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Mission and Vision

Established: September 1, 2023

Mission

The Center for Student Advocacy and Community reduces barriers that inhibit academic and personal success by identifying areas of need, providing connections to resources, and supporting student-led programs and initiatives that strengthen our community.

Vision

We envision a future where every student feels like a valued member of the UH community, has their essential needs addressed, and are supported to achieve their academic and personal goals.



Center for Student
Advocacy and Community
Division of Student Affairs

Mission is Operationalized by:

**Address
Essential Needs**

1:1 Resource Appointments
Emergency Assistance
Sense of Connection
Cougar Cupboard
Advisor of Cougar Closet

**Community
Builders**

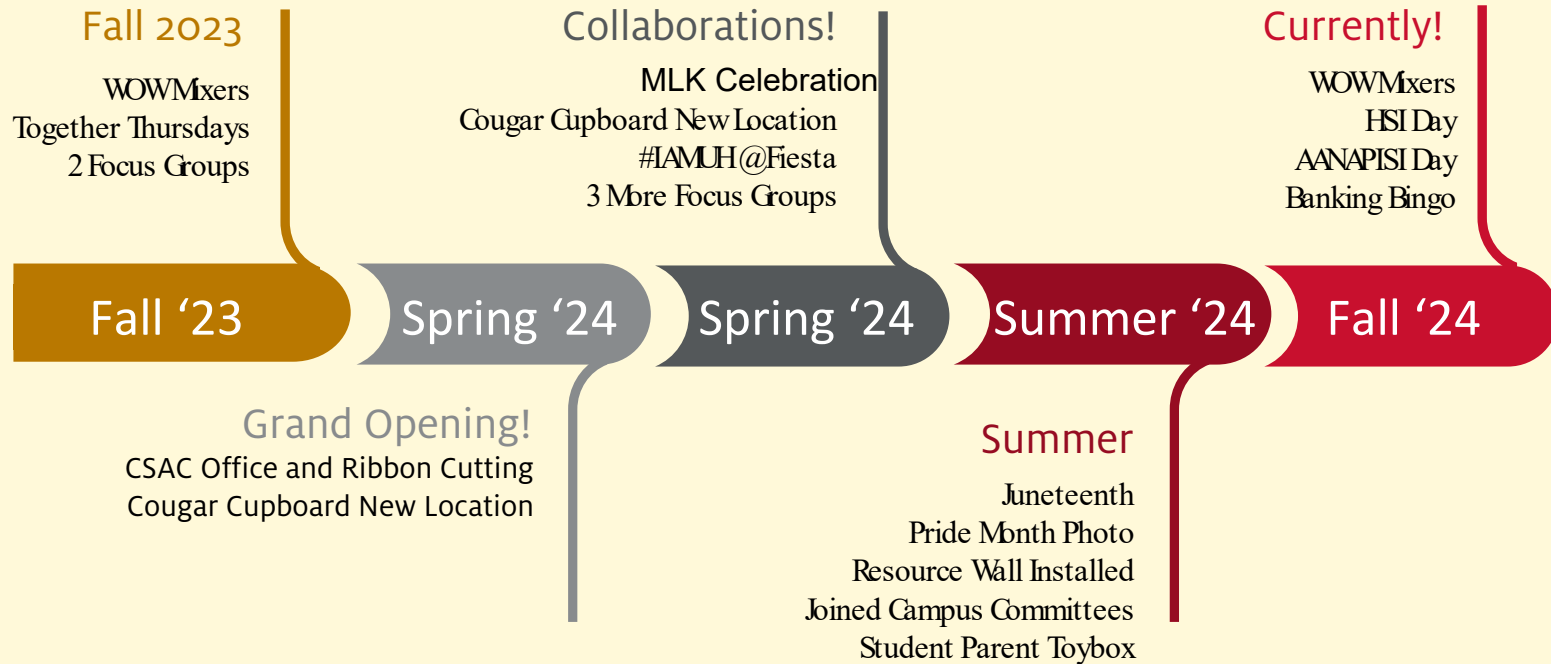
Lounge = Brave Space
#IAMUH Campaign
Programming
Student-Centered Staff
Collaborations Across Campus



A Year in Review



A Year in Review



Services.

