



OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

GUIDEBOOK

PURPOSE

Established in 2018, The Department of Multicultural Student Engagement (MSE) aims to provide education, training, and programming to foster belonging and success in the Augusta University community. The office collaborates with departments, colleges, and student organizations to promote our Augusta University value of inclusivity.

MISSION

To create and celebrate inclusivity through programming, advocacy, and educational initiatives that develop and empower culturally competent students, faculty, and staff.

HISTORY

The Multicultural Student Engagement Office was founded in the Spring of 2018. Multicultural Student Engagement initiatives were housed in the Department of Student Life and Engagement prior to the office's creation.

In the Summer of 2019, the Multicultural Student Engagement Center was created on the second floor of the JSAC. The Multicultural Student Center was opened in the Fall of 2019.



WELCOME FROM THE MSE!

We strive to provide initiatives and programs that cultivate belonging, inclusivity, engagement, and academic success for the Augusta University community. We create safe spaces for underrepresented groups and educational opportunities that foster self-exploration and celebrate our campus community. The Office is dedicated to creating an empowering, supportive, and welcoming environment for you.

We welcome you to visit the Multicultural Student Engagement Center, say hello, and let us know how we can support you during your student experience.

CONTACT US!

MSE Office Email
MSE@augusta.edu

Instagram
[@aug_mse](https://www.instagram.com/aug_mse)

Website
augusta.edu/multicultural

Office Location
JSAC 2nd Floor, Room 209

THE MSE CENTER



The Multicultural Student Engagement Center is a safe space for students of all identities. The Center provides educational programming, a student organization meeting space, and trainings for student leaders to assist in social change.

The space features (3) computers, a large conference table, comfortable lounge chairs, and professional and student staff that can assist and support students in need. It is located on the Summerville Campus on the second floor of the Jaguar Student Activities Center. It also features a library that has resources great for broadening your understanding of inclusivity and multiculturalism.

MULTICULTURAL LIBRARY

The Multicultural Resource Library has various available resources, such as books, magazines, and games containing information on identity, self-help, career planning, history, and more. These resources are available to all Augusta University students.

RESERVE THE CENTER

If your organization is interested in reserving the MSE Center, please email us at MSE@augusta.edu and describe the purpose and details of your event. A member of the MSE office will follow up with next steps.



OFFICE INITIATIVES

REOCCURRING EVENTS



HOUSE PARTY



COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS



BEING _____ AT AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY



CULTURE FEST



UNITY TALENT SHOW



SISTA CIRCLE



MULTICULTURAL GRADUATION



MINI-PRIDE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BALL



MSE EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE PARTY

Whether you're a returning student or new to our community, explore the MSE Center at our annual House Party! Meet fellow students, MSE staff, and get acquainted with the resources and opportunities that await you. We can't wait to show you around and make you feel at home!

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

Elevate your understanding of inclusivity through Courageous Conversations, our Virtual Speaker Series. Join us for a thought-provoking journey led by experts and influencers, where we explore critical topics, share experiences, and discuss actionable strategies to prepare students for an increasingly globalized society. This series is your opportunity to connect, learn, and be inspired from the comfort of your home or office as we collectively work toward a brighter future.

BEING _____ AT AU

Being _____ at Augusta University celebrates unique student identities and fosters a sense of belonging. Engage in meaningful conversations and enjoy exciting activities in a safe and fun environment. Come as you are and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of identities together!



MSE EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

CULTUREFEST

Culture Fest is a vibrant celebration of our campus community! Immerse yourself in music, dance, and performances while connecting with our various cultural student organizations.

UNITY TALENT SHOW

Step into the spotlight and showcase your unique talents while fostering unity! The Unity Talent Show is not just a competition; it's a celebration of the eclectic talents that make our community extraordinary. First and second-place winners can win a scholarship.

SISTA CIRCLE

Sista Circle is more than just a gathering; it's a sacred space designed to celebrate the strength, resilience, and beauty of Black women coming together. This intimate, supportive community provides a safe haven where Black women can connect, uplift one another, and embark on journeys of personal growth.



MSE EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

MULTICULTURAL GRADUATION

Multicultural graduation is a special event designed to celebrate and honor the achievements of students from various cultural backgrounds, including APIDA+, Black, first-generation, Hispanic/Latino/Latina, and LGBTQ+ college students.

MINI - PRIDE

Mini Pride packs a punch of love and unity! Come together with friends and allies to honor the LGBTQ+ community, share stories, and embrace the vibrant spirit of pride. It may be mini, but our pride is mighty, and all are welcome to join in the festivities!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BALL

The annual Black History Month ball allows the entire Augusta University community to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Americans! Each year, we select a student organization to co-host the ball and select the theme.

STUDENT SUCCESS

MULTICULTURAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Multicultural Mentorship program is a peer mentoring program designed and designated for first-year students from any underrepresented identities, such as students of color, first-generation students, LGBTQ+ students, students with disabilities, international students, veteran students, or students from religious minorities.



AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE INITIATIVE

The African American Male Initiative (AAMI) is a leadership development program designed to cultivate the talents and abilities of any Black student who identifies as a man. AAMI works to support their academic and future career goals through mentorship and community-building

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD



MESA serves as a student advisory board for the Multicultural Student Engagement Office. Students on this advisory board will work collectively toward continually enhancing the programs and services of MSE, evaluating the needs of our eclectic student population, identifying relevant campus issues, and promoting a campus environment of inclusivity, cultural engagement, and social responsibility.

