Black History Month Overview

Black History month is celebrated in February in the United States. Black History Month is dedicated towards African Americans's achievements, contributions, and legendary ranks that are important to America’s history.

Who invented Black History?

Black History was created by Carter G. Woodson. Carter G. Woodson was one of the first scholars to study African-American history. Carter G. Woodson graduated from Harvard University. In 1915, Carter G. Woodson founded The Journal of African American History. Carter G. Woodson has been named as the “father of black history” In 1926 Carter G. Woodson launched the celebration of Black History Week which was then converted to Black History Month.
Spotlight Heritage Month News

What is the National Museum of African American History and Culture?

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum that is dedicated exclusively to the documentation of African American’s lives, historical events, and culture.

Facts regarding the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

1. The location of the National Museum of African American History and Culture is located in Washington D.C.

2. After many decades and efforts to highlight and promote the various contributions of African Americans, the Act of Congress established the National Museum of African American History and Culture in 2003.

3. The museum has 100,000 charter members and features 36,000 artifacts of African American History.

4. On September 24th 2016, the Museum was first open to the public.

5. Since the public opening of the museum in 2016, there have been 2.5 million visitors.
### Important Calendar Events for February

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#### NAACP presents "The 13th"
- Location: Turner auditorium
- Time: 7:30-10:00 PM

#### Diversity Conference
- Location: Grand Ballroom
- Time: 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
- Check in at 8:30 AM

#### Brave Space Series: African Hair Diaspora
- Location: Regents Suite A
- Time: 4:00 PM

#### MLK Celebration
- Location: Twilight Ballroom
- Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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Feb. 3 — The Mountaintop 7:30 p.m. — Turner Auditorium In this award-winning Broadway play, author Katori Hall imagines a conversation between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a motel maid the night before King’s death. After saying, “I’ve been to the mountaintop,” King finds himself in a poetic and stormy clash of perspectives as performed by acclaimed radio theater company L.A. Theatre Works. The play contains mature language and controversial themes. This event is part of the University Series and brought to you by the College of Fine Arts.

Feb. 9 — Diversity Conference 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Check-in: 8:30 a.m. — Grand Ballroom The Diversity Conference provides a platform for presenters to share their diversity-related work with attendees and engage in vital multicultural dialogue. This year’s theme is Embracing Diversity: Are we really listening? Keynote speakers will be Drs. Jeana Paul Ureña and Juan Carlos Ureña. Preregister at sfasu.edu/oma. Free lunch will be provided to those who preregister.

Feb. 15 — Brave Space Series: African Hair Diaspora 4 p.m. — Regents’ Suite A Discuss political and social issues and concerns impacting global, national and local campus communities. This session will educate audiences on how European colonization impacted the historical biasness toward Afro-type hair and will explore the politics, controversies and obsessions surrounding Afro-textured hair.

Feb. 20 — MLK Celebration 7 to 9 p.m. — Twilight Ballroom SFA students and community members will present music, dance and art as they celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A keynote address will conclude the celebration. Tickets can be purchased beginning Jan. 16 at the student center information desk. Students: $3 | Faculty and staff members: $5

For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (936) 468-1073 or oma@sfasu.edu.
Diversity Facts

1. Diversity expands worldliness. College might be the first time you have had the opportunity to have real interaction with people from diverse groups. Whether we like it or not, many times we find ourselves segregated from other groups in schools, churches, and our own neighborhoods. A college campus is like opening the door to the entire world without traveling anywhere else.

2. Diversity enhances social development. Interacting with people from a variety of groups widens your social circle by expanding the pool of people with whom you can associate and develop relationships. Consider how boring your conversations would be if you only had friends who had everything in common with you.

3. Diversity prepares students for future career success. Successful performance in today's diverse workforce requires sensitivity to human differences and the ability to relate to people from different cultural backgrounds. America's workforce is more diverse than at any time in the nation's history, and the percentage of America's working-age population comprised of members of minority groups is expected to increase from 34 percent to 55 percent by 2050.

4. Diversity prepares students for work in a global society. No matter what profession you enter, you'll find yourself working with employers, employees, coworkers, customers and clients from diverse backgrounds—worldwide. By experiencing diversity in college, you are laying the groundwork to be comfortable working and interacting with a variety of individuals of all nationalities.

6. Diversity promotes creative thinking. Diversity expands your capacity for viewing issues or problems from multiple perspectives, angles, and vantage points. These diverse vantage points work to your advantage when you encounter new problems in different contexts and situations. Rather than viewing the world through a single-focus lens, you are able to expand your views and consider multiple options when making decisions and weighing issues of, for example, morality and ethics.

7. Diversity enhances self-awareness. Learning from people whose backgrounds and experiences differ from your own sharpens your self-knowledge and self-insight by allowing you to compare and contrast your life experiences with others whose life experiences differ sharply from your own. By being more self-aware, you are more capable of making informed decisions about your academic and professional future.

8. Diversity enriches the multiple perspectives developed by a liberal arts education. Diversity magnifies the power of a general education by helping to liberate you from the tunnel vision of an ethnocentric and egocentric viewpoint. By moving beyond yourself, you gain a panoramic perspective of the world around you and a more complete view of your place in it.
Important Announcements!!!

1. Come and join our Book Club! The OMA Book Club is open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community who wish to have discussions on books that embrace cultural diversity that we may not normally come across in our day to day lives. The Book club will meet biweekly on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Where? Meetings will take place in the Resource Library inside the Office of Multicultural Affairs

When? Every other Monday at 4pm

What? You will need to read the chapters before the meetings so you can engage in conversations regarding the book chapters.

The first 5 students who sign up, will receive a copy of the book! Here is the form below that you will need to complete in order to receive a copy of the book.

http://www.sfasu.edu/multicultural/357.asp

The OMA featured book of the month is:
The Hate U Give

An overview of this book includes: Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.
2. Apply to be an OMA Scholar!! At the end of every semester, The Office of Multicultural Affairs recognizes OMA Student Leaders who have high scholastic achievement.

Site: http://www.sfasu.edu/multicultural/631.asp

3. Look out for our OMA Socials!
http://www.sfasu.edu/multicultural/689.asp
February 13th from 3-5p.m.

Need something cute and small for your dorm room or a gift for your sweetheart? Come to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and join us for Do It Yourself Mason Jars! Snacks, drinks, and supplies will be provided.