

February 2021
Wayne State University

CELEBRATING | LEARNING | CONNECTING VIRTUALLY



Black
History
Month



The Importance of Black History Month



Mark Your Calendar

The Detroit Institute of Arts invites you to celebrate Black History Month at home with free online programs including music, films, art talks and art-making, events for foodies, seniors, and kids of all ages.



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Join The Charles H. Wright museum for a month-long exploration and celebration of African American history, with in-person and online events free of charge.

WSU Library Virtual Display Feature Feb 1st -28th [Link](#)

This February, the University Libraries have partnered with OMSE to develop this virtual Subject of the Month display highlighting people, places, events and culture of the African American community in Detroit. We hope you will enjoy exploring and learning about black history in our great city.

The February Subject of the Month display was developed by Joseph Bradfield, Student Engagement and Retention Coordinator, and Dajah Callen, Social Media and Marketing Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Engagement (OMSE), and Veronica Bielat, Subject Specialist Librarian, University Libraries.

Celebrating Black/African American Heritage @ WSU



"Black History Month has always given me the opportunity to celebrate all of the amazing, creative people who have originated so many of the things I love today! It has always reminded me to be proud of who I am and to pursue my dreams. I also love the togetherness Black History Month brings the community!"

Rio Byrd
Biology Major
Freshman



"To me, being black means to be infinite. It's to be an immovable force through adversity, the spark of cultural creativity, and to be the flyest, most divine being in all spectrums you hold."

Miles Reuben
Senior Film Major.
Public Relations & Theatre
Minor.



"To me, being black presents an interesting contradiction. There's the need to live an extraordinary life in hopes to one day being able to live a normal one. We have to keep going, and black history month serves as a reminder to do so, every year there should be new people to celebrate. I'm happy to say that Kamala Harris is that new person this year!

Jelani Stowers
3rd year Junior, Philosophy
Major & Film Minor



"For me, being a Black woman in America means acknowledging a legacy of struggle and inequity but never bowing to it. I owe it to myself and to those who paved the way for me, to continue to strive, survive and thrive."

Alexis Ruffin
Sociology Major & Law Minor
Class of 2022

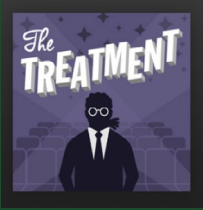


"I'm not ashamed of where I come from because my people were and still are strong, strategic, and resourceful. Black History Month is just to show a snippet of what Black People have done and endured for centuries, that's impacted the entire world."

Maya Mohammed
Junior
Health and Physical
Education Major

Recommended Podcasts

By Camille Thomas



The Treatment - Host Elvis Mitchel
About: Every week, host (and Wayne State graduate!) Elvis Mitchel conducts in-depth interviews with the most innovative and influential people working in entertainment, art, and pop culture.



Pretty Political Podcast
PODCAST

Pretty Political – Hosted by Kelsi Horn and Chanel Taylor. A Michigan based podcast by two young women discussing the latest in politics, pop culture, and lifestyle.



Stush an' Bush
PODCAST

Stush an' Bush – hosted by Robert and Khadieme
Lime with New York based queeribbean blackademics, Stush an' Bush for their bi-weekly podcast on Caribbean happenings and overall mixup and blend blend, with a queer twist.



Hoodrat to Headwrap: A Decolonized Podcast
PODCAST

Hosts – Ericka Hart Ebony Donnely
A Decolonized Podcast for lovers on the margins, join your resident sexuality educator Ericka Hart and Deep East Oakland's very own Ebony Donnely, as we game give, dismantle white supremacy and kiki in the cosmos somewhere between radical hood epistemological black queer love ethics, pop culture, house plants and a sea of books.



"Eavesdropping on America's Conversation on Race"

Award-winning radio journalist Michele Norris, former longtime co-host of NPR's All Things Considered, will be giving a virtual on lecture **Feb. 9 from 1-2 p.m.**

Ms. Norris will begin with a keynote lecture followed by a moderated Q&A. Ms. Norris will answer as many questions as time allows. Feel free to submit as many questions as you have!

We look forward to seeing you on Feb. 9!
[Link to event](#)

Registered Student Organizations @ WSU

This list is not exhaustive. Check [GetInvolved](#) to explore more student organizations.

- Association of Black Social Workers
- Black Butterfly Association
- Black Medical Association - Wayne State University School of Medicine
- Black Student Union
- Brown Sisters
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Queer Trans* People Of Color
- Wayne Black Business Student Association

