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# Georgia Southern University celebrates Black Heritage Month

January 30, 2020

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS

## 2020 BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

### The V.O.T.E. Matters - Voices of the Excluded

February 1-29, 2020

Statesboro (S) • Armstrong (A) • Liberty (L)

**Social Media Campaign (S, A, L)**  
Instagram, Twitter, etc.  
Weekly during Feb.  
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**Talks of Africa (S)**  
During Commencement  
Once Weekly during Feb.  
Showcasing various African traditions.

**Campus Spotlight (S, L)**  
Liberty Campus Commons Area  
Weekly during 2020  
The Liberty Campus will be highlighting the following eight weekly throughout Black Heritage Month:  
March: Freedom Fighters, In for the Business, Secretariat of the Movement, and Poetry of the Movement.

**Little Known Black History Facts (S, L)**  
Wellwood Commons  
Display throughout the month of Feb.

**Voter Registration (S, A, L)**  
Commencement Ball  
Student Union Food Pantry Ball  
Display throughout the month  
Non-partisan voter registration table with information about voter ID, absentee ballot and more.

**African American Journey to 2020 (S)**  
Russell Union Ballroom BC  
Feb. 4, 2020 | 6 p.m.  
Celebrating major struggles and milestones of African Americans.

**Dr. Javier Avila: The Trouble With My Name (S, A)**  
Russell Union Ballroom BC  
Wednesday, Feb. 5 | 6 p.m.  
Dr. Javier Avila will be bringing his poignant and hilarious one-man show to both the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses. "The Trouble With My Name" will highlight his talents as both a poet and professor as he examines the issues of language, race and social justice.

**Black Jeopardy (S)**  
Liberty Campus Commons Area  
Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020  
Monday, Feb. 24, 2020  
Black Jeopardy is a show for you to test your knowledge of basic but African American history. It will be held twice during Black Heritage Month on the Liberty Campus.

**I Studied My History, I Studied My Past... Culture, Gender and Race's Importance in Reynolds' Nomenclature (A)**  
Agnes Scott Theatre  
Thursday, Feb. 6 | 8:30 p.m.  
This panel based on the popular documentary will cover important cultural influences that were presented by the artist.

**Black Man Engagement Summit (S, A, L)**  
Armstrong Center, Armstrong Campus  
Feb. 6, 2020 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
"Bring New to Strong History" - The Historic Development of Black Men at Georgia Southern University Students

**Black History Tour - Savannah, GA (Post COVID) (S, A, L)**  
Feb. 8, 2020 | 7 p.m.  
Black History tour with Day Chan Johnson, a Black tour company in Savannah. The tour will feature the historic Civil Rights Museum, a visit with First African Baptist Church, and other local points of interest.

**WOT Meeting (S, A, L)**  
Liberty Campus, Room 107  
Armstrong Campus, Student Union Ballroom  
Wednesday, Feb. 10 | 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 9 | 1:45 p.m.  
Peer Learning Team (PLT) will be having WOT education and working on both the Liberty and Armstrong campuses.

**Talk Tuesday - Russell Union 2000 (S)**  
Feb. 15, 2020 | 9 p.m.  
Integration of Georgia Southern University as facilitated by members of the 2000 First SBL.

**Brother Outlander: The Life of Bayard Rustin (A)**  
Agnes Scott Theatre  
Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 8 p.m.  
During his 80-year career as an activist, organizer and "moralist," Bayard Rustin inspired many of the principles that propelled the American civil rights movement. This film combines rare archival footage with generative interviews to explore the life and work of a forgotten prophet of social change (and change).

**Solid Table Talks (A)**  
Student Hall 101 and Student Union Ballroom C  
Wednesday, Feb. 17 | 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 26 | 8:30 a.m.  
Solid Table Talks will be interactive meetings where students and community members can reflect on the importance of the right to vote and what it has meant for our campus community and the Southern community.

**Launch And Learn! (L)**  
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Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020  
Thursday, Feb. 26, 2020  
Join the Liberty Campus and your local information services with snacks provided. The topics that will be discussed will be the Black Vote and the Politics of It and The Right to Vote for Social Justice (SBL).

**College's 100 Winter Ball: City of Gold (L)**  
Armstrong Center  
Saturday, Feb. 21 | 7 p.m.

**Voter Registration Drive (S)**  
Russell Union Commons  
Feb. 26, 2020 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Non-partisan voter registration table with information about important dates, absentee ballots and more.

**Dr. Antonio Holmes (S)**  
The awarding ceremonies from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry!  
Feb. 26, 2020 | 1:00  
The speaker will share experiences in science and workplace successes, struggles and overcoming experiences their own and others.