Cougar Cupboard

Feeding Students, Fueling Futures

30^{lbs}

of groceries each
person, each week
including:

Fresh produce
Canned goods
Grains
Dairy
Snacks
& more!

The Cougar Cupboard
also offers:

Nutrition Workshops
Recipes
Food Guides
Additional Resources
Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know?

12/14 of the Big 12
Universities have on-
campus food pantries!



Cougar Cupboard Budget Resources

Houston Food Bank

Cost Determinant based on food

\$285,000

1 Pound = \$1

BaytexEnergy (1 Time)

\$10,000

AHA One-Time Grant

\$12,000

Coog Moms

\$500

TDECU Annual Grant

\$20,000

Food Drives

\$200

Swipe Out Hunger

\$3,000

Online Donations

Varies

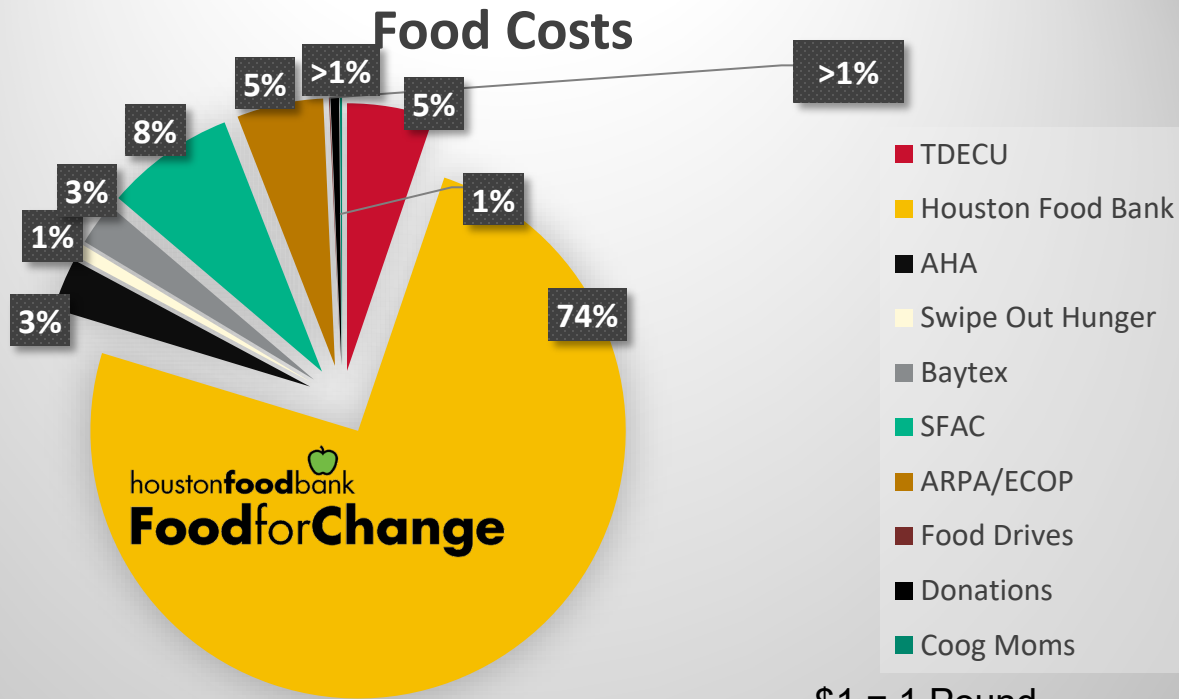
Cougar Cupboard Usage

38%

At intake, users said they considered dropping out of UH due to financial stressors.

90%

Users said their financial stress, health, and academic performance had improved, after using the cupboard.



Student Impact

*My first bag literally changed
my life*

- Cougar Cupboard User



1:1 Resource Appointments

Complete Form

Meet 1:1 with Staff

Receive Resources
and Referrals

Resource Hub of Campus Partnerships



Programming.

