since the epidemic began 40 years ago. Human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, is a virus that attacks cells that help the body fight infection, making a person more vulnerable to other infections and diseases. If left untreated, HIV can lead to the disease AIDS, or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. There is no cure, but it is treatable with medicine

Winter is the Holiday Season

There are many holidays that take place during the winter all around the world. Christmas is dominant in American culture, but there are many other holidays and celebrations that other countries predominantly celebrate, such as Boxing Day. When greeting a stranger, it is good to say, "Happy Holidays," to be inclusive to everyone who is celebrating a winter holiday.



Upcoming Events

MLK Weekend Celebration

The GMJC and many other organizations on campus will host a weekend of service, where students and the community can volunteer.

We will also host the annual MLK Day March on that Monday.

January 16 - 19

Graduating Students of the GMJC



We would like to recognize Maija Lazard for graduating with a Master's degree in Counseling.

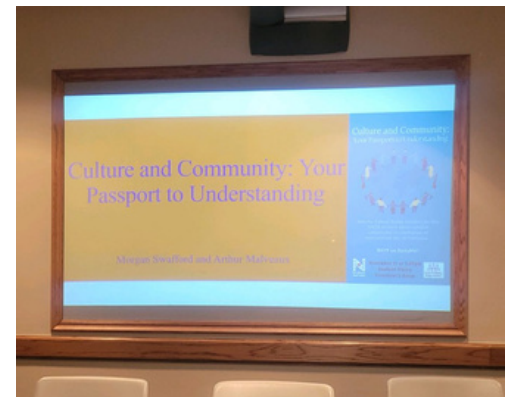
Congratulations Maija!

Dates to Know

- **December 1 - 31 - Universal Human Rights Month**
- **December 1 - World AIDS Day**
- **December 3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
- **December 6 - St. Nicholas Day**
- **December 10 - International Human Rights Day**
- **December 14 - 22 - Hanukkah**
- **December 16-24 - Las Posadas**
- **December 21 - Winter Solstice- Yule**
- **December 25 - Christmas**
- **December 26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa**
- **December 31 - New Years Eve**

Last Month

The Cultural Bridge Builders hosted a NICSS on cultural competence, and students discussed how it related to their experiences.



Tip of the Month

Be Mindful of Others' Holiday Traditions

December is full of celebrations from a multitude of religions and cultures. Take an interest in other people's traditions and make them feel welcome. Find out what they do during this time of the year that is special.