National Hispanic/ Latinx Heritage Month

Be sure to check out our page dedicated to Hispanic Heritage month. This month the SJD1 committee will celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by featuring a strand of papel picado (papel pee-ka-doh) in every residence hall. So read more about it at the image below.

SoJo Cinema Featuring: Living Undocumented

By following eight families who live in six different states, hail from six different countries, and have varied problems with their immigration status, Living Undocumented goes inside the experience of life as an undocumented immigrant in the United States with unprecedented intimacy. Available on Netflix.
2.0 SoJo Cinema Featuring: Just Mercy

After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life. Just Mercy is a powerful exposé on systemic racism in the justice system. Available on HBO Max.

Around Higher Ed

10 Ways the Coronavirus has shaped Higher Ed

Institutions of higher education have shifted the way they operate and engage students. The data below will show how it has strained students, employees and others in unexpected ways.

1- 231 class-action lawsuits filed by students to receive tuition or fee refunds
2- 303% increase in student requests for assistance from Lehman College’s food bank
3- 3 million disposable masks purchased by Ohio State University
4- 312 layoffs at the University of Texas at San Antonio
5- 4.7% drop in the number of the lowest-income students who renewed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid
6- 65.6% decline in small-business revenue in Montgomery County, home of Virginia Tech
7- 155 hotel rooms Mississippi State University rented to quarantine students
8- 10% decrease in water usage in one New England college town
9- 204% increase in total number of coronavirus cases in a single week at the University of California at Berkeley
10- 10.4% increase in summer enrollment at Lone Star College

New Chancellor's Fellow for Campus Climate

Dr. Andrea G. Hunter, professor of human development and family studies, has joined the UNCG leadership team as our Chancellor’s Fellow for Campus Climate. Chancellor Gilliam said, “Andrea and Julie have a strong history of collaboration that I expect will not only facilitate a smooth transition in this role... Both have been active contributors to community engaged research projects and diversity and equity initiatives at the departmental, college, and university levels.” To read more follow the link above.
"The Black community is always in a pandemic"

Between the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and all of the changes that happened as a result of the pandemic, there remains a constant loop of racial injustices. From the fear of deportation among some immigrant communities, to the degradation of the Asian community following the outbreak of COVID-19, to the images on television of black men being killed, the impacts of these traumas on the mental health of communities of color is an area of serious concern. So how do we respond and take control of our mental health?

Racism and Toxicity in the Ellen DeGeneres Show

The Ellen DeGeneres show has been a staple of daytime television for many years. Recently the show announced it was taking a break amid allegations of a “toxic” workplace and some employees reporting racism. This article explains a little of the background of the downward spiral of the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

Fighting for social justice is in the WNBA's DNA

Activism has been a part of their DNA for a long time. WNBA continue to bring these issues to light even without the backing the NBA has. WNBA players have more to lose by being politically active. Women, particularly Black women, across sports have long had to fight for justice. Althea Gibson made history in the 1950s as the first African-American to compete in the US National Championships, the precursor to the US Open. Althea broke the color barrier throughout tennis. To learn more about this follow the link above.

SOJO Reflection Questions

1- How can I seek further knowledge/support on where I want to go?
2- In what tangible ways can I commit to sacrificing my privilege today?
   Take time to reflect.