Title V – Department of Education Federal Designations

**Minority Serving
Institution
(MSI)**

**Asian American
Native American
Pacific Islander
Serving Institution
(AANAPISI)**

**Hispanic Serving
Institution
(HSI)**

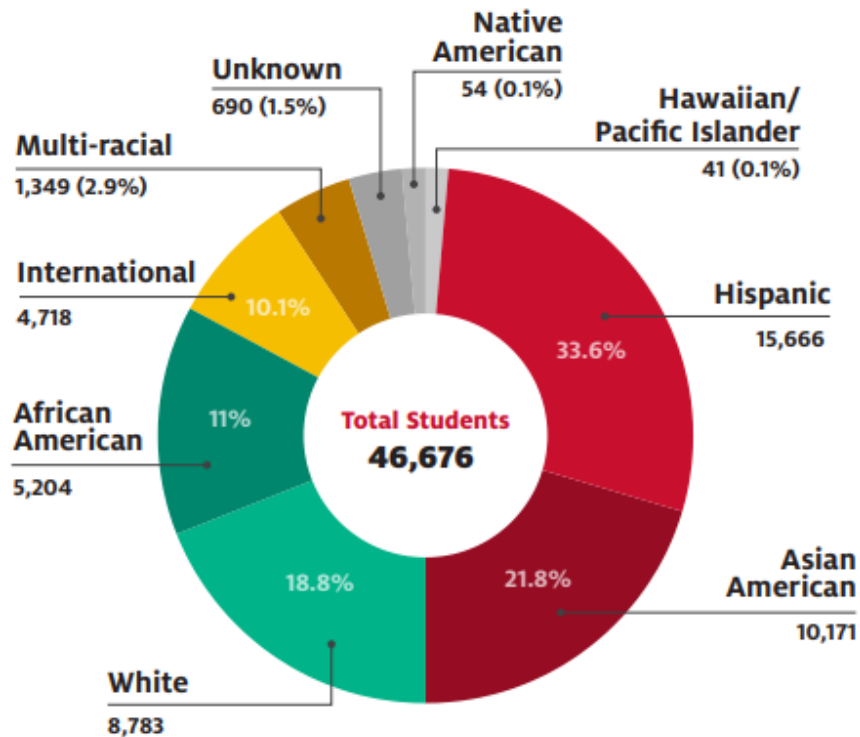
10%

25%

Enroll over 50% low-income students

Student Serving Institution

► Ethnic Diversity of Student Body



UH FACTS FALL 2023

DID YOU KNOW?

UH has been ranked in the top 100 of HSI based on degree attainment

UH is 1 of only 22 Tier One Research schools in the country that are HSI

Programming:

Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Day



UH has been an HSI since 2012

452

Attendees



12 RSOs,



5 Academic colleges,
and several student
affairs departments
collaborated

3

Events



- Financial Literacy Workshop
- Carnival
- Coogs' Bilingual Voices



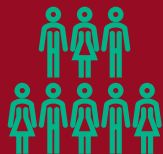
Coogs' Bilingual Voices Event

Did you know? University of Houston Student Body is 33.6% Hispanic!

Programming:

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Day

572
attendees



UH became an
AANAPISI in

2016



15 student organizations,
departments, and Houston
organizations collaborated



1st annual “CelebrASIAN” included

- Asian cuisine
- Calligraphers
- Origami and coloring stations



University of Houston's population is 21.8% Asian American or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Community Building Student Mixers



Speak Off

LGBTQ+ Ice Cream Social

**Hispanic/Latiné
Student Mixer**

**First
Generation
Student
Mixer**



**Black and African
American Student Mixer**

RSO
Collaborations

**Asian Pacific Islander Desi
American Student mixer**

***Together
Thursdays***



**Middle Eastern & North
African Student Mixer**



Programming. 48 RSOs (34 unique)

Programming.

Cultural Heritage Celebrations/Observances

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Black History Month

Hispanic/Latiné Heritage Month

Indigenous People's Day

LGBTQ History Month & Pride Month

Women's History Month

3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration

MLK Campus Commemorative Celebration

Calendar Coordinated by the Center for Student Advocacy and Community

LGBTQ 2024 history month

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all students welcome

On-campus events are free to attend | Off-campus events across Houston may have a fee

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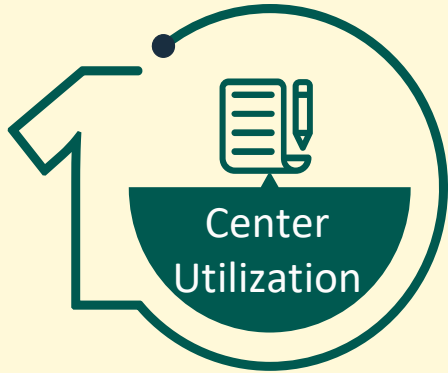
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Unit Successes



