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# SVA UPCOMING EVENTS

- SVA NATCON Conference January 4th-8th
- SVA Meeting January 4th and 18th at 2PM in the Veterans Lounge

**MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES TO COME IN THE NEW YEAR!**

Check out the SVA Pensacola State College Facebook Page for more information!



# Happy New Year!

## JANUARY 1ST

New Year's Day, January 1, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870. Schools and most businesses are not open. Families and friends may have meals together. Certain foods are eaten for good luck: pork, as pigs are said to represent plenty and moving forward; black eyed-peas, included in dishes such as Hoppin' John, a southern dish, because the roundness of the peas stands for a complete year and money; cabbage, which also means prosperity.

In ancient Rome, on New Year's Day, according to McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia, people "gave themselves up to riotous excess and various kinds of heathen superstition." A very popular custom is to make resolutions - promises to improve oneself during the new year.

# NATIONAL TRIVIA DAY

## JANUARY 4TH

If you love fun and interesting facts, then National Trivia Day is for you! It was founded in 1980 by Robert Birch of Pun Corps, the company that produced and released the family's favorite Trivial Pursuit board game. Celebrated every year on January 4th, this holiday is all about general knowledge, and those people who can store the most obscure, irrelevant, but still interesting facts and quotes in their brains. If this sounds like you, then National Trivia Day is the perfect opportunity to show off to your family and friends.

The unicorn is the national animal of which country?

Answer: Scotland





# RATIFICATION DAY

## JANUARY 14TH

Ratification Day on January 14th annually recognizes the act that officially ended the American Revolution. The day commemorates the ratification of the Treaty of Paris on January 14, 1784, at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, Maryland, by the Confederation Congress.

After the Declaration of Independence was signed, nearly eight years passed before the British and the Americans agreed to a cease-fire. As part of the Treaty of Paris, Great Britain recognized the United States as a sovereign entity.

It is the most enduring premise of the treaty. The treaty also defined boundaries, specifically the Northwest Territory, which included Ohio and the rich prairie land of Indiana and Illinois. The treaty also included Michigan, Wisconsin, and parts of Minnesota. Several of the nation's founding fathers negotiated the peace treaty, including John Adams, John Jay, and Benjamin Franklin.

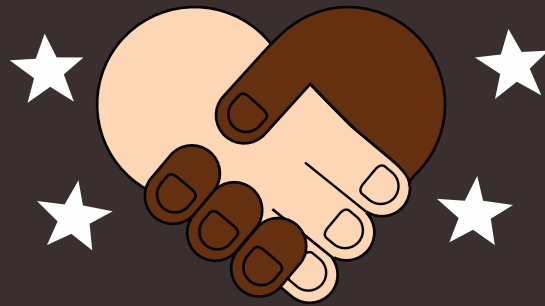


# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

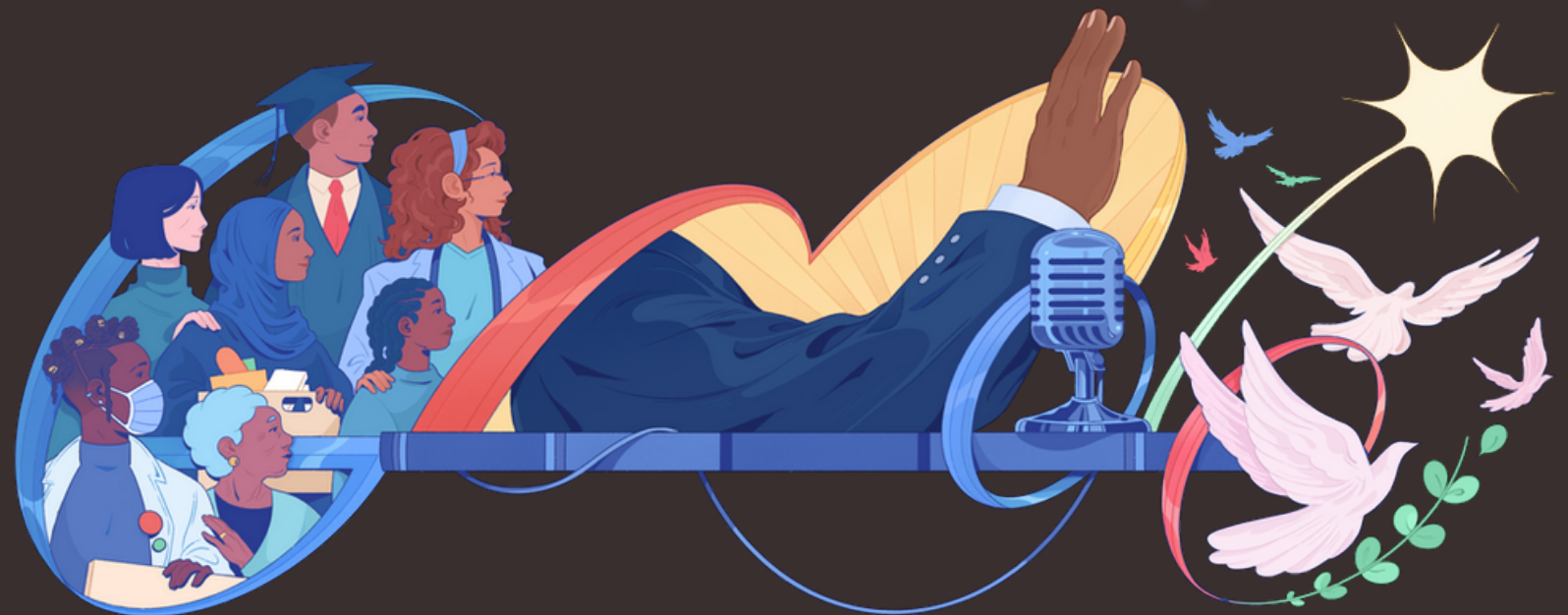
## JANUARY 16TH

On the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King Jr Day honors the American clergyman, activist, Civil Rights Movement leader. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) is best known for his role in advancing civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience. King has become a national icon in the history of American progressivism.