PEER EDUCATOR PROGRAM

The Peer Educator Program aims to educate the Augusta University community on matters pertaining to cultural competency through training and facilitated conversations. Peer Educators facilitate training modules for student organizations, moderate hot topic discussions regarding relevant topics, and provide assistance and resources to students on campus.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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The Office of Multicultural Student Engagement supports and works with multiple identity-based student organizations on campus.

These are just a few examples of the student organizations registered under our office. For a comprehensive list, please visit: augusta.edu/multicultural/resources

RACE/ETHNICITY-BASED



Black Student Union



Indian Cultural Exchange



Asian Students In Augusta

RELIGIOUS



Muslim Student Association



Baptist Collegiate Ministry



Wesley Foundation

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GREEK



Black Greek Letter Organizations

LGBTQ+



Lambda Alliance



WANT TO COLLABORATE WITH US?

Student organizations are encouraged to collaborate with the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement in developing and hosting events and programs. If you and your organization would like to collaborate or host events with us, please email us at MSE@augusta.edu.



RELATED AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY OFFICES

GEORGIA
CANCER
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
M. Bert Storey
Research Building
1410

RELATED AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY OFFICES

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY - OFFICE OF DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

AU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) aims to provide strategic direction and guidance to the university community as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Contact:
706-721-9265
augusta.edu/diversity/
G. Lombard Kelly Building - Health
Science Campus

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION - COLLEGE OF NURSING

Augusta University College of Nursing is committed to providing an excellent learning experience and welcoming environment for all of its students and employees.

Contact:
706-721-4102
augusta.edu/nursing/diversity.php
Jennings Building - Health Science
Campus

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION - DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

The DCG believes a diverse faculty, staff, and student body enhances educational opportunities for all students, treatment opportunities for all patients, and professional development for all employees.

Contact:
706-721-7108
augusta.edu/dentalmedicine/academics/diversity/

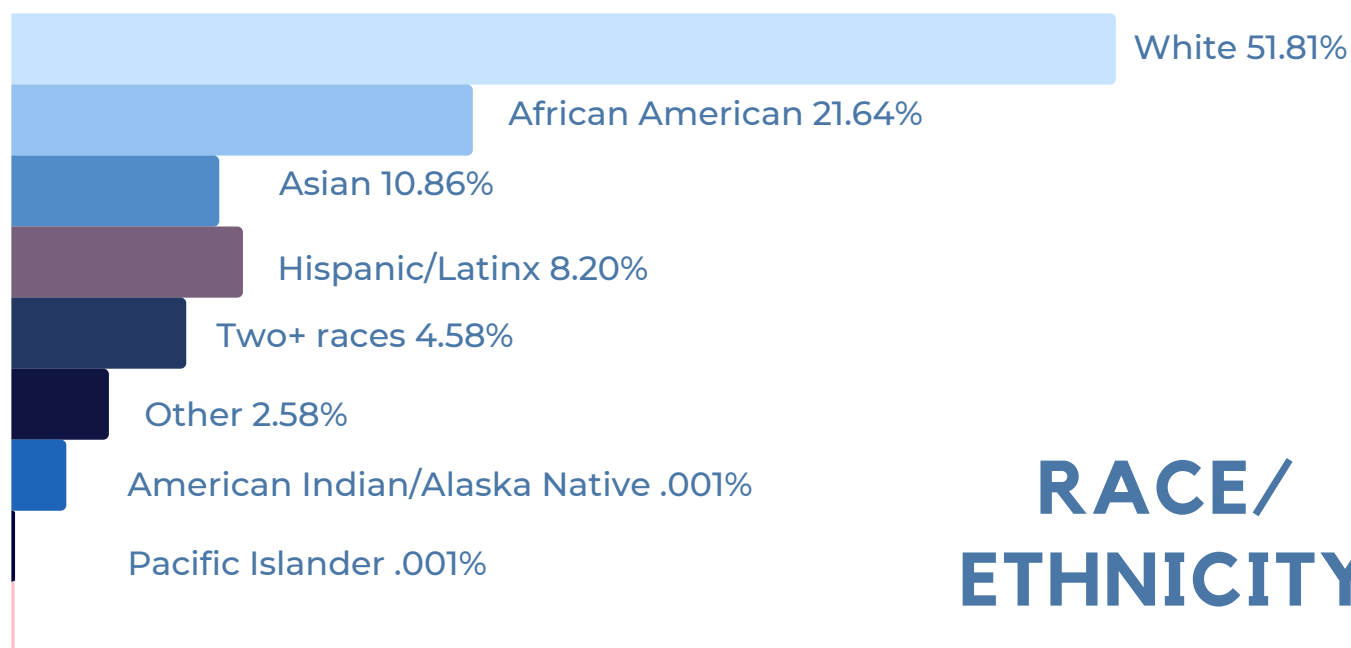
OFFICE OF STUDENT & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS - MCG

MCG seeks to enhance diversity in its learning environment and address health care inequities in our communities by including members from medically underserved populations. Visit augusta.edu/mcg/students/.

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

DEMOGRAPHICS 2022

9,813 TOTAL STUDENTS



GENDER

Male
36%



Female
64%

For more information visit
augusta.edu/ie/facts/enrollment



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