Center Accomplishments



Center
Utilization

3,719 students

1,039 unique visitors

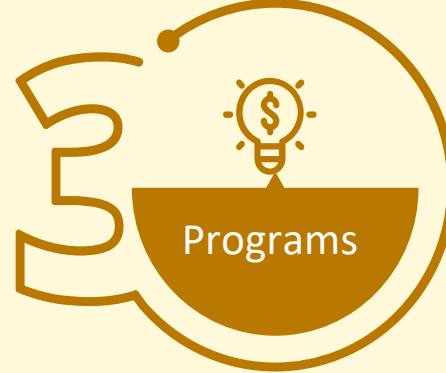
1,000+ Instagram followers



Grand
Openings

CSAG 314 Attendees

Cougar Cupboard
238 Attendees



Programs

52 Programs

7,088 attendees



WOW
Mixers

Recordbreaking
6 mixers

2,900+ people attended

32 RSOs, 9 Departments

Cougar Cupboard Accomplishments



Attendance Numbers



12,578 Total Visits

1,400+ unique students
at distributions

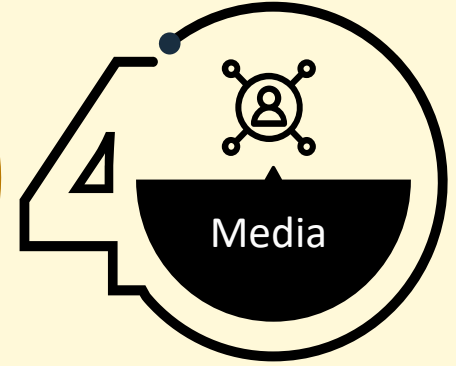
287,775 Items Distributed



\$500 Coog Moms

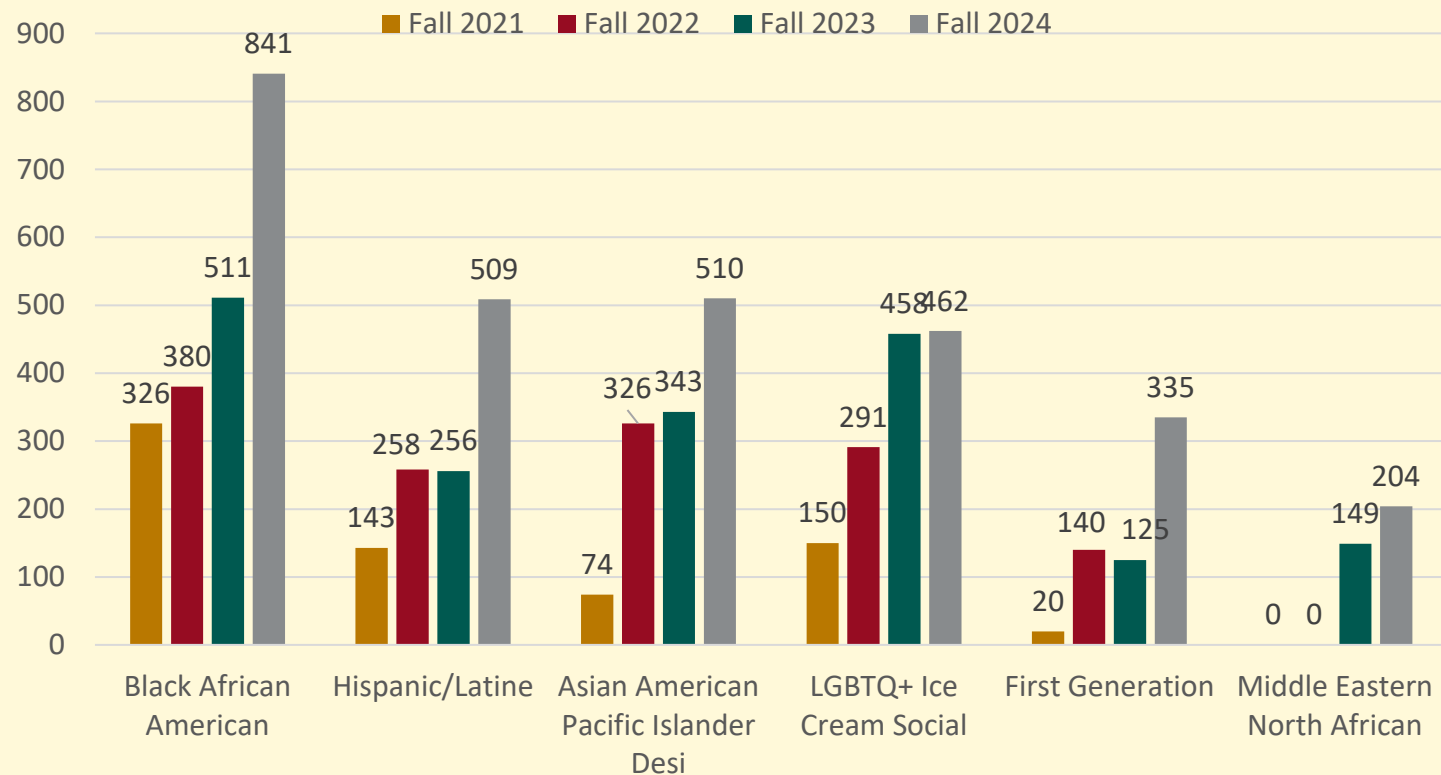
\$12,000 American
Heart Association

\$10,000 Baytex Energy



KPRC
ABC13
Univision
UH Today
Fox 26
Inside Higher Ed

Record Breaking Attendance at WOW Mixers



55.23%
increase in overall
attendance

12%
WOW attendees
attended **ONLY**
a CSAC Mixer

2195 unique
students attended



Requests

Cougar Cupboard Needs Assistance



CURRENTLY:

- 7,000+ Registered Users
- 500+ students per week (open 3X)
- Free but inconsistent food sourcing
- Students are unable to rely on the cupboard due to unpredictable inventory and unable to get a full variety of healthy food supplies

RESEARCH INDICATES

- 1/3 of college students experience food insecurity.
- We are currently reaching less than half of these students.

NEED:

- Consistent access to staple foods with nutritional value (e.g. milk and bread)
- Food reflective of diverse cultural and dietary needs to protect student dignity and promote inclusivity

Cougar Cupboard's Staff Needs Assistance

One Staff Member:

- Manage day-to-day operations (e.g. temp logs)
- Source and order food *daily*
