

GRIOT

THIS EDITION:
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
KICKBAACC
MLK MARCH
BOBBY SEALE
ETC.



JAN. - FEB.



BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
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Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950), known as "Father of Black History", was the founder of Black History Month. Black History Month was known as "Negro History Week" during the 1920's. He believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage. He also believed that teaching about Black History was key to the physical and intellectual survival of the race.

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The 2023 theme for Black History Month this year is Black Resistance. Past themes have been family, health and wellness, migration, etc.




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The cartoon character Betty Boop was based on Ester Jones, a Harlem-based jazz singer. Jones was known for her use of "boops" in her singing which was called a child-like scat.



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**MORE HANDS
 THAT INTERLOCK,
 THE HEAVIER THE BURDEN
 WE CAN LIFT.**

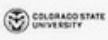







WE ALL MARCH TOGETHER
 JOIN US FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 2023

MONDAY JAN. 16TH AT 11AM
 WASHINGTON PARK
 KEYNOTE TO FOLLOW AT LORY STUDENT CENTER

DR. MLK 2023

V.O.I.C.E. | VIOLENCE. OPPRESSION. ISOLATION. CANNOT. ENDURE.

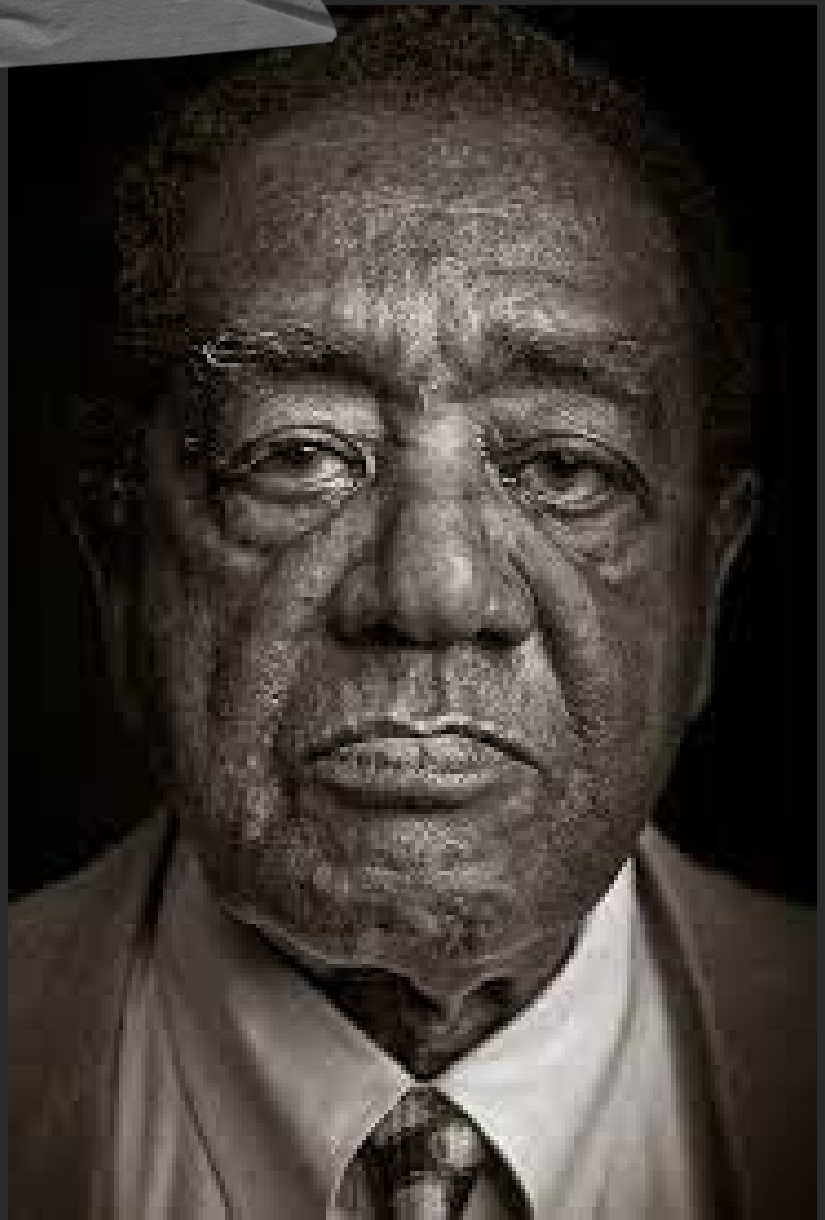
"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." -Martin Luther King Jr. Every year we remember Dr. King's dream and every day we are still fighting to be seen as equals. The MLK march was a time for all of us to unite as one and remind those who don't see us as people that we are strong and we will overcome every obstacle that comes our way. We are not ashamed of who we are. The world may try to bring us down but every day we will rise and grow stronger because heritage and culture gives us the strength to keep going and fighting.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF



