

FEBRUARY 2025



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Unity in Diversity

In January, we dedicated ourselves to intentionally engaging both our campus and the broader community through opportunities to learn, reflect, and creatively honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during our Annual Day of Learning. As we move into the spring semester, we are more aware than ever of the importance of coming together—to uplift, listen, and support one another. We are committed to advocating for the well-being of all individuals, while ensuring our campus is a place where everyone feels seen, heard, and safe.

Looking ahead to February, we are excited to celebrate Black History Month. This is a time to elevate the stories of African Americans whose contributions have often been overlooked or erased from mainstream history. We will celebrate the accomplishments, culture, and lasting impact of Black individuals on U.S. history. By reflecting on the past, we aim to better understand where we are today and envision the future we want to create together.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
DAY OF LEARNING
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On January 20, 2025, more than 700 people gathered on campus to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event featured State Representative and Assistant Minority Leader Dontavius Jarrells as the Gay S. Steele Keynote Speaker. Together, we sang, reflected, learned, and were inspired to take action in our communities.

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Continuing with Smooth Transitions

Our ST Mentors have been diligently working to facilitate events that promote creativity, fellowship, and engagement between first-year participants and their mentors.

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SMOOTH TRANSITIONS PRESENTS
TRIVIA NIGHT

Come play kahoot with questions on your favorite childhood TV shows and enjoy some delicious food!

Feb 13, 8PM to 10PM
Denvy Bowman Center

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SMOOTH TRANSITIONS
BOTANICAL
Butterfly Trip

FEBRUARY 2ND, 12PM - 4PM
FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY AND
BOTANICAL GARDENS
RSVP ON ENGAGE

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COME AND JOIN SMOOTH TRANSITIONS IN
LINE DANCING

Wednesday, February 12th
time: 5pm - 7pm
location: Schneider North

snacks will be provided!



Black History Month

As we enter the month of February, we take this time to honor and celebrate the rich history, culture, contributions, and accomplishments of African Americans in the United States. Acknowledging Black history is to recognize the long and ongoing struggle that began with slavery, continued through the Reconstruction era, the Civil Rights movement, the Black Power movement, and persists into today. Black History Month, originally coined Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926, was created to deepen the understanding and scholarship of African American history. This initiative was vital because the stories and experiences of Black people were often erased, overlooked, or distorted in mainstream historical accounts. The timing of Black History Month in February is no coincidence—it was intentionally placed during a month that honors two key abolitionists: President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

For 2025, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has chosen the theme "African Americans and Labor." This theme invites us to reflect on the profound intersection of Black people's labor, their workplaces, and the broader history and culture of Black America. It is crucial to understand how the history of racial oppression continues to shape and impact us today.

Celebrating Black History

2/14

Cinemas of Diversity with Residential and Commuter Life at 5:30pm. Showing *The Color Purple* (2023)

2/17

Cinemas of Diversity with Residential and Commuter Life and Black Student Union at 7:30pm. Showing *The Princess and the Frog* (2009)

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Trip to the National Afro American Museum and Cultural Center at Wilberforce University

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Colors of Unity: Tote Bag Painting in Weiler Suites from 4:00PM-6:00PM

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