- Coordinate deliveries, verify inventory.
- Administrative duties – 30-100 emails/day
- Supervise students and IA (train, 1:1, student development)
- Plan events
- Manage budget
- Create weekly, monthly, term, & annual reports
- Nutrition workshops – find recipes
- Development? Apply for grants?
- Interviews and Tours
- Front of house and back of house

Current Staff

- 1 Program Manager 2
- 1 Instructional Assistant (20 hours)
- 2 NCWS and 4 College Work-Study
- Volunteers and interns (unpaid)

NEED:

- Higher level pay and classification for the role
- Additional full-time staff person



FY25 One Time Request

Cougar Cupboard Personnel

Funding Request- FY2025



Program Manager II to Assistant Director	\$15,500
Additional Program Manager I (12 Months)	\$48,668
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$3850</u>
Total	\$68,018

FY26 Base Request

Cougar Cupboard Personnel



Funding Request- FY2026

Program Manager II to Assistant Director	\$15,500
Additional Program Manager I (12 Months)	\$73,740
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$5,354.40</u>
Total	\$94,594.40

FY25 One Time Request

Cougar Cupboard Accessibility Request



Funding Request- FY2025

Materials and Labor for Entrance Door	\$18,673.49
Materials and Labor for Exit Door	\$18,673.37
Panel/Boards and License	\$900.38
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$2,294.83</u>
Total	\$40,542.07

FY26 Base Request

Cougar Cupboard Operational Funds

Funding Request- FY2026

Operational Costs (including NCWS)	\$30,250
Supplies	\$7,450
Fringe	\$250
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$2,274</u>
Total	\$40,174



