THIS MONTH the SJDI committee and Department of HRL looks to continue its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month for its 3rd consecutive year. This is a celebration held every year from September 15th to October 15th showing an appreciation and celebration of Latinos, Hispanics, Chicanos, Latinx, and Afro-Latinos in the residential community. The celebration starts mid-month because Sept. 15 marks the independence anniversary of five countries: Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. It is followed by Mexico’s Independence Day on Sept. 16 and Chile’s on Sept. 18. Another important date that falls within this 30-day period is Día de la Raza, or Columbus Day, which is celebrated on Oct. 12.

Since starting this initiative in 2019, we have created a website, flyer and papel picado displayed in each residence hall. We are stepping it up this year and adding beautiful yard signs all across campus. We are hopeful the marketing and programs you see in your communities will create meaningful conversations amongst everyone and that you learn something new!

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. In addition to shifting public perception, we use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. NAMI's goal is ensuring that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

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- Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker
- The Just Food Podcast
- Still Processing
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**Higher Ed News: Math for Social Justice**
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**NC News: The Moral Panic Over Critical Race Theory Is Coming for a North Carolina Teacher of the Year**
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**DID YOU KNOW???</br>**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -**
- Home to the city capital of Santo Domingo which is the oldest European settlement in the Americas.

**COLOMBIA -**
- The only country in South America that has coastlines on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

**PUERTO RICO -**
- Home to the world’s largest telescope

**BRAZIL -**
- Was the last country in the Americas to abolish slavery, in 1888.