### MLK JR.



### MONTH





# NATIONAL PENGUIN DAY

## JANUARY 20TH

We love penguins for lots of reasons: They walk around in tuxedos, they have a cute waddle, and they're unique! And to show that we care, we observe National Penguin Day on January 20. While this day celebrates the penguins, it's also a time to think about saving them. Many penguin colonies have been lost to climate change and it's estimated that half the population of emperor penguins will vanish by the end of this century. We can start to help these endangered creatures by focusing on environmental issues.



# CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

## JANUARY 22ND

Chinese Lunar New Year's Day is celebrated every year on the first day of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar, typically occurring between January 21 and February 20. This year, it falls on January 22. It is also commonly referred to as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival. Celebrations last for 15 days, seven of which are work-free. During this fun period, families get together, cash gifts are handed to young people, and homes are thoroughly cleaned to usher in fresh blessings for the new year.





# NATIONAL FLORIDA DAY

## JANUARY 25TH

National Florida Day on January 25th recognizes the 27th state to join the United States. The Sunshine State is home to the oldest established city in the country. With over 400 years of history, St. Augustine's streets and colonial architecture have stories to tell. It was founded by Spanish explorers in 1565. East and West Florida became the 14th and 15th British Colonies after the end of the French and Indian War in 1763. However, in 1783, after the end of the American Revolutionary War, The Treaty of Paris returned Florida to Spain.

**IN FLORIDA  
TIME TO BREAK  
OUT**



**THE WINTER  
CLOTHES**

**MEANWHILE IN FLORIDA...**



Everyone in Florida: evacuate for hurricane  
Florida man:



No, I don't think i will



# INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY JANUARY 27TH

On January 27 the world commemorates International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This is a United Nations observance that honors and remembers the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the millions of people who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazi government.

The 27th was chosen as it marks the anniversary of the date when, in 1945, Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest concentration camp operated by the Nazis.





# NATIONAL HAVE FUN AT WORK DAY

## JANUARY 28TH

As if Fridays couldn't get any better around the office, National Fun at Work Day falls on the last Friday of January! Whether you work for a small office or a large organization, injecting fun into the workplace is a great way to bond with coworkers, boost team morale, gain inspiration, and even increase productivity. National Fun at Work Day was created to foster happiness and humor in the office and bring employees together.

So, rally your coworkers and bosses and brainstorm ways to best celebrate. From parties, potlucks, goodies, games, awards, and more, there's no wrong way to celebrate National Fun at Work Day — you just need to bring the fun!



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER

## **SESSION A: January 9th - May 9th, 2023**

- REGISTRATION BEGINS: November 1st, 2022
- DEADLINE TO PAY FEES: January 3rd
- CLASSES BEGIN: January 9th
- ADD/DROP PERIOD ENDS: January 13th
- MIDTERM: May 7th
- LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW: April 5th
- LAST DAY OF TERM: May 9th

## **SESSION B: January 9th - March 7th, 2023**

- REGISTRATION BEGINS: November 1st, 2022
- DEADLINE TO PAY FEES: January 3rd
- CLASSES BEGIN: January 9th
- ADD/DROP PERIOD ENDS: January 10th (ADD)/ January 13th (DROP)
- MIDTERM: February 6th
- LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW: February 16th
- LAST DAY OF TERM: March 7th

**PSC WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH.**

# ADVISORS CORNER



Happy New Year!!! We hope everyone had a great Holiday break. For those students who took finals last month, we hope you had great success. Please note that the A session for the Spring semester starts on January 9th. If for whatever reason you won't be able to start classes then, there is a C session that begins on January 31st. This is a great delayed entry for those who are getting enrolled for the first time around the end of the year or have some placement testing they need to knock out.

As the new semester starts, new students who are veterans need to remember if they desire to use their VA benefits to pay for college, they need to make sure to check in with the PSC Veteran's Service Office (VSO) in building 6 on the Pensacola campus. In order for a veteran student to have the VA pay for their classes and provide other financial support, the VSO needs a letter of eligibility from the VA and complete some intake paperwork. This can all be done online.

For more information, please contact the PSC VSO at (850) 484-1670.

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# COMMENTS FROM THE COORDINATOR

Spring 2023 semester is on the horizon and the VSSC is excited to begin our second year with the mission to support student veterans at Pensacola State College. Our inaugural year allowed us to make vital connections across departments and within the community. This will only allow us to serve you more effectively and with greater efficiency. Our hope this year is to increase the number of student veterans enrolled at Pensacola State College, ensure that the veterans currently enrolled have the support they need to remain in school, and meet their educational goals. We also want to hear from you! Let us know where we can step up our work, grow, and serve you better. Feel free to take our student veteran survey by clicking on the following link:

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Or by scanning the QR code:



Hope you have a happy and safe New Year!

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