Welcome to Black History Month! This year's theme is Resistance. The Kickoff this year was beautiful. There were performances by Ava, Savannah, Claudia, Ricky, Jasmine, and etc. There was no better way to start the month, it left me excited to go to the rest of the events. BHM Kickoff was empowering as it highlighted a few milestones in our history. As someone in the audience, the living statues left me speechless it felt as if Shirley Anita and Rosa Parks were actually there. - Betel Binyam



BOBBY SEAL

ON OCTOBER 15, 1966 HUEY P. NEWTON AND BOBBY SEALE , FOUNDED THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THAT CHALLENGED POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICAN AND SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY. WE GOT THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET BOBBY SEALE HERE AT CSU. IT WAS A VERY IMPACTFUL AND MEANINGFUL MOMENT FOR ALL OF US WHO WENT. WE ALSO GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MEET AND GREET WITH HIM. WE DIDN'T WANT THE MOMENT TO END BECAUSE BEING IN HIS PRESENCE WAS SUCH A GREAT HONOR.

BLACK FACULTY/STAFF AND STUDENT LUNCHEON



On February 8th, Black students, faculty, and staff gathered for our Annual BHM Student/Faculty Luncheon in Longs Peak.

This year, we combined the event with a Thirst for Knowledge: Uniting with Our Leaders. The goal was to get students acquainted with influential professionals on campus and vice versa. Many of our professional staff have jobs to support students, but don't always get to mingle with them. This was a great opportunity for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and network to find new opportunities and allies. Though lunch was served, the food was the tip of the highlight of the event. Everyone got to stand up and put their name in the space. There were laughable moments to banter between professors, nods in agreement of common experience, and overall Black joy.

-Jocelyn Lapham

BEING BLACK & SERIES

This spring (2023) I went to the being black & well/healthy session. It was very inviting space where we were able to discuss diet and eating with CSU faculty members who were knowledgeable on food. One faculty member worked with housing and dining, and I appreciated having her in the space since I and many others struggle finding options in the dining halls sometimes. We also had a nutritionist in the space with us. She was very helpful with giving good advice on different issues we may have had. A common topic in the space was how to balance cultural food with healthy food, since the two don't always overlap. I really appreciated having this space to learn more about nutrition and how to be healthy, especially as a college student.

-Savannah Johnson

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THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND EXCELLENCE

Thirst for Knowledge was a great way for us to connect with our inner self, learn more about our ambitions and who we want to be, show our creativity, and forge a path for ourselves. Being a black college student is hard and sometimes we never know where to go, how to stand up for ourselves, and how to surround ourselves with great people. DJ was one of the people who worked on her vision board with Ms. B during her Thirst for Knowledge session and she said, "I loved working on the vision board because it made me think about the future and what I really want in life" - Dj.



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Movie Showing: The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks

On December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks was arrested for disorderly conduct in Montgomery, Alabama because she refused to give up her seat for a white man. Many people heard of her arrest and stopped taking the buses. This is known as the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Many people would carpool or walk to work. It was one of the most successful boycotts in Black History. It showed Black people that they had to stop accepting all the negative comments, bad treatment, and racism. It was time to do something. Rosa Parks died in 2005 at the age of 92. She was one of the greatest activists in the Black movements.

Major Stories

Choosing a major before junior year is very hard. For me I thought I originally wanted to do Biology until I took a Psychology class and realized I loved Psychology more than Biology. I felt nervous to change my major because what if I didn't like it anymore but I changed in anyways. It was the best educational decision I've made so far. Talking to alumni really showed me that changing majors is more common and easier than I thought. It really made me realize that it's nothing to be ashamed of and this is the time in my life where I won't know what path to go in yet but I should trust my gut. Hearing all their advice and stories was very encouraging. My favorite advice were, "Believe in and love yourself", "Don't be so locked on one thing because you'll miss an opportunity", and "Rejection and failure are okay because they are one of the greatest teachers".



BHM DINNER



Braiden Dining Hall hosted the Black History Month Dinner. There was a wide variety of soul food and ethnic food. This was a time for all of us to come and connect with each other through food. Having a Black Dinner is very special especially in a PWI.



KickBAAACC Trivia Night

The Trivia Kickbaacc was pretty chill. We listened to music and played Kahoot. A lot of facts on the Kahoot I didn't know prior so learning new things was really nice. The room was full of good vibes all over. It was a great way to spend a Friday afternoon after class.



Black History Closing: Taco Tuesday



Black History Month was amazing this year. The office held multiple events with great turnouts. A Taco Tuesday was a perfect way to end it. Like Adrian said "Black History isn't just a month. It's everyday". We are the original blueprint. Everyday we are making history and changing the world for Black people. We need to remember that our history needs to be told by us because the system will not and has not educated us about who we are, where we came from, and the struggles our ancestors have faced. We are changing the narrative to benefit us. We are taking the word Black and embracing it.