February 1 – February 28
In Our Words, Social Media Platform
Sponsored by the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center. Join Mississippi State University students for a weekly video series as we reflect on “What does Black History means to us.”

NPHC Black History Social Media Challenge
Instagram (@nphc_mstate)
The National Pan-Hellenic Council members will share their favorite Black quotes and Black History facts. Join NPHC daily on Instagram.

Black History Facts Social Media Campaign
Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Music Maker Productions. Music Maker Productions will share facts about Black history every day for the month of February.

Nothing New Under the Sun:
The History of Black Students at MSU, Louis Burns Brock, Hank Brock Gallery, Old Main Academic Center. Sponsored by African American Studies and Mitchell Memorial Library
Since Richard Holmes became the first Black student to enroll at Mississippi State in the summer of 1965, Black students have played a strong role on campus, pushing for institutional change and acceptance. This exhibit explores that history and highlights Black student activism and student life, from 1965 to the present. Items on display from University Archives and include contributions from MSU alumni and current students. Curated by Morgan Alexander, African American Studies and Jessica Reelins Smith, University Archives.

February 2, 2021
Black History Trivia Night, 6:00 PM - MSU Barnes & Noble
Sponsored by the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center, Pan-Hellenic Council and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Join PCSM and Omega Psi Phi for a night of Black History Trivia.

February 5, 2021
Wear Red Day and National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 11:00 am – 1:00 PM – Drill
Join Health Promotion and Wellness as we recognize and celebrate national “Wear Red Day and National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.” In recognition of both, we ask that you go Red by wearing red.

February 10, 2021
Black and Blue, 6:00 PM – Taylor Auditorium, McCool 124
Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for a screening panel & open discussion with local and regional law enforcement.

February 12, 2021
Maroon Lounge: A Painting Experience, 7:00 PM, Colvard Student Union – Ballroom
Sponsored by Music Maker Productions, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and Student Activities. Experience the combination of wonderful music, painting, and Black History education as you enter the Maroon Lounge. Students will have the opportunity to receive step by step instructions as they construct their own art masterpiece. While painting you will have the opportunity to enjoy a jazz ensemble playing live music. Each student that attends the event will also receive a giveaway.

February 15, 2021 - Panels will be available on the Afri
Canadian American Studies website and MSU TV. Follow at @msu_ass
I Can’t Breathe: Teaching Black History and Anti-Racism Past George Floyd, Virtual Panel
Join African American Studies on a conversation on the importance of a Critical Black Historiography, examining the evolution of the national and collegiate celebration of Black History Month (at MSU and nationally). This panel will also include a discussion on teaching Black History in the moment of “Racial Reckoning” that we as a society find ourselves.

From Gospel to HipHop: A Conversation on Intersections and Impact of Black Music, Virtual Panel
A conversation on the historical, cultural, and social impact of Black/African American Music. This conversation will examine the connections between different genres of music such as Gospel, Blues, and Hip-Hop. This panel discussion will explore the musical traditions of African Diaspora and the impact of those traditions on various genres. This panel discussion will also seek to create discussions on the impact of race/ethnicity within the music industry on “Black Music” and Black Artists in the 21st Century. Sponsored by African American Studies.

Black in the Ivory, Virtual Panel
A conversation that amplifies African American scholarly achievements while examining the experiences of Black people in Academia. This conversation will discuss the value of Black Scholarship and discuss the lack of diversity that exists in higher education. This panel discussion will seek to create discussions on the decontextualization of academic spaces, allowing for higher education to become more diverse and inclusive. Sponsored by African American Studies.

Black in the Military, Virtual Panel
Join African American Studies for a conversation that explores the experiences of Black/African American servicemen and women. This conversation will highlight the contributions that African Americans have made to the U.S. Armed Forces. This conversation will seek to create discussions that examine the experiences of those who have served this country while being disenfranchised by those that they serve.

February 18, 2021 - Queer Talk, 3:30 PM, Virtual Platform
Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center for a dialogue on various topics of the LGBTQ+ community. This session will focus on experiences of QTPOC.

NPHC 101, 7:00 PM, Virtual Platform – NPHC Instagram (@nphc_mstate)
Sponsored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life & the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Join us for the opportunity to learn more about our MSU NPHC organizations through an open forum.

The Conversation, 7:00 PM, Dorman Hall – RM 140
Freshman Council invites you to join “The Conversation” for the second year in a row! The event will focus on exploring relationships between various demographics on campus in an effort to bring unity to our campus.

February 19, 2021
Homecoming Drive-In Movie, 7:00 PM, Sanderson Lot
Sponsored by Student Activities and Music Maker Productions.
Homecoming is a 2019 concert film about American songstress Beyoncé and her performance at the 2018 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

February 20, 2021
A Seat at the Table, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, McCool Hall
A Seat at The Table is a conference designed to equip minority students with the skills and confidence to get involved and become campus-wide leaders. Students will gain new skills while networking with other students and professionals. The conference will begin with a main keynote session followed by a variety of breakout sessions where students can engage in activities centered around diversity, inclusion, professional development, and community engagement. To register visit Coakall Connect. Sponsored by: Student Association.

February 22, 2021
Fine Art Exhibit, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Old Main Lounge
Explore the artistic talents of Black students & famous Black artists in the Old Main Lounge. This exhibit will showcase many forms of fine art, from literature to paintings to dance. Sponsored by: Student Association.

February 23, 2021
Virtual Black Business Expo. All Day – Instagram @msu_events
Check out the Center for Career Success Instagram page for a spotlight on a local Black-owned business and ways you can support your local Black business owners.

February 24, 2021
Black History Month Keynote: Kiese Laymon, 3:00 PM, MSU TV – Live Stream
Kiese Laymon is the author of the New York Times Bestseller “How To Be Black.” Mr. Fred Brown will offer his comments and questions and will field the questions of students and faculty.

The History of Black Fashion, 6:00 PM, Colvard Student Union – Dawg House
Join Student Activities in the Dawg House to watch the history of Black fashion evolve throughout the decades via an interactive fashion show.

February 25, 2021
100 Black Men in Suits - 5:30 PM - Taylor Auditorium
Changing the image and creating a new narrative
Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center and the Merit of Excellence Program for a panel discussion on re-creating the image of African American Men. The hope is to unite and create a positive impact amongst our African American males.

February 26, 2021
Drive-in Movie: Be Free or Die, 7:00 PM, Sanderson Lot
Join African American Studies and the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center for the Rolling and inspirational life of an American Freedom Fighter.

The movie tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman’s escape from slavery and transformation into one of America’s greatest heroes.

February 28, 2021
A Walk-Through Mississippi Showcase - 7:00 pm, Better

sworthy Auditorium Honoring the Past of African Americans in the State of Mississippi.
Join the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center as we take a walk through Mississippi for a cultural extravaganza showcasing forms of Black art, including spoken word, monologues, dance and song.