

**DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS**

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

- 8/8-8/9 APA Convention
- 10/24-10/27 WACES - Volunteer!

**UNIVERSITY DATES + DEADLINES**

- 6/19 - Juneteenth

**EVENTS**

- 6/14-6/16 Flagstaff Juneteenth Celebrations
- Check out events near you!

**CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT**

- Pride Month
- Father's Day
- Juneteenth

**Please enjoy your summer break and/or summer classes and send any updates you may have for future editions of the newsletter to [Tessa.Alexander@nau.edu](mailto:Tessa.Alexander@nau.edu)**

**Happy Summer!**

Even though Summer is in full swing, there are plenty of exciting things happening in our department.

**Teaching in China**

As you may know from last month, we have 3 department members currently in China teaching at Tianhua University. Best of luck to Carlos Calderon, Kati Cooke, and Alana Kennedy.

**AHB Program**

Summer also hasn't slowed down for Dr. Noe Vargas. He is hard at work to continue improving and developing connections for the Applied Human Behavior 90/30 program. He recently brought together a group of people to form a new advisory committee for the program. This committee includes: Zoe Flippen, Michael Swett, Veronica Villanueva, Ray Young, Sarah McPhillips, Jacqueline Webster, Gloria Bravo, Deborah Anaya, Yvonne Fortier, and our own Margaret Boatright. It is very exciting to see so many behavioral health professionals becoming connected to the program and showing their dedication to helping all upcoming professionals.

**Fulbright Specialist**

Finally, we want to recognize our incredible Department Chair, Dr. Sara Abercrombie. She was selected as a Fulbright specialist, which will take her to India this summer. Congratulations on this prestigious opportunity to travel and learn!!

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- [APA Convention](#) will take place in Seattle & Virtually from August 8-10, 2024.
- The WACES conference will be in Tucson the weekend of Oct 24-27th. Students can [volunteer](#) for this event in exchange for free registration- sign up by June 15. Several NAU counseling professors will be attending and presenting.

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## ACADEMIC DATES + DEADLINES

- 6/19 - Juneteenth (University Closed)

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## EVENTS

- In Flagstaff, there will be multiple [events related to Juneteenth](#):
  - 6/14 - Juneteenth Gala | 5-11:30pm Little America
  - 6/15 - Community Festival | 10am-4pm Murdoch Community Center
  - 6/16 - Community Talk | 2-3 pm Murdoch Community Center
- We encourage you to click the below links to view events happening near you!

NAU  
Events

Flagstaff  
Events

Phoenix  
Events

Tucson  
Events

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## CULTURE AND DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

June is a month of many celebrations! This month we celebrate Pride Month, Father's Day, and Juneteenth.

This year, NAU celebrated **Pride Month** in April to ensure that it was recognized before the spring term ended. There were many events across campus including discussions, games, and a ball. In addition, NAU recognized some NAU and Flagstaff who have made a difference in the LGBTQIA+ community. [The Office of Inclusion shared](#), "we remember the individuals at the forefront of the LGBTQIA+ rights movement at NAU and in the greater Flagstaff community—figures like NAU staff member/alum Robbie Bergman, who established an HIV hotline with his partner in their home in 1986; or faculty member Phyllis Schiller, who started The Gay Academic Union student group with two students in that same year." Click the link above to learn more!

This year marks the 159th anniversary of the original **Juneteenth** when over 250,000 enslaved people became free in Texas. This marks the 4th anniversary of Juneteenth becoming a federally recognized holiday. Flagstaff is hosting several events with the Coconino County African Diaspora Advisory Council. See the events information and link above for more information!

Finally, we want to wish all our Lumberjack dads a **Happy Father's Day!**