

2016 Black History Month

Join the
Office of Multicultural Affairs
as we celebrate the culture,
legacy, and experience of
African American people.

Weekly Black History Trivia Contest (All month long)

Office of Multicultural Affairs
Lanthorn Newspaper

This is a chance for students to win prizes while also engaging with learning about history and culture of African American people. Questions will be presented on OMA social media pages as well as in the Lanthorn. Students who believe they have the correct answers can submit them by coming into the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The History of Black History Month

Dr. Pero Dagbovie

Tuesday, February 2nd 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center 2263

Allendale Campus (LIB 100 & 201 approved)

Dr. Pero Dagbovie, author of "What is African American History?", will give a presentation on the history of black history month and its value in contemporary society. He will highlight the presence and significance of African American history in 21st century popular culture. He will also explore the origins, evolution, deeper meanings, and present status of black history month.

Black Movie Wednesdays:

Dear White People

Wednesday, February 3rd

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center 2266

Join us for evenings of entertainment and education as we watch and discuss black films from past and present. The February 3rd feature is "Dear White People" by up and coming director Justin Simien.

School Daze

Wednesday, February 17th

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center 2266

Join us for evenings of entertainment and education as we watch and discuss black films from past and present. The February 17th feature is "School Daze" by acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee.

Rosa Parks: A Modern Day Heroine

Tuesday, February 9th Noon - 1:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center 1201

Allendale Campus

Rosa Parks: a modern day Heroine is a video presentation that highlights the contributions of Rosa Parks to the struggle for civil rights in America. Remastered in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott this video seeks to enlighten and show audiences that the struggle for human betterment continues and pose the question: Will you be a part of it?

Positive Black Women Presents:

A Tribute to Black Women:

Strong, Fierce, and Dynamic Divas

Thursday, February 11th Noon - 1:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette

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An annual event hosted by GVSU Positive Black Women to give honor and recognition to those that have made a way and shaped "our" history. PBW is happy to present A Tribute to Black Women: Unsung Hero's. This event will highlight black women who have made notable contributions but have had their work intentionally overlooked or left out. Women that have carried the load and worked tirelessly with no honorable mentions. The tribute will introduce poetry, song and dance for inspiration and provide space for examination of this pernicious phenomenon of erasing and editing "our" stories. All are welcomed to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Mel Trotter Ministries:

On Site Day of Service

Saturday, February 13 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Grand Rapids

On this day of service, students, faculty and staff members will lead an effort to give back to West Michigan. GVSU community members are needed to help prepare and serve a lunch meal at Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids. As we help others, we aim to learn more about the communities where we live, as well as about ourselves. Only 7 individuals can participate. Please RSVP to Bobby J. Springer at (616) 331-2177 or springeb@gvsu.edu.

Professionals of Color

Lecture Series: David Banner

Monday, February 15th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center Grand River Room

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A Grammy Award winning music producer, recording artist, philanthropist, civic activist and actor who recently appeared in the Lee Daniel's The Butler and in Tim Story's movie Ride Along. Banner is founder of A Banner Vision, a multimedia company that specializes in providing emotional engaging music for iconic commercials, videos games and films. A Banner Vision has produced a body of work that Banner's primary audience and fan base may not know much about, including ads for brands like Pepsi, Gatorade, Paramount Pictures (Footloose film), Marvel, Capcom, Mercedes Benz and mass-market retail Kmart, among others.

Conversations of Color:

Black Representation on TV

Tuesday, February 16th Noon-1:00 pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center 1240

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Come watch clips from some of your favorite shows and participate in a dialogue about how the black experience is represented on Television. We will discuss how representation on TV has changed in both positive and negative ways and how black people are represented on TV matters for the society in which we live.

Taste of Soul

Friday, February 19th Noon - 1:00pm

Russel H. Kirkhof Center Lobby

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Join us to share in the deep Southern African-American tradition of soul food. This style of cooking originated when enslaved Africans were given the leftover scraps. They turned these scraps into some of the tastiest food imaginable. Traditionally their rations consisted of corn, bacon or salt pork, molasses, flour, seasonal fruits and vegetables. With those few items, a variety of wholesome dishes were created. They learned how to use everything, nothing was wasted.

Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement

Wednesday, February 24th 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Cook DeWitt Center

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Jazz was an instrument of expression during some of the most difficult periods in American history and is also considered an important pathway to a greater appreciation of music in general. The primary goal of the performance is to provide students with an understanding and appreciation of this art form, its historical significance and its role in the peaceful existence of mankind. Prizes will be given out during performance.

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