



Dear campus colleagues,

Thank you for choosing to present the “**Bulletin Board in a Bag**”: **Black History Month** in your area this **February!**

In this packet, and any attached documents, you will find everything you need to ***begin*** a great bulletin board. The information presented in this packet was gathered by student staff at CME through personal research unless stated otherwise. Past and future BBBs are posted on our Publications website:

www.du.edu/cme/resources/publications.html

How to use

We’ve provided several flyer-sized pages of information, intended to get your board ***started***.

For the most part, the Board is just print and post ready. Color is obviously most eye-catching, but most of the graphics should be fine in black and white/grayscale if necessary. We ***strongly*** suggest researching and adding ***additional*** information that would be of most interest to your particular audience (relevant communities in home states/nations, campus/ community activities that appeal to majors and hobbies); this can help expand the board and improve its impact.

If available at the time of publication, we’ve also included information about relevant campus/ community events that you can post as well. You can always check our online calendar (right column of www.du.edu/cme), the relevant Joint Council student organization (www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/joint-council.html) and/or other sources to see what events and resources you can add to your Board. And, consider attending one/some of these events too!

Feedback

If you use the board, to help us know where our boards have been, and how audiences have responded to them, please email us (igr@du.edu) any/all of the following:

- Your name, hall and floor where the board is posted
- A photo or two of the board up on your floor
- A brief description of any reaction/feedback the board generated in your area,
- And any feedback you have about this board or ideas for other Inclusive Excellence-related identities/issues/observances we could provide for the future. (And in the unfortunate event there’s any defacement or other negative reaction to the board, please follow your hall’s reporting procedures, and let us know.)

THANKS for sharing this important, and interesting, info with your audiences!

Sincerely,

Inclusion and Equity Education

Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence

www.du.edu/studentlife/ie-education

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When did Black History Month originate?

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



What are some major advances in The Civil Rights Movement?

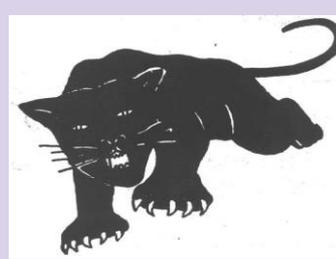
MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT → Martin Luther King Jr. organized this bus boycott of 1955, which began a chain reaction of similar boycotts throughout the South. In 1956, the Supreme Court voted to end segregated busing.

THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON → On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 Americans gathered in Washington, DC, for a political rally known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Organized by a number of civil rights and religious groups, the event was designed to shed light on the political and social challenges African Americans continued to face across the country. The march, which became a key moment in the growing struggle for civil rights in the United States, culminated in Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech, a spirited call for racial justice and equality.





Is The Civil Rights Movement Over?



Despite the civil rights gains of the 1960s, however, racial discrimination and repression remained a significant factor in American life. Even after President Johnson declared a war on poverty and King initiated a Poor People's Campaign in 1968, the distribution of the nation's wealth and income moved toward greater inequality during the 1970s and 1980s. Civil rights advocates acknowledged that desegregation had not brought significant improvements in the lives of poor blacks, but they were divided over the future direction of black advancement efforts. To a large degree, moreover, many of the civil rights efforts of the 1970s and 1980s were devoted to defending previous gains or strengthening enforcement mechanisms.

The modern African-American civil rights movement, like similar movements earlier, had transformed American democracy. It also served as a model for other group advancement and group pride efforts involving women, students, Chicanos, gays and lesbians, the elderly, and many others. Continuing controversies regarding affirmative action programs and compensatory remedies for historically rooted patterns of discrimination were aspects of more fundamental, ongoing debates about the boundaries of individual freedom, the role of government, and alternative concepts of social justice.

www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement

What is The Black Lives Matter Movement?

Black Lives Matter is a chapter-based national organization working for the validity of Black life and to (re)build the Black liberation movement.

This is Not a Moment, but a Movement

#BlackLivesMatter was created in 2012 after Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted for his crime, and dead 17-year old Trayvon was post-humously placed on trial for his own murder. Rooted in the experiences of Black people in this country who actively resist our dehumanization, #BlackLivesMatter is a call to action and a response to the virulent anti-Black racism that permeates our society. Black Lives Matter is a unique contribution that goes beyond extrajudicial killings of Black people by police and vigilantes.

