

# IDEA FALL Newsletter



## Want to get involved?!

We are always looking for folks interested in joining any of the IDEA subcommittees! If interested, please email Dr. Ty Stafford at [tw37@msstate.edu](mailto:tw37@msstate.edu)

**The first IDEA  
Open Meeting will  
be Tuesday,  
September 26th  
at 5:30 pm in Old  
Main 2180!**

*September  
2023*

Have an upcoming event or want to give a shout out to someone for an accomplishment? Please email us and we can add it to our next newsletter!

Email:  
[hld166@msstate.edu](mailto:hld166@msstate.edu)

# Meet our new undergraduate representatives!



**Deja Howard**

Deja Howard was born and raised in Pass Christian, MS. She is currently a senior in the Psychology department and is one of two undergraduate representatives for the IDEA Committee. She is here to help represent the undergraduates in the psychology program who come from all walks of life. Deja also works in the Gender Impacts Lab to help decrease the disadvantages women face overseas when it comes to the Agriculture and Fishery fields, especially in areas of technology, land, and resources. She also currently serves as the DEIAB chair for Delta Delta Delta here at Mississippi State.



# Meet our new undergraduate representatives!



**Ann Chapman is a Senior Psychology major at Mississippi State University. Ann is one of the Undergraduate Representatives for the Department of Psychology's IDEA Committee. She was born and raised in Mississippi. She is currently working as an Undergraduate Research Assistant in Dr. Nadorff's Grandfamilies Lab and applying to Clinical Psychology PhD Programs. She aspires to collaborate closely with the rest of the committee to foster an inclusive and impartial environment within the psychology department.**



## Ann Chapman







**Dr. M. Nadorff and Dr. E. Stafford win Emmy!!!**  
**Congratulations to Dr. Emily Stafford and Dr. Micahel Nadorff on their recent Grammy! The video that won is the first in a mini-series on youth suicide prevention. It features a man named Justin who overcame a suicide attempt and found meaning and a way to cope with his challenges through running. Justin is now completing his graduate work and will be teaching at a low-income school when he finishes (4th grade).**

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# **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Observances**

## **November 2023 - National Native American Heritage Month**

- November 1 - All Saints' Day
- November 1st and 2nd - Dia De Muertos
- November 12 - Diwali
- November 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance

## **December 2023**

- December 1 - World AIDS Day
- December 3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- December 7-15 - Hanukkah
- December 22 - Winter Solstice
- December 26-January 1 - Kwanzaa

## **January 2024**

- January 13 - Korean American Day
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 18 - Bodhi Day
- January 27 - International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust

## **February 2024 - Black History Month**

- February 1 - National Freedom Day
- February 10 - Lunar New Year (Chinese New Year)
- February 15 - Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

**October 10th is the last day to register to vote in the November 7th election!**

**[Register to vote here!](#)**

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