

# THE GRIOT

October

December



In the records of West African history, "GRIOT (pronounced gree-oh) was the honored name bestowed upon wise and knowledgeable story teller entrusted with the task of documenting tribal histories and genealogies



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# RealTalk

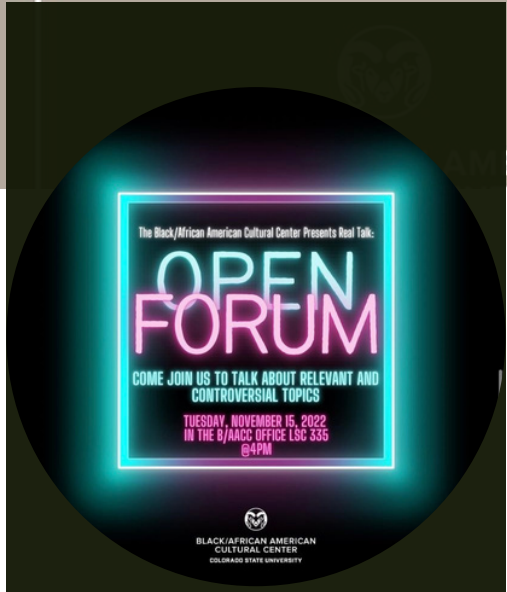
COME JOIN US TO TALK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO AND

HOW IT IS PRESENTED IN OUR CULTURE

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH  
IN THE B/AACC OFFICE - LSC 335  
@4PM



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REAL ISSUES IN  
OUR COMMUNITY

## EVERY TUESDAY @ 4PM

Real Talk, every week, introduces new problems that our Black community faces. From gender issues and colorism every hard topic is spoken about. Every opinion and voices is always welcome.



## BAACC OFFICE

AAVE is not slang. It's a language that we have adopted as our own. Some may call it "ghetto" but for us it's our strength and culture. Many people who aren't Black have also adopted this language.



# Homecoming Pageant Alumni Dinner

The Homecoming Weekend was a great experience. Many Black alumni's attended the Black Excellence Dinner, morning gathering, tailgate, and lastly the pageant.

I got the chance to meet many great Black alumni. They told me their stories of how they were as college students. I also met a previous GRIOT. Her name is Linda Rice.



**HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

**Black Excellence Alumni Dinner**  
Hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Omicron Tau Alumni Association  
Friday, October 14th, 2022 | 6PM-9PM | Lincoln Center

**Morning Gathering with Alumni**  
Saturday, October 15, 2022 | 10AM-noon | Iris and Michael Smith Alumni Center

**Alumni and B/AACC Tailgate**  
Saturday, October 15, 2022 | 1PM-4PM | Coors Light Ram Walk  
Tailgate | Intramural Field 2 Along Hughes Way | Barbecue Served

**Homecoming Royalty Pageant**  
Sunday, October 16, 2022 | Lory Student Center Theatre | Doors Open @ 4:30PM | Starts @ 5PM | Cost: \$5/Ticket

# HOMECOMING

## MEET THE QUEENS AND KING

- Contestant 1: Marcus Burnett (Ram's Choice)
- Contestant 2: Olivia Rudd
- Contestant 3: Bolu Folarin (Ms. Congeniality)
- Contestant 4: Precious Oladoye
- Contestant 5: Savannah Johnson
- Contestant 6: JoJo Norris
- Contestant 7: Sherri Garrett (Homecoming Queen)

Being part of the Homecoming Pageant was a great experience. During the pageant I got to express myself. I truly understand that Black Beauty goes deeper than looks. It shows who we are, what our values are, and that Black is beautiful. Each of us had to come out of our comfort zone. Most of us were nervous but we encouraged each other. The relationships I built during rehearsal are forever.







# SKATE NIGHT

Every year I look forward to skate night. I get to hang out with my friends, coworkers, and first years. Skating is such a therapeutic activity. Listening to music, hearing laughter, watching people fall, and seeing all the connections and new friendships form is the highlight of the night. For first years this is an opportunity to see what fun places Fort Collins has to offer.





