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THE MDC BULLETIN

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Cultural Conversations Event - Recap

Undergraduate MDC members were invited to attend a guided discussion by diverse panelists to discuss important conversations related to diversity and minority experiences in graduate school!

Five Important Takeaways:

- Find a community of others a part of the same marginalized group
- Remember that Imposter Syndrome is real
 - Can be worse for marginalized groups in graduate school
- Prioritize your mental health
 - Use counseling university resources or local therapists
 - Labmates or academic advisors can help with minority stress and stressors
- Ask questions about diversity! It's important to you, make that known to others
- Your diversity is a strength, don't hide or your identity to appeal to certain crowds

Upcoming MDC Events

Events are open to entire student body (do not have to be an MDC member)



Child and School Psychology

02/17 5:00pm
Kent Hall 167

Taste of Diversity Spring 2022

03/15 6:30pm
Virtual

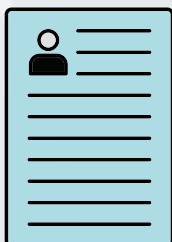
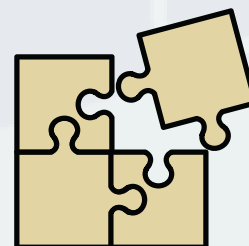


Neurodiversity Discussion

03/17 5:00pm
Kent Hall 167

Game Night

04/07 5:30pm
Kent Hall 145



Resume Roundtable

04/19 5:30pm
Kent Hall 145

Health Disparities

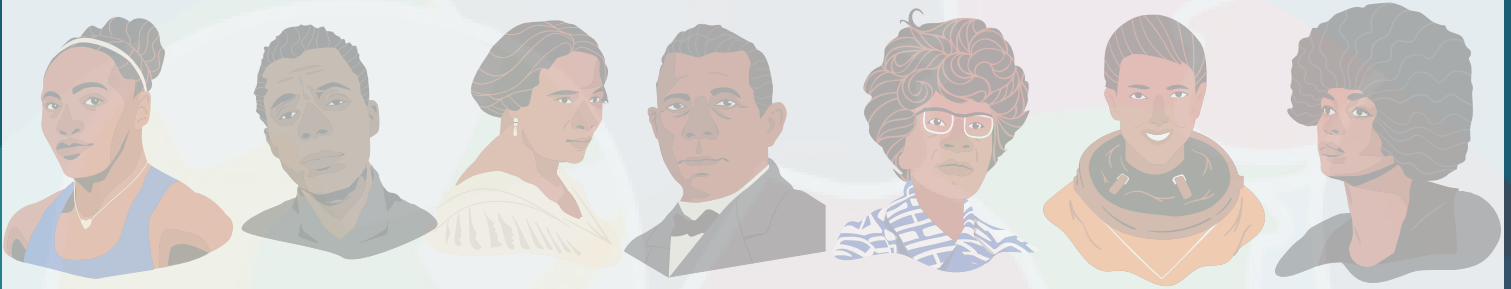
04/21 5:00pm
Kent Hall 167



HOW CAN FACULTY HELP?

1. Invite your undergraduate students & RAs to join any of the above events (do not have to be MDC member).
2. We are still taking applications for undergraduate MDC members.
3. Join us at Taste of Diversity to enjoy some conversations about your favorite cultural foods!

Black History Month - February



Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S history. Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life, which initiated the first variation of Black History month, titled, Negro History Week in 1926 during the second week of February. In 1970 according to the Kent Stater, Kent State University began observance of Black History Month, however, it was not until 1976 that every president designated the month of February as Black History Month.

How to celebrate Black History Month here at Kent State!

Mindful Mentality - Black History Month Edition

02/16 4:30-6pm
Kent Student Center 206

All The CEO Ladies - Creativity & Black "HerStory" Month

02/16 5:30-7pm
Virtual via Zoom

QTPOC: Black History Month (closed to members)

02/16 5-6:30pm
Kent Student Center 024

A Critical Conversation about the History of Ownership in the Black Hair Industry

02/21 5-6:30pm
Facebook Live

Intersectionality 101

02/22 1-2pm
Register in link below

Q'ommunity: Black History Month

02/23 5-6:30pm
Kent Student Center 024

Black History Month Food

02/24
Eastway Center - AYCTE Dining Hall

Flashes of DEI Podcast: Black United Students

02/24 8am-11:59pm
<https://anchor.fm/kent-state-dei>

Unknown Black Heroes

02/28 7-9pm
Oscar Ritchie Hall

For more information about these KSU events honoring Black History Month, including descriptions of events and links to register/join, visit:

[KSU's Black History Month Page](#)

or

<https://www.kent.edu/calendars>



Women's History Month - March

March is designated Women's History Month, set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. The first "Women's History Week" was celebrated in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year. In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." For more info about Women's History Month and its origins, [click here](#).



How to celebrate Women's History here at Kent State!



**Let's Talk Lunches - Peer Facilitated
Discussions on Gender Equity
Williamson Alumni Center**

03/03 12-1pm

03/10 12:30pm

03/15 12-1pm

03/24 12-1pm

**International Women's Day Event
Center for Undergraduate Excellence
03/08 3-7pm**

**Higher Conference
Kent Student Center
03/23 9a-3p**

Other Campus Events

Take a look at the upcoming events on Kent State's campus that focus on issues of multiculturalism and diversity. For more information, visit the university's calendar at <https://www.kent.edu/calendars>.

February Events

- I Heart Travel Week
- QTPOC: Black History Month
- Educational Abroad Expo
- Round Table Discussion: Families
- Q'ommunity: Black History Month
- Black History Month Lunch
- Race in the Rainbow Workshop

March Events

- Webinar - Diversity 101
- WTPOC: Craft & Conversation
- Safe Space: Trans 101
- Queer Voices Exhibit
- White Allyship
- Film Friday - LGBTQ+ themed
- Battle for the Wagon Wheel
- So Your Kid Came Out as LGBTQ+
- Poetry Reading Featuring Joy Harjo
- Q'ommunity: LGBTQ+ Trivia Night
- Understanding Race and Racism
- Transgender Day of Visibility

April Events

- What Does it Mean to be Anti-Racist?
- QTPOC: LGBTQ+ Trivia Night
- Poetry & Disability Justice
- Recognizing Bias
- End of Semester Social - Q'ommunity & QTPOC

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