



# UNITY — MONTH —

Unity Month at Mississippi State University is an opportunity to share differing views, perspectives and cultures. This also serves as a time to engage students, faculty, and staff about the values and vitality represented at the university and globally. This week will consist of entertainment, speakers, and dialogues that will foster an atmosphere of learning about the contributions of others and celebrate the dynamics of diversity and inclusion.



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**WORTH A TRI TRIATHLON**  
*April 1 – 11*  
 Register: [play.ure.msstate.edu](http://play.ure.msstate.edu)  
 Joe Frank Sanderson Center

The virtual triathlon benefits the MSU Access Program. With limited funding and minimal scholarships currently available for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Access is seeking support for current and future students. All fees and donations will be applied towards continuing educational opportunities.

**UNITY AMONG DIFFERENCES**  
*April 1 – 31*  
 Mitchell Memorial Library 2nd and 3rd Floor Exhibit

The exhibit consists of photographs of students, faculty, and staff and asked questions regarding valuing differences and finding unity at Mississippi State University. In collaboration with the Mitchell Memorial Library, the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center showcases some of the photographs with perspectives of valuing differences and seeking unity. During the university's Unity Month, the gallery encourages people to reflect their thoughts on differences and unity in the country's divisive climate.

**"BULLY'S INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS"**  
 INTERNATIONAL FIESTA COOKBOOK  
*April 6*  
 HCDC's Social Media: Facebook: MSU Holmes Cultural Diversity Center / Instagram: @msstate\_hcdc

This is the second year that the World Neighbors Association and HCDC canceled the annual International Fiesta due to the global pandemic. One of the highlights of our normal gatherings for the last 28 years of the Annual International Fiesta is the food cooked by our international student and community groups. In light of this favorite part of the Fiesta, they created a cookbook with some of these favorite recipes as a substitute to remind us of the wonderful food we have enjoyed in the past years and give you an opportunity to try your hand at international cuisine preparation.

**VIRTUAL VIGIL FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ATLANTA SPA SHOOTINGS**  
*April 6*  
 7:00 pm  
 MSU TV Livestream: <http://www.utc.msstate.edu/mstv/>

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center as they invite representatives of the university to console the victims of the recent Atlanta Spa Shootings, show support for the communities and people that are affected by the incident, and reflect and share thoughts and feelings.

**WHAT WERE YOU WEARING?: EXHIBIT**  
*April 8 – 20, 2021*  
 Union Art Gallery

The Department of Art will exhibit clothes that individuals wore when they experienced sexual violence, along with their stories, to raise awareness. The exhibition challenges participants to engage with the universal connection to clothing and reflect on what gives this specific sexual violence culture myth power.

**BULLDOG MINORITY HEALTH SYMPOSIUM**  
*April 9*  
 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
 Webex & RSVP: <https://msstate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/7014515>

The MSU Bulldog Minority Health Symposium is for underrepresented students in the state of Mississippi. The goal of this symposium is to provide resources and networking opportunities, as well as inspire them to practice healthcare in Mississippi. At this event, you will be able to meet staff from the Health Professions Resource Center, socialize with other students who are pursuing a pre-health path, and gain valuable information from healthcare professionals. This will be a hybrid event that consists of in-person and virtual informational sessions. Each session will highlight various subjects such as a day in the life of a healthcare professional, admissions process, and more!

**MAROON TABLE TALK: IPV AMONG MSU COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
*April 13*  
 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
 Webex & RSVP: <https://msstate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/7022063>

Join the Health Promotion & Wellness during the month of April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month to learn more about intimate partner violence among MS State University college students with Dr. Tara Sutton from the Department of Sociology. She will share her research, resources, and best practices to serve our students to prevent violence.

**A DAY OF COMMUNITY**  
*April 14*  
 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 Drill Field

The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center hosts a Day of CommUNITY to unite different faith/thought-based organizations and provide an opportunity for students to meet with representatives of these organizations and learn how to get involved.

**"WONDER WOMAN": FILM SHOWING**  
*April 14*  
 6:00 – 8:30 pm  
 Rogers Auditorium of McCool Hall

Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center as they host a film showing of "Wonder Woman". Story: When a pilot crashes and tells of conflict in the outside world, Diana, an Amazonian warrior in training, leaves home to fight a war, discovering her full powers and true destiny.

**AN EVENING WITH EBONY STEWART**  
*April 15*  
 6:00 pm  
 Webex Link & RSVP: <https://msstate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6985199>

Join us during Sexual Assault Awareness Month as the Health Promotion & Wellness Department hosts Ebony Stewart for our virtual poetry performance. She is an international touring poet and performance artist. Her work speaks to the black experience, with emphasis on gender, sexuality, womanhood, and race, with the hopes to be relatable, remove shame, heal minds, encourage dialogue, and inspire folks in marginalized communities. Door prizes will be available for the first 50 to register.

**TUNNEL OF OPPRESSION**  
*April 15, 2021*  
 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
 3rd Floor of the Colvard Student Union

**Session One**  
 Time: 4:00 pm  
 Register: <https://msstate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6628567>

**Session Two**  
 Time: 5:00 pm  
 Register: <https://msstate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/7040622>

The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center invites you to take part in this year's Tunnel of Oppression. Through storytelling, this program's purpose is to educate our campus community on various forms of oppression that plague and effect diverse, and often marginalized, populations.

**LAVENDER GRADUATION CELEBRATION**  
*April 19*  
 12:00 pm  
 Social Media of Safe Zone Advisory Board: Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/msstatezab>) / Instagram (@msstateszad)

The Safe Zone Advisory Board hosts the Lavender Graduation Celebration virtually to acknowledge and celebrate accomplishments of this year's LGBTQ+ graduates. Graduates will receive a rainbow stole and graduation gifts.