# MLK Spoken Word

## Winners

Asma Bushara

Shaza Mohamedd

Breonna Abuya

Our voices are beautiful. Our words are powerful. Martin Luther King Jr. is a perfect example. He fought for our voices to be heard. Every story in MLK Spoken Word was beautiful and powerful. We are living in MLK's dream but the fight is ever over.



“The time is always right to do what is right.” -Martin Luther King Jr.



# FALL VALENTINE



**Fall Valentine was organized by Ricky Winston. Her purpose was to give students a different approach to combating seasonal depression. One of the challenges of working on this event was since it was a week long event she had to plan out 5 different events that were back to back. She loved learning and teaching about unique and creative ways to fight seasonal depression**

## Events

### Monday

- Commitment to growth and healing

### Tuesday

- Parallel Play

### Wednesday

- Unconventional Gift Giving

### Thursday

- Physical Touch

### Friday

- Letters of Affirmation



# BLACK HEALING WEEK



*"Take a day to heal from the lies you've told yourself and the ones that have been told to you." – Maya Angelou*

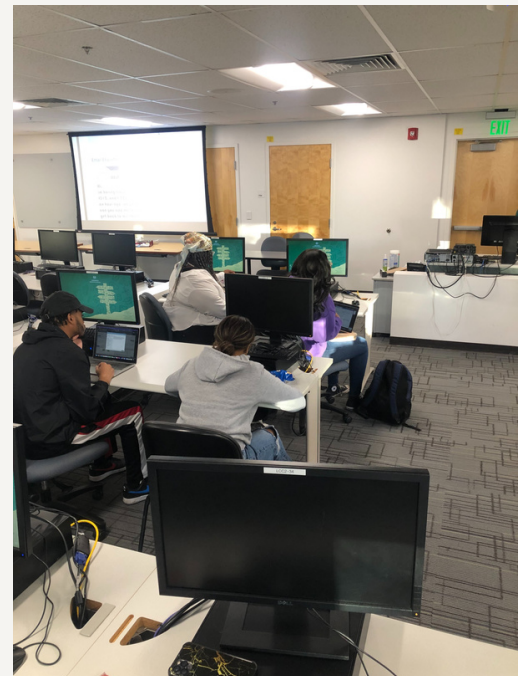
Black Healing Week allowed students to participate in various healing activities such as sit and paint, volleyball, and many more. Mental health isn't valued or talked about enough in our Black community. During the week many students learned how to take care of themselves







**COLLEGE, ESPECIALLY AS A FRESHMAN, IS HARD TO NAVIAGTE. THE RIGHT CLASSES ARE HARD TO PICK AND THE PATH ISN'T ALWAYS A STRAIGHT LINE. ACADEMIC ADVISING WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY FRESHMEN TO ASK ACADEMIC QUESTIONS AND GET HELP IN REGISTERING FOR CLASSES. MANY STUDENTS DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF RESOURCES AND HELP THAT THEY CAN ALWAYS UTILIZE.**





# Staff Holiday Dinner





Oct.25-26 2022

# BALLROOM CULTURE

COLLABORATION WITH PRIDE CENTER & RAM  
EVENTS



**What's ballroom? The Ballroom Scene is a pageant organized by drag queens. During the late 1920's Black and Latin/xs hosted their own pageants. This was to combat the racism and discrimination in their communities. Now drag shows are more embraced and accepted. It wasn't an easy fight and their fight for equality is still ongoing. There's also many misconceptions about what being part of the LGBTQ+ community is like. This event taught many people why Ballroom is so important and powerful. It's more than just a pageant. It's history. Collaborating with the Pride office helped us grow as community and personally.**

# Salsa Night

Collab with El Centro, Pride Center, & Ram Events

Attending salsa night last semester was one of the highlights of my semester. I went to the fall semester session in 2022. A lot of the time when I am on campus, I am always doing work and do not have a lot of free time to do fun things, so, this was something out of the ordinary for me to do. It was also really fun because when I was younger, I used to dance, so this tapped into my child-like spirit as well. The instructors were also really helpful and engaging. I really recommend these classes to people who want to do something outside of the box or who love all of the arts! -Maya Johnson







# OFFICE SHENANIGANS