Cougar Cupboard Food Funds

Item	Peak Months (Sept – Nov, Feb- April)	Non-Peak Months (May- Aug)	Current Ask
<i>Milk</i>	\$12,900	\$3,222	\$16,122
<i>Bread</i>	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
<i>Culturally Relevant Food</i>	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$16,000
<i>Nonperishable Items</i>	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
<i>Subtotal</i>			\$48,122
<i>Admin Fee</i>			\$2,887.32
<i>Total</i>			\$51,009.32



FY26 Base Request

Weeks of Welcome (WOW) Student Mixers

Food and Activities	\$11,000
Marketing and Outreach	\$600
One community-building follow-up per population (6 additional events)	\$3,000
Admin	\$876
Total	\$15,476





Food and Activities	\$18,000
Marketing	\$1,600
Admin Fee	\$1,176
Total	\$20,776



Y26 Base Request

Center for Student Advocacy and Community

MLK Campus Celebration

Featuring: Former Mayor Sylvester Turner

Keynote Address, Performances, Live Quartet, Spoken Word, Interview by student interviewer and faculty and Meet and Greet Reception with Q&A

Full Celebration Included 10 events including:

MLK Gallery

MLK BBQ

BSU Poetry Slam

“Interview with a King” Film Premier with UH Alumni

SPB Movie Screening: Blakkklansman

SGA Photoshoot

MLK Day of Service

**Commemorative Celebration with Keynote
And more!**



FRIENDS OF THE KING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

Featuring Mayor
SYLVESTER TURNER

LIVE MUSIC!

Thursday, January 25, 2024
4:00–5:30pm | SC South Houston Room

JOIN US FOR A KEYNOTE AND MODERATED Q&A
DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY
ACTION AND REFLECTIONS ON HIS TERM AS MAYOR
OF THE NATION'S 4TH LARGEST CITY.

Reserve your spot
here: bit.ly/UHMLK24

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
RSVP IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Department Response

MLK has been hosted within the Division of Student Affairs for 10 years.

SFAC requested that it be more than a one-day event.

The committee is made up of over 20 people – students, staff, faculty and Administrators

Important to have a university commitment to honor MLK Jr. his life, legacy and commitment to bringing people together.

One-Time to a
Base Request



FY26 Base Request

Campus MLK Commemorative Celebration

Marketing	\$5,000
Speaker/Artist	\$30,000
Collaborative Event Support	\$2,000
Admin	\$2,220
Total	\$39,220



FRIENDS OF THE KING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

January 15-26, 2024
UH MLK Gallery Walk
MLK Jr. Planning Committee
9:00 am-5:00 pm | Student Center South

Monday, January 15, 2024
MLK Jr. BBQ
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
3:00-8:00 pm | Lynn Eusan Park

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Free Wednesday Lunch
A.D. Bruce Religion Center, Center for Student Advocacy and Community, Office of Government and Community Relations
11:30am-1:00pm | A.D. Bruce Religion Center

Thursday, January 18, 2024
BSU Poetry Slam
Black Student Union
7:00pm | Student Center South Theater

MLKX SGA Photoshoot: "How are You a Friend of the King?"
Student Government Association
12:30-2:30pm | Student Center South Tables

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
"Interview with a King" Film Premiere
Student Centers
6:00-8:00pm | Theater - Student Center South

Thursday, January 25, 2024
MLK Jr. Celebration Featuring Mayor Sylvester Turner
MLK Jr. Planning Committee
4:00-5:30pm | SC South Houston Room

SPB Movie Showing: Blackkklansman
Student Program Board
7:30pm | Student Center South Theater

Friday, January 26, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Center for Student Involvement
12:00-4:00 pm | Student Center Ballroom

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Exploring 'Rustin' and Film Screening
- A Thoughtful vDiscussion
African American Studies Department
1:00-4:00 pm | A.D. Bruce Religion Center, Room 201

Coordinated by MLK Jr. Planning Committee.
Sponsored by the Center for Student Advocacy and Community, funded by SFAC fees.
For event accommodations, please visit uh.edu/accessibility

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FY26 One Time Request

Serving-ness Institute

Funding Request- FY2026

Speaker Fees and Accommodations	\$12,000
Food (Breakfast, Lunch, and Afternoon Snack	\$8,000
Marketing	\$2,000
A/V and Streaming	\$2,500
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$1,470</u>
Total	\$25,970





THANK YOU!