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Media Alert

**Pulitzer-Prize Winner and The New York Times Magazine Staff Writer
Nikole Hannah-Jones to Discuss *The 1619 Project*
at Upcoming Essential Talk**

WHAT: California State University, Northridge invites Matadors to hear from Nikole Hannah-Jones as she discusses her award winning book, *The 1619 Project*, the hidden truths on America's founding and how the legacy of slavery continues to shape contemporary American life. Matadors will also learn about the contributions of Black Americans, an essential truth neglected when teaching American history. Hannah-Jones will reframe the understanding of American history and illuminate key moments of oppression, struggle and resistance.

WHO: Janessa Reyes, Diversity Initiatives Supervisor, is supervising this program.

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. (Doors open 2:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall, USU

WHY: This is an amazing learning opportunity that offers the CSUN community a profoundly revealing vision of how America centers the legacy of slavery in the national narrative, thus incorporating it in every aspect of contemporary American life, including politics, diet, music, traffic, citizenship, capitalism, religion and even democracy.

BACKGROUND: Hannah-Jones is a Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times Magazine staff writer who investigates racial inequalities and injustices, and as a result has earned multiple awards including a Peabody Award and the MacArthur Fellowship. Currently, she serves on the Knight Chair of Race and Journalism at Howard University, where she is founding the Center for Journalism and Democracy. Hannah-Jones is also the co-founder of the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting. This program is proudly sponsored by the Diversity and Equity Innovation Grant. For more information, please visit csun.edu/usu.

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