



# THE SANKOFA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY EDITION

## LOOKING AHEAD



### CELEBRATING Martin Luther King Jr.

“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END  
THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT  
ABOUT THE THINGS THAT  
MATTER”

### CULTURAL CENTER

JAN 17 | [UofL MLK Day of Service](#)

JAN 24 | 1pm-3pm | [Melanin Monday](#)  
Cultural & Equity Center

JAN 26 | 3pm-4pm | [Crafting your Dream](#)  
Cultural & Equity Center

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### LGBT CENTER

JAN 17 | [UofL MLK Day of Service](#)

JAN 27 | 12pm-1pm | [LGBTQ+ 101 Training for Faculty & Staff](#)  
Virtual Presentation

JAN 28 | 10am-1pm | [Cardinal OUTlook Day](#)  
Campus Preview Day for Admitted LGBTQ+ Students & Guests  
University Club | Ballroom

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### WOMEN'S CENTER

All Month | [National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month Social Media Campaign](#)

JAN 21 | 2pm-3pm | [Feminist Game Friday](#)  
Cultural & Equity Center

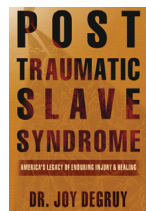
JAN 31 | 5pm-6:30pm | [Human Trafficking & Prevention Workshop](#)  
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### DIVERSITY EDUCATION & INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

If you or your unit conducts trainings, please add to the repository [HERE](#).  
[Check out information for our trainings!](#)



Stay tuned for our upcoming book study this semester!

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### MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE

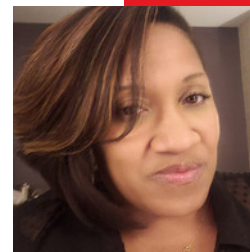
JAN 1-17 | [Standing Up for Peace: How Does Muhammad Ali Inspire Us Today?](#)

[Submit your video/audio tribute](#)

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## A LOOK INTO OUR CENTERS

“On behalf of the Cultural Center, Diversity Education and Inclusive Excellence, LGBT Center, Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, and the Women’s Center, welcome to our monthly newsletter. This newsletter is designed to keep our campus and community partners up-to-date on all of the great work taking place across our team. While we have always worked toward creating more antiracist and equitable spaces, we realize many of our partners are unaware of all of the critical work we are engaged in on a daily basis. This newsletter is designed to not only tell our story, but also highlight the many ways you can engage in the work as well. If you have not had a chance to visit our new Cultural and Equity Center, we hope you will make time to stop by soon.”



Marian R. Vasser, M.Ed.  
*Executive Director of Diversity and Equity*



CULTURAL & EQUITY CENTER



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## LOOKING BACK

### FALL 2021 CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

#### CULTURAL CENTER

The Cultural Center had more than **3000** student contacts throughout the fall semester and engaged more than **500** during center & student fall events. Signature events included the Cultural Conexiones, Melanin Monday's & Kickback at the CC. The center premiered its new CCTV series.

#### LGBT CENTER

Pride Kickoff - More than **300** student, faculty, and staff came through the Red Barn to kick off Pride Month! Resources, swag, food, and more were given out, and everyone enjoyed!

Alternative Thanksgiving - More than **65** students, faculty, & staff served in an affirming space. In addition, December graduates were recognized and three recipients were awarded Katy Garrison Student Leadership Awards. Interim President, Dr. Lori Gonzalez, joined other faculty and staff from across campus to volunteer at the event.

#### WOMEN'S CENTER

The Angel Tree Initiative received donated gifts valued at approximately **\$3,500** for the student-parents and their children. There were 16 student-parents and 19 children supported.



#### DIVERSITY EDUCATION & INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

Staff facilitated over **70** workshops on topics including Implicit Bias, Anti-Racism, Microaggressions, Engaging in Difficult Dialogue, and Power & Privilege.

#### MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE

In fall 2021, MAI welcomed a new cohort of **10** scholars.



2021-2023 Cohort at their opening dinner with Lonnie Ali

#### Welcome Back Block Party

The Cultural & Equity Center welcomed more than **300** members of the UofL community back to campus during Welcome Week!

#### DIVERSITY TIP OF THE MONTH

The crime is usually not what destroys relationships, it's usually the cover-up. When you make a mistake, and you will, simply own it. Own it, apologize, commit to doing better and DO BETTER. Responding with "you took that the wrong way", "I'm not racist/sexist/transphobic...", etc. are the least productive responses. It implies your intent is far more important than the impact. When harm is caused, resist defaulting to your right to free speech and lean instead toward compassion and empathy. Commit to educating yourself about the harm that was caused and commit to doing better.

Thank you for taking time out to explore our newsletter and we hope to see you soon!  
To learn more about our individual centers, please visit us at [louisville.edu/diversity/](https://louisville.edu/diversity/).