

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PRESENTS BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2021



BLACK IS _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Register for events and find event links via mssc.gwu.edu or on the organizations social media)

BLACK IS NOT A MONOLITH

Monday, February 1

6:30-8:00pm

Discussion-style event that allows students, faculty, and staff to discuss the stereotypes of the Black community, how there are various ways to show blackness and how it can be conveyed to greater communities that there is no exact definition of what being black is.

Sponsored by BHC Committee

BLACK IS WOMANIST

Thursday, February 4

7:30pm

We hope to hold an event to highlight how Black women are the backbone of so many social progressive movements. From the civil rights movement to the 2020 election, Black women of all different backgrounds have consistently worked to make a better. We would like to include women like Shirley Chisholm, Marsha P. Johnson, Carol Mosley Braun and Stacey Abrams in this discussion. This will be followed by an open forum about how Black women can continue their fight for equality, and be supported by our allies. We also hope to have a speaker who is a Black Female activist in DC to help guide this discussion.

Sponsored by BGM

BLACK IS MORE THAN A PLAYER

Wednesday, February 10

7:00pm

Understanding the Sports Industry jobs for Black people beyond athletes. This event will serve to inform students of more roles within sports that are not seen throughout the media as heavily.

Sponsored by Sports Business Association

OPEN MIC: BLACK IS WHAT I SAY IT IS

Thursday, February 11

7:00pm

An open mic event where people in the community have a chance to participate in storytelling through experiences participants wish to share.

Hosted on Instagram live @alianzaatgwu.

Sponsored by Alianza

BLACK IS GLOBAL

Thursday, February 11

8:00pm EST

This event will be focused on black liberation globally and the impacts of African American revolutionaries domestically and abroad. We ultimately hope to highlight the common grounds of black liberation and reflect on how black liberation is very much intertwined with pan-Africanism. We plan to discuss the actions of groups such as the Black Panthers, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Pan-African congress; and the contributions of activists/leaders like Kwame Ture, Maurice Bishop, Henry Sylvester Williams, W.E.B DuBois, and more!

Sponsored by African Students Association, Students Against Imperialism, EESA

BLACK IS POWER: SERVICE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Saturday, February 13

12:00-4:00pm

A day conference discussing the various ways that we can further serve the Black community - whether it'd be protesting, organizing, mentoring, advocating, etc. This event intends to invite several DC non-profit leaders and other nationwide advocates to push forward ideas and inspire students to claim and recognize their individual and collective power.

Sponsored by DREAM

BLACK IS VISIBILITY

Saturday, February 13

7:13pm

The event will work similarly to the events we have hosted for BHC in the past. We will have a guest speaker who will ask sets of questions. This will include what being Black means to them and how their Blackness allows/inhibits them to move through their industry.

Sponsored by Mu Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

BLACK IS LOVE

Sunday, February 14

7:08pm

Our annual black love event with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. discussing black relationships, cuffing season, and college relationships from all perspectives.

Sponsored by Mu Delta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Nu Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

BLACK IS INNOVATION

Monday, February 15

7:00pm EST

Black is Innovation, is an interactive panel discussion designed to highlight four distinguished Black professionals operating in the technology industry. Black people have always been essential to the story of technological innovation in America and the world, and 2021 is no exception. This panel is aimed at exposing students to seasoned leaders across multinational firms who are at the forefront of the modern technological revolution, which has seen Information Technology and Enterprise Software emerge as dominant business forces in the digitizing world. The panel will highlight the diverse career pathways of these professionals and the importance of continued Black leadership and ownership in the technology space.

Sponsored by Multicultural Business Student Association

THE INTERSECTION OF RACE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THEORY & FOREIGN POLICY

Thursday, February 18

6:00pm

The three core international affairs theories: realism, liberalism, and conservatism, serve as dominant frameworks that have shaped our understanding and knowledge of foreign policy. However, such theoretical models are rooted in racial biases that create binaries of "underdeveloped" and "developed" or "modern" and "primitive," used to justify imperialism and perpetuate a diplomacy that not only centers, but epitomizes the West despite the fact that the world order, institutions, and political systems that govern the international community were created with racist precepts. Such systems serve for the basis for United States foreign policy and perpetuates a state of world affairs that is blind to racism. The purpose of this event is to examine the intersection of the founding principles of international relations and how they inform our knowledge of policy, cooperation, development, and power.

Sponsored by Young Black Professionals in International Affairs (YBPIA)

BLACK IS THE RAINBOW

Thursday, February 18

7:00pm

A trivia game night highlighting the contributions of BLACK LGBTQIA+ individuals and groups. Queer and Trans Black people are quite literally the backbone of Black culture, slang, and history. From activism to pop culture, queer and trans Black people deserve to be celebrated.

Sponsored by Queer Trans People of Color

BLACK IS THE FUTURE

Friday, February 19

3:00-5:00pm

We'd like to have a conversation about different spaces we've seen Black people in various power roles. There have been a lot of "firsts", and we would like to have a panel of mostly Black GW alums (guest speakers are TBD). This panel would talk about what their experiences were like for them and where they see themselves in the future.

Sponsored by BGSA

BEING ON THE FRONTLINES OF HISTORY WITH YAMICHE ALCINDOR

Friday, February 19

7:30-9:00pm

After this historic presidential administration and tumultuous election, what can be learned? Join us for a conversation with White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor from PBS NewsHour as we discuss her time covering the White House, her journey as a reporter, and the future of political journalism.

Sponsored by GW Association of Black Journalists, GW Black Pre-Law Association

BLACK IS POETRY

Monday, February 22

7:00pm

A poetry night exclusively featuring Black artists. Poets can come and perform their own poetry or they can do a poetry reading. Celebrating historical African American poets as well.

Sponsored by UBUNTU

BLACK IS INTELLECTUAL

Tuesday, February 23

7:00-9:00pm

This event is a symposium celebrating the work and achievement of black intellectuals. There will be a moderated panel discussion with highly accomplished guests followed by a Q&A session and networking time. The purpose of the event is to showcase the achievements of black intellectuals, motivate students, and provide a unique networking opportunity.

Sponsored by National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

BLACK IS PAINTING A SISTERHOOD

Friday, February 26

6:20pm

Calling all NPHC sororities & friends to join us for an evening of sisterly love, fun and painting. Each sorority has their own unique painting that they can represent with as well as we have a non-sorority picture option. We will guide you on your masterpiece.

All supplies included. Register via Eventbrite so that materials can be sent.

Sponsored by Xi Sigma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

BLACK IS RESTORATIVE: BLACK IS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Friday, February 26

9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-4:15pm

CBBlack students will visit Martha's Table and bag groceries in Southeast DC.

Sponsored by GW Black Student Union's Community Service Committee and BHC Community Service Committee

SOUL REVUE

Virtual

You know the vibes!

(Register for events and find event links via mssc.gwu.edu or on the organizations social media)