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Black History Month at UK



Martin Luther King Center, under Office for Institutional Diversity, has been a vital resource for year around programming and activities on the importance of cultural awareness and cross-cultural understanding. The faculty assists many center programs and engages students and faculty in meaningful study and academic dialogue. The MLK Center focuses their programming on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's teaching of "unconditional love and society rooted in social justice, advocacy for the oppressed, and nonviolence". To live the teachings, the center focuses on creating cultural and education programming, ensuring student support and development, and enriching community outreach, engagement, and collaboration. These are accomplished through their core values of inclusive leadership, student success, advocacy, collaboration, and outreach. The center is consistently working to achieve their missions to advance the university's strategic goals of achieving a more diverse and inclusive campus environment, support increased underrepresented students, and enhance student performance through an engaged, productive, and fulfilling undergraduate experience.

In addition to hosting Black History Month programming, they are supporting Women's History Month (March), hosting Lyman T Johnson Banquet (April), and Harambee Graduation Ceremony (May). Monthly programming can also be found [here](#). The list of 50+ organizations that are supported by the Center can be located [here](#). To partner with or discover more information, email: mlkc@uky.edu or visit their [website](#).

Council Spotlight | National Pan-Hellenic Council

Our NPHC chapters plan to represent the FSL community on February 24th for the Annual MLK Day of Service! As part of Black History Month celebrations, University of Kentucky is sponsoring a day of service at the Catholic Action Center at 1055 Industry Road, Saturday from 8:15-2:00pm. The center is a house of hospitality that will welcome all in need. Their goal is to provide all guests with a warm place to receive their basic needs with dignity through a faith based outreach of volunteers. Our NPHC organizations hope to assist with the mission of filling the gap for all in need without government funding by encouraging opportunity for people of faith to connect and serve the community.

A special "Thank You!" to all NPHC advisers for carrying on traditions and values while continuously dedicating time and energy into the chapters. Your efforts are seen through their daily work and are always appreciated.

Staff Spotlight | Victor Hazard



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Victor is the University's first Associate Vice President for Student Engagement and has been with the University for 29 years. Previously the Dean of Students and Interim Associate Provost for Student and Academic Life, he has been a prominent contributor for the success of various campus programs in varying roles, including Fraternity & Sorority Life and seven additional departments. In his current role, Victor executes the campus Unconscious Bias Initiative and accompanies the staff and faculty

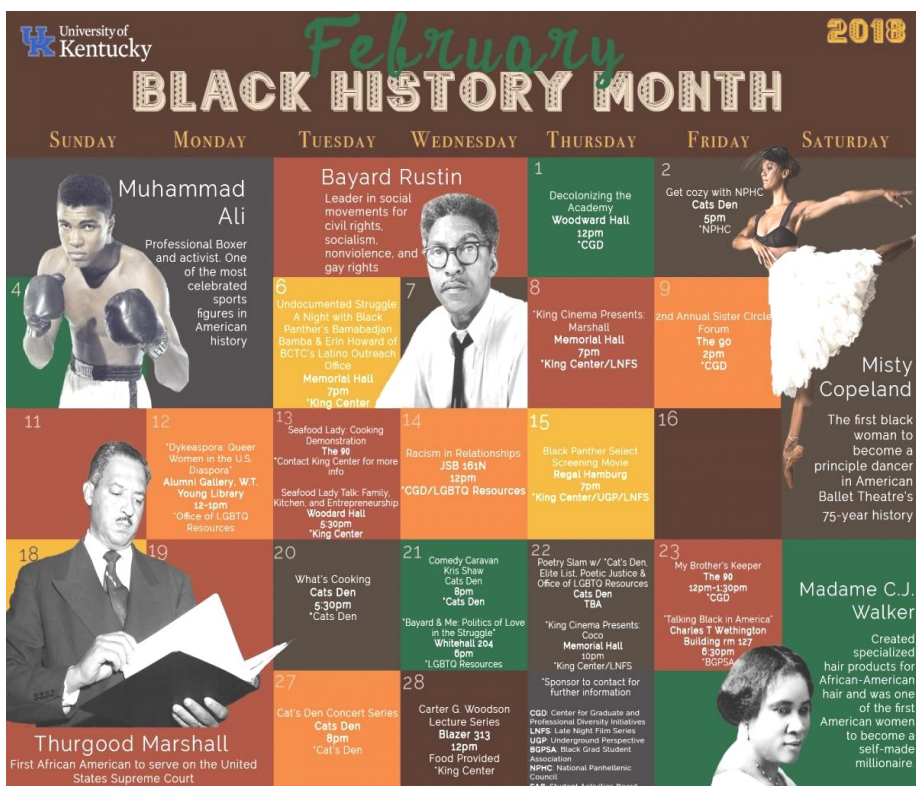
unconscious bias efforts in the Office of Institutional Diversity. The office umbrellas over Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment Services, Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives, Office of LGBTQ* Resources, Martin Luther King Center, and Student Support Services. Each of these programs, centers, and units cater to individual student needs and promote a sense of belonging through campus to ensure students have the environment to reach their highest potentials. Victor has a passion for student success and creating an inclusive environment where every student can make UK feel like home. You can view the 2017-2022 UK Diversity plan [here](#)

University Resource | Black History Month Calendar

"The observation of Black History Month allows the history and culture of black Americans to be unapologetically centered, for a moment, in recognition of our past and present challenges, struggles and accomplishments", says Kahlil Baker, Director of the Martin Luther King Center. This information was communicated across campus and to Chapter Presidents through the entirety of February.

Remaining Events:

- **Wednesday, Feb 21:** "Bayard & Me: Politics of Love in the Struggle" 6pm, 204 White Hall Classroom Building
- **Thursday, Feb 22:** King Cinema Presents: "Coco", 10pm, Memorial Hall
- **Friday, Feb 23:** "My Brother's Keeper", noon, the 90
"Talking Black in America" 6:30pm, 127 Wethington Building
- **Saturday, Feb 24:** MLK Day of Service, 8:15am, 1055 Industry Road
- **Tuesday, Feb 27:** Cats Den Concert Series, 8pm, Cats Den
- **Wednesday, Feb 28:** Carter G Woodson Lecture Series, noon, 313 Blazer Dining



Announcement | Adviser Outreach

We want to be sure that any adviser has access to campus information! Advisers can be added to our contact list [here](#). This will include any announcements about upcoming meetings, campus training opportunities, and gives direct access to this newsletter.