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Subject: ESU Acknowledges and Celebrates Juneteenth

Today, East Stroudsburg University celebrates Juneteenth, the oldest commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S. According to the National Registry of Juneteenth Organizations and Supporters (juneteenth.com), Juneteenth began in 1865 on June 19th when Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that those enslaved were now free (two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation). Early celebrations were known as "Jubilee Day" and were often used as political rallies to give voting instructions to newly-freed slaves. Juneteenth traditions include parades, street fairs, barbeques, picnics, historical reenactments, singing of traditional songs and public readings of noted African-American authors as well as the Emancipation Proclamation. Seen as a point of pride for Black and African-Americans in our communities, this annual celebration focuses on education, fellowship, building community, and instilling pride in Black Youth. Our campus community acknowledges this event with people across the globe as it symbolizes Black liberation and the pursuit of racial equality.

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Black Lives Matter!

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