



Diversity Matters

January Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Message from Assistant Dean of DEI

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

As we start the new year, I want to first reflect on last fall semester and thank you for your tremendous dedication! I am particularly proud of the DEI work we have accomplished. For instance, we successfully completed and submitted our college DIEP Plan, which was fully approved on November 1st, 2022. In addition, we launched a number of initiatives, such as the College's DEI webpage, the Diversity Matters Newsletter, the Enhancing Diversity Monthly Brown Bags Series, the Engineering and Computing Pathways: UGA Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, and the Climate Survey.

Yet with all the items above, we also realize that there are many more activities and elements of our DEI program to follow. These will collectively help us raise the bar and make us proud of what we are able to put in place for this important aspect of our college culture and learning environment.

I am wishing you all a healthy, happy, diverse and inclusive 2023.



Happy Lunar New Years

For some Asian countries such as China, Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and more, this is one of the most important holidays of the year. Think of this as the "Christmas" for these countries -some celebrations last for as long as week to a month, some work places allowing for holiday breaks all during Lunar New Years!

This year's zodiac animal is the rabbit (cat in Vietnam's Lunar calendar), so if you were born on 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939, or 1927, this might be your lucky year!

JAN 22

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

MONDAY, JAN 16

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail, April 16, 1963.

Martin Luther King Jr., known as one of the most prominent Civil Rights Leaders in America, was born in in 1929 in Atlanta, GA where his influence dubbed Georgia one of the home states of the Civil Rights Movement. King's precedence ultimately encouraged the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and Voting Rights Act in 1965. When Mary Frances Early, the first African-American graduate of UGA graduated in 1962 -only about two generational lifetimes away, King congratulated her achievement and strength, which she cited her inspiration actually from King himself. King's legacy remains as his work is continued by people today.



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Scholarships

Deadline: February 1, 2023
Link: <https://engineering.purdue.edu>

Purdue University Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)
 SURF is a 10-week-long paid research opportunity for undergraduates enrolled in US universities. SURF Program Dates: May 22- Aug 2, 2023
 Students receive a summer stipend of \$6,000

Application opens: January 1, 2023
Deadline: February 15, 2023
Link: <https://scholarships.smef.org/app>

SME Education Foundation

Scholarships are presented annually to junior college students, undergraduate Must be on a path toward an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree in manufacturing engineering, technology, or closely related field at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

Application opens: November 1, 2022
Deadline: February 1, 2023
Link: <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

2023 Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Empowers students and parents with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education, while providing support services and scholarships to as many exceptional students possible. Awards range from \$500-\$5,000.

Deadline: April 7, 2023
SMDP Info Session on January 20th at 11am PST

2023 Scientist Mentoring & Diversity Programs for Biotechnology (SMDP Biotech) and Medical Technology (SMDP MedTech)

The one-year career mentoring program pairs ethnically diverse undergraduate and graduate students with mentors who work at medical technology companies

Zoom: <https://icpdprograms-org.zoom.us/meeting/>
Link to apply: <http://smdp.icpdprograms.org/>

JANUARY 2023

1 New Year's Day

7 Eastern Orthodox Christmas in Russia

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.



1 Emancipation Proclamation: President Lincoln declared all individuals held in slavery free on this day in 1863

9 UGA Classes resume



22 Lunar New Year: this festival marks the start of the new year in the lunar calendar used in East Asia, Southeast Asia and elsewhere

27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust: A United Nations holiday that remembers the approximately 6 million Jews murdered during World War II

2 World Introvert Day

13 Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast



24 World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture: Celebrate the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and African Diasporas around the world.

29 National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia (Canada): Islamophobia is an extreme fear of and hostility toward Islam and Muslims.

6 Feast of the Epiphany: Christian feast day celebrates the star leading the three wise men to baby Jesus closing the Christmas season

15 World Religion Day

15 Makar Sankranti: Hindu festival dedicated to the god of the sun, Surya