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5 tips for being an ally:

From race or ethnicity to sex, gender identity and countless other indicators, privilege pertains simply to the “things in life you will not experience or have to think about just because of who you are,” Ramsay explains.

Ramsay runs through five key guidelines for allyship:

1. Understand your privilege.
2. Listen and do your homework.
3. Speak up, not over.
4. You’ll make mistakes, apologize when you do.
5. Ally is a verb — saying you’re an ally is not enough.

Watch the full video at:

youtu.be/_dg86g-QIM0



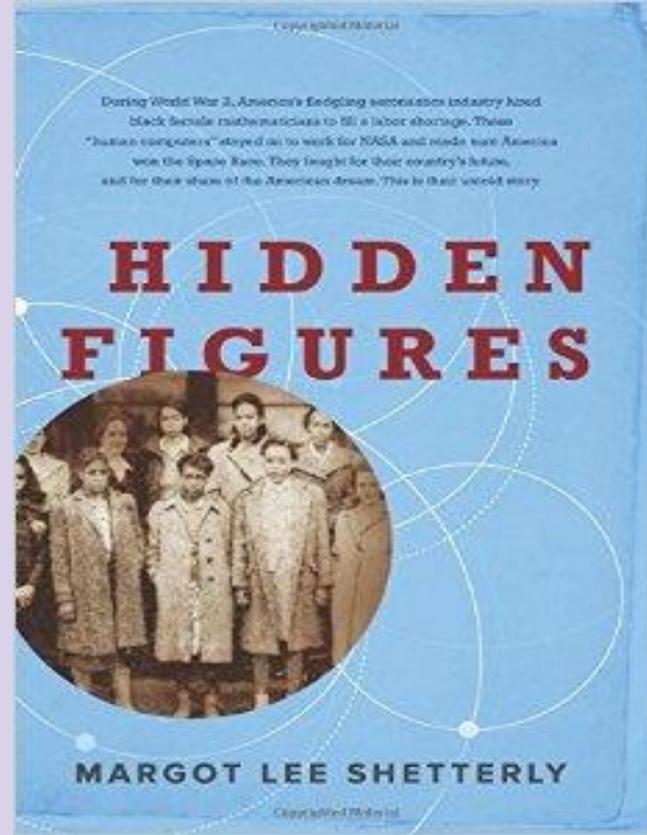
Hidden Figures

Did you know that Black Women did the work that put men on the moon?

Many Americans are familiar with the astronaut heroes of the 20th century space race — names like Gus Grissom and Neil Armstrong. But who did the calculations that would successfully land these men on the moon?

Several of the NASA researchers who made space flight possible were women. Among them were black women who played critical roles in the aeronautics industry even as Jim Crow was alive and well.

www.npr.org/2016/09/25/495179824/hidden-figures-how-black-women-did-the-math-that-put-men-on-the-moon



Want to learn more? There is a book all about it!

Not to mention, the movie went to theaters Jan. 5th, 2017

Farewell to President Obama

“In 1796, as George Washington set the precedent for a peaceful, democratic transfer of power, he also set a precedent by penning a farewell address to the American people. And over the 220 years since, many American presidents have followed his lead.

On Tuesday, January 10, I'll go home to Chicago to say my grateful farewell to you, even if you can't be there in person.

I'm just beginning to write my remarks. But I'm thinking about them as a chance to say thank you for this amazing journey, to celebrate the ways you've changed this country for the better these past eight years, and to offer some thoughts on where we all go from here.

Since 2009, we've faced our fair share of challenges, and come through them stronger. That's because we have never let go of a belief that has guided us ever since our founding—our conviction that, together, we can change this country for the better.

So I hope you'll join me one last time.

Because, for me, it's always been about you.”

