

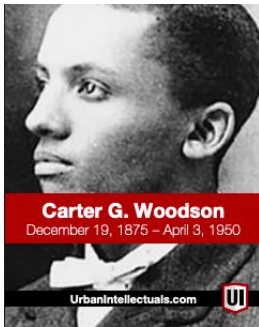
We celebrated Black History Month; CJCP BSU organized events and activities and educated the whole school community with newsletters and informational videos. Special thanks to Christopher O. (BSU President), Courtney B. (BSU Vice-President), and everyone helping us recognize and celebrate this month.



A Weekly Newsletter Presented by the CJCP Black Student Union
Week 1: February 1 - 5

How did Black History Month begin?

Through Dr. Carter G. Woodson's work, *The Journal of Negro History* was created and launched the first celebration of Black History Month. It is fitting that he is named the Father of Black History, as his endeavors started our celebration for this month.



- In 1903, he earned a B.L. degree from Berea College. In 1908, he earned an M.A. in History from University of Chicago. In 1912, he earned his doctorate in History from Harvard University.
- Co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915.
- Authored *The Mis-Education of the Negro* in 1933, one of the most important books of the 20th century.
- Established *The Journal of Negro History* in 1915.
- Launched the celebration of "Negro History Week" in 1926, eventually expanded and renamed Black History Month.

"What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice."

- Dr. Carter G. Woodson *The Journal of Negro History*

Video Links:

- [Oludah Equiano](#)
- [Surya Bonaly](#)
- [Misty Copeland](#)
- [Harriet Tubman Museum in NJ](#)
- [Black Lives Matter Movement](#)

Further Reading:

- [Why Is Black History Month in February?](#)
- [The Legacy of Queen Amina](#)
- [The Activism of bell hooks](#)
- [Who was Ella Baker?](#)
- [Notable New Jeresians](#)
- [What is the BREATHE Act?](#)

"Go out there and swear to this world your oath, not with your words, but with what you do. Not with your hand over your heart, but with your hand outstretched to a world that desperately needs your hand, your help, your insights, your reativity, your honor, your courage. It needs you." — Cory Booker

"We have a right to protest for what is right. That's all we can do. There are people hurting, there are people suffering, so we have an obligation, a mandate, to do something." — Rep. John Lewis

"Next to God we are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth living." - Mary McLeod Bethune

Happy Black History Month!

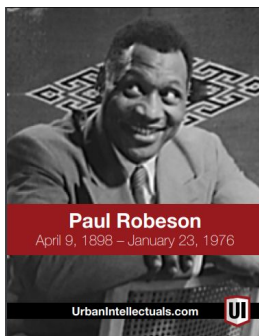
"We must never forget that Black History is American History. The achievements of African-Americans have contributed to our nation's greatness." —Yvette Clarke



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Week 3: February 15 - 19

How can I learn more about Black History?

Black History doesn't start and end with the month of February. Along with these resources, conduct your own research throughout the year and search for the untold stories.



- Athlete and performing artist who became involved with Civil Rights Movement.
- First Black actor to play Shakespeare's Othello, on Broadway.
- Supported Pan-Africanism, sang for Loyalist soldiers during Spain's civil war, took part in anti-Nazi demonstrations, and performed for Allied forces during WWII.
- Labeled a communist and staunchly criticized by government officials, as well as some African-American leaders.
- Blacklisted from domestic concert venues, record labels, and film studios due to his advocacy of anti-imperialism, affiliation with communism, and criticism of the United States government.
- In 1950, barred by the U.S. State Department from renewing his passport to travel abroad for engagements.

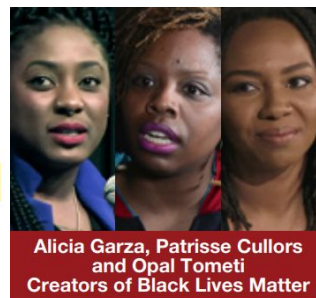
"Through my singing and acting and speaking, I want to make freedom ring. Maybe I can touch people's hearts better than I can their minds, with the common struggle of the common man."
- Paul Robeson



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Week 4: February 22 - 26

What does Black Lives Matter really mean?

Black Lives Matters brings awareness to the inequitable treatment African Americans face in this country. By holding demonstrations and placing pressure on organizations that mistreat black communities, these issues are brought to national attention and work towards making black lives equal to all other lives.



- Organizers, freedom fighters, and justice seekers.
- Creators of Black Lives Matter; a chapter-based national organization that was formed in 2013 to improve the lives of African-Americans and rebuild the Black Nationalist Movement.
- Garza co-founded the BLM with Cullors and Tometi as a call to action after an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin, was killed and his murderer went free.
- Cullors is an advocate for criminal justice reform in Los Angeles.
- Tometi serves as executive director and guides various chapters in the works they do when leading demonstrations, protesting institutional racism, and taking legal stands against injustices.

"For us, #BlackLivesMatter is really a re-humanization project. It's a way for us to love each other again, to love ourselves, and to project that love into the world so that we can transform it."

- Alicia Garza