



## **Replacing Obstacles**

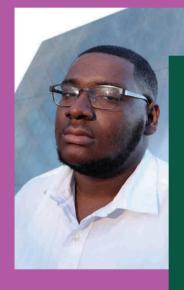
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Advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging is a key priority at Northeastern—and a major goal of our \$1.3 billion campaign. We're not only creating a community that reflects the world our students will lead, we're also modeling our vision for a society where voices are heard and amplified.

But increasing access to the Northeastern experience for students from underrepresented groups **isn't** the end of the story. We must create spaces where they can find community, and gain skills and resources to navigate the university while embracing their identity—in short, we must create spaces where they can **belong**.

Within Northeastern's cultural and spiritual centers, students find support and guidance, giving them the freedom and confidence to learn, grow, and flourish. As essential resources for our campus, these centers depend on the continued support of the global community of Huskies, both during this momentous campaign and into the future. Your gift will help make sure our students always have a place to belong.



"Coming to Northeastern was a huge adjustment. For the first time in my life, I was often the only Black person in the room, which could be incredibly lonely and isolating.

At the cultural centers, I was finally able to find community, to find people who see me for who I am and are invested in helping me succeed. I've taken on leadership roles to help make sure other students can connect to these resources right away and don't have to feel like I did when they arrive."

—Tyreke Gaston, '23

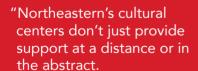


Support students like Tyreke!

### **Centering Excellence**

The centers dedicated to cultural and spiritual life at Northeastern advance diversity and inclusion through dynamic programming that:

- Helps build a sense of community and belonging
- Provides opportunities for students to develop leadership skills in a world where injustice is prevalent



They work closely with each individual student to help shape an experience that allows them to thrive."

—Bob Jose, Dean, Cultural and Spiritual Life



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- Creates opportunities for peer-to-peer engagement
- Promotes social identity development by helping students learn how to tell their own stories
- Allows students to cultivate a life of the mind by connecting them to academic resources for success



#### **Asian American Center**

The Asian American Center at Northeastern seeks to establish a dynamic presence of the Asian American community at the university by promoting continued dialogue on the rich diversity and complexity of the Asian American experience, and how that complexity manifests itself in various aspects of life within and outside of the university.

### Center for Intercultural Engagement and Social Justice Resource Center

CIE-SJRC fosters a sense of belonging for all students at Northeastern by centering historically marginalized individuals and communities. The Center hosts engaging programs, dialogues, and affinity groups to promote opportunities for intersectional identity development through a lens of social justice.

#### John D. O'Bryant African American Institute

Named for the first African American appointed vice president at Northeastern, the Institute aims to guarantee the success of every student of the African Diaspora through active programming, engagement, mentorship, and partnership.

#### **Latinx Student Cultural Center**

The LSCC empowers Latinx leaders of tomorrow in an increasingly global environment through their academic, personal, and professional development. The Center promotes interactions between NU students from diverse backgrounds to enhance their academic, cultural, and social experience.

#### LGBTQA Resource Center

The LGBTQA resource center aspires to create an organized and empowered LGBTQA community at Northeastern. Recognizing the multiple identities that LGBTQA individuals hold, the Center works to build a socially conscious community that welcomes difference, conflict, and intercultural engagement.

#### Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service

CSDS builds partnerships across university departments and disciplines—and with religious communities and public service agencies locally, nationally, and internationally—to help students become spiritually-grounded global citizens and ethical leaders prepared to help build a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.





# **Starts With You**

When belonging extends to every member of our community, we are all stronger as a result. Your support helps amplify the impact of our cultural and spiritual centers, enabling them to reach more students, provide vital resources and guidance, and enrich our community for the benefit of all.



Donate today and lend your support to help build belonging at Northeastern.

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"Because of the resources Northeastern provides to its students, we aren't limited to just one idea of what social justice, inclusion, or community can look like."

> —Sophie Esteves Varvella Vicente, '24



Thank you for supporting cultural and spiritual life at Northeastern.