**NALDF Sip and Paint (A)**  
University Hall  
Thursday, Feb. 28 | 5 p.m.

**Coffee Hour (S)**  
Wellwood Commons Multipurpose Room  
Feb. 28, 2020 | 8 p.m.  
Conversations about environmental justice, cultural differences, etc. Meet and greet with diverse faculty and staff.

**Voices Not Excluded: Spoken Word Event (A)**  
Agnes Scott Theatre  
Feb. 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
An opportunity to learn more about the origins of spoken word, and a time to create some new material.

**Presenters to the Disruptors Feast (L)**  
Nutville Commons Area  
Feb. 23, 2020

**The Fourteenth Amendment: Where We've Come From And Where We're Going (A)**  
Student Union  
Thursday, Feb. 27 | 10 a.m.  
The 14th Amendment has also been called the Reconstruction Amendment and was meant to prohibit states from depriving anyone of their life, liberty or property. This presentation is going to be led by a team member from the Counseling Center to discuss how to manage through times when it may not feel that these rights are applicable for all members of our community.

**2nd Annual Show, Black Girl Show - Black Women Empowerment Awards (S, A, L)**  
Russell Union Ballroom BC - Student Union Campus  
Feb. 28, 2020  
7 p.m. pre-dinner/dinner event  
7 p.m. showtime  
BWA will highlight the positive contributions of Black women at Georgia Southern University. The honorees will range from diversity, faculty, staff, Black women empowerment student organizations, and alumni. An SBL certificate will be formed, and all the BWA honorees will go out during the first week of November for the committee to review. The event will feature a head and neck performance between the hosts to create an entire show. Honorees will be judged for excellence in the following categories:  
• Philanthropy and community service  
• Research  
• Academic Excellence  
• Diversity, Inclusion and Fairness  
• Georgia Southern involvement  
The awards will be presented by an affiliate of the honoree (typically the nominator or someone designated by Nominators), and will include a video with information about the honoree that needs their submission. Each honoree will be allowed an acceptance speech with a 2-minute max.



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Georgia Southern University's Office of Multicultural Affairs announces the schedule for the 2020 Black Heritage Month celebration, featuring a series of lectures, panel discussions, performances and more throughout February.

Most events will take place on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses and are free and open to the public. Highlighted events include:

**Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m., Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Ballroom**

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 3 p.m., Armstrong Campus, Student Union Ballroom**

**One-Man Show: Javier Avila, Ph.D.: "The Trouble With My Name"**

Javier Avila's poignant, high-octane and hilarious one-man show, "The Trouble with My Name," highlight Avila's talents as a poet and a professor as he examines the issues of language, race and social justice. Avila will engage with the audience and tell the story of his life while reading poetry that illustrates what it means to be an American of the future. The show breaks barriers with a message that transcends the boundaries of race, ethnicity and geography.

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion: I Studied My History, I Studied My Past... Culture, Gender and Race's Importance In Beyoncé's "Homecoming"**

**Armstrong Campus: Ogeechee Theatre**

A panel consisting of faculty and students will discuss the cultural importance of Beyoncé's Grammy Award-winning Netflix documentary, "Homecoming." They will explore culture, gender and race and how the documentary brings more awareness to the contributions of African-Americans.

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Black Man Empowerment Summit: Strong Men Do Strong Things**

**Armstrong Center**

The summit will feature leadership and professional development workshops designed to empower African American males.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11. 6 p.m.**

**Film Screening: "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin"**

**Armstrong Campus: Ogeechee Theatre**

The Official Selection at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival, 2003 National Black Arts Festival, Amnesty and 2003 International Human Rights Film Festival, "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin," is a feature-length documentary of visionary activist and organizer Bayard Rustin who served as a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr. and was the architect of the 1963 March on Washington.

**Saturday, Feb. 29, 8 p.m.**

**Second Annual Shine, Black Girl, Shine – Black Women Empowerment Awards**

**Statesboro Campus: Russell Union Ballroom**

Shine Black Girl Shine will highlight the positive contributions of black women at Georgia Southern University. Honorees include students, alumni, faculty and staff members, as well as individuals from student organizations.

Nominees will be judged for excellence in the following categories: philanthropy and community service mentoring, academic excellence, diversity, inclusion and fairness and Georgia Southern involvement.

The event will feature various performances throughout the show.

For more information on the 2020 Black Heritage Month Celebration, visit

<https://calendar.georgiasouthern.edu/search/events?search=black+heritage+month>.

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