—President Barack Obama, 1/11/2017

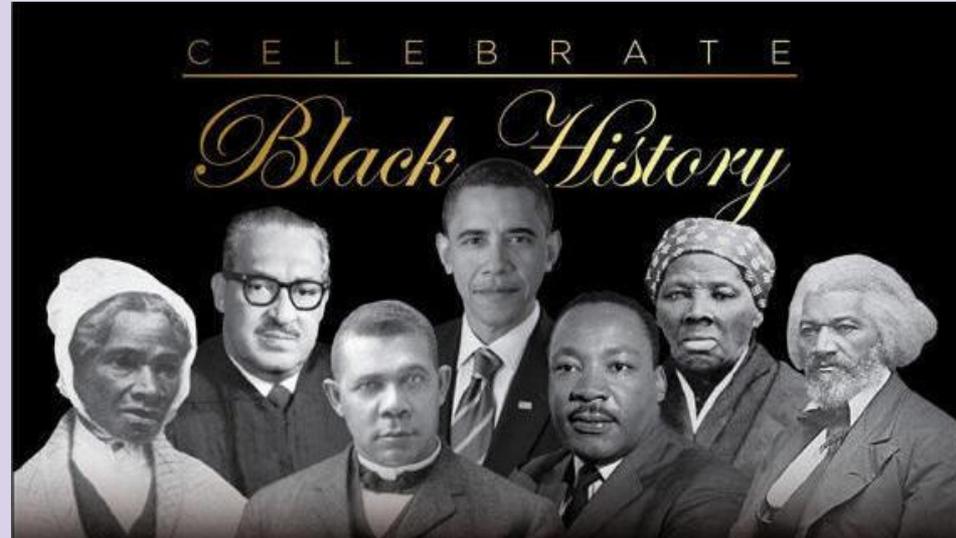
www.cnn.com/2017/01/10/politics/president-obama-farewell-speech



Let's Celebrate Black History!!!

Black History Month celebrates the accomplishments of the Black community and is a constant reminder of the progress that we are making as a society. It is also a reminder of all that still needs to be done; all the obstacles that are at times in the way of progress that still need to be overcome. Although our reality is sometimes a discouraging one as seen in these racial disparities in incarceration rates, the sky's the limit for how much more change we can implement in our society.

www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month



How can I be involved at DU?

Black Student Alliance (BSA)

BSA meets every Thursday at 6:30PM in the JMAC Classroom

DU's Black Student Alliance is an organization dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and solidarity on campus. One of the organization's main focuses is to foster the personal development of the membership, and to encourage them to become active community contributors. Another goal is to provide a stable support system that the members can rely on. By building opportunities for internal and external collaborations, the Black Student Alliance has been able to make significant strides towards fulfilling its mission.

www.facebook.com/groups/DUBSA



How can I be involved at DU?

African Student United

ASU creates a space to celebrate educate, and participate in the understanding of the many rich, diverse cultures of Africa. Through African cultural events, it will introduce multiple features of African food, dance, music, etc. This organization's purpose is to serve African students and allies at DU to create an inclusive institution.

<https://orgsync.com/154238/chapter>

Meets Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm Centennial Halls classroom

Black Graduate Student Alliance

Personal, professional and community development support for graduate students across campus.

www.facebook.com/BGSADU



DU Black History Month events (February 2017)

- 2nd: **Black Women Lead Summit Kick Off** with Djuan Trent
- 2nd: **“We Speak” Talent Show/Open Mic Night** at 8:00p
- 3rd: **BW Lead Summit** (for high school girls)
- 4th: Celebration of Black History Month at the **DU Men's Basketball vs. Fort Wayne**
- 8th: The **Crisis in Black Education**: Reflections on DU, Denver, and the Nation
- 9th: **Black Actors Guild Performance** – “Acting Out”
- 11-12th: **CME Sisterhood Retreat** for African American Women
- 16th: **film collaboration** with DUPB
- 16th: **Race in the Classroom Session** using interactive theatre, with ARTS Affinity theatre group from Boulder
- 17th: **Film Screening of 13th** – Black Graduate Student Association, Center on Human Rights Education, Human Trafficking Center
- 22nd: **Black Male Luncheon**
- 24th: **2017 Taste of Africa** by Black Graduate Student Association and African Students United
- 28th: **Afro Punk Pizza Party** by Black Graduate Student Association

Date and details TBD:

- “Talented 10th” Spoken Word by Black Student Alliance
- Conversation with Chancellor Chopp and DCB Dean Chrite

For event details check www.du.edu/cme/programs-services/heritage-months

What else can I do daily?

Work to recognize your privilege and steer clear of microaggressions!

For some common problematic statements and better suggestions, check:

www.buzzfeed.com/michaelblackmon/microaggressions-what-people-of-color-hear-vs-what-you-could

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QUESTIONS

