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Today, East Stroudsburg University recognizes the importance of World AIDS Day. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. World AIDS Day is a chance for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV, and remember those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. When damage is severe and the body can no longer fight off a range of infections it leads to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

World AIDS Day is commemorated in a variety of ways to show solidarity and support of the HIV/AIDS community. Through educational sessions and forums, fundraisers, testing opportunities, and Rock the Ribbon programs, various organizations spread knowledge and awareness about the HIV/AIDS disease.

People living with HIV/AIDS face stigma and discrimination while experiencing verbal harassment or threats. As Warriors, we must join the fight by raising awareness of HIV in our campus community and eradicating discriminatory attitudes. For more information about World AIDS Day, visit www.worldaidsday.org or www.hiv.gov.

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