

Join us in Celebrating Black History!

African Descent Caucus (ADC) invites you to participate in community events that celebrate Black History! Be sure to verify times, locations, and registration before you go. Feel free to send pictures of your experiences to the [Legislative & External Affairs Team](#).

Feb. Tuesdays-Sundays, 11a.m.– 7 p.m.: Call to Conscience Black History Month Museum: Rainier Avenue Radio will be converting the entire Columbia City Theater into the “Call to Conscience Black History Month Museum.” The museum will celebrate the achievements and the achievers of the Pacific Northwest while recognizing the Black excellence that shines in the region today. It will feature exhibits and installations by organizations like the Black Heritage Society of Washington, Tacoma’s Buffalo Soldier Museum and BlackPast.org. [Advance registration](#) is encouraged.

Feb. 1st, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.: Black Owned Business Excellence Symposium, UW Tacoma: This will be a kick-off event for Black History Month (also known as Black-Owned Business Excellence Month) and a host of other workshops and training scheduled for throughout February. This event builds on and extends many efforts to build connections with and between Black-focused business groups and entrepreneurs. Join us for the symposium! [Register here.](#)

Feb. 1st, 6:30 p.m.: Civic Cocktail at Seattle CityClub welcomes Black legislators and immigrant leaders to share their stories and contributions to the Pacific Northwest region. Featuring State Representative April Berg, (44thLD), and Senator John Lovic (44th LD). Attendance is free in person and online. Register [here](#).

Feb. 2nd, 7:30 p.m.: Tacoma Arts Live Presents: Voices of Mississippi: It's an immersive multimedia experience and concert celebrating people and art of the southern blues, gospel and storytelling traditions. Program features: Boddy Rush, Sharde Thomas, Luther and Cody Dickison. Learn [more](#).

Feb. 2nd, 7–9 p.m.: History of Theatre: Local actor, playwright, and A Contemporary Theatre (ACT) core company member Reginald André Jackson’s World Premiere production “**History of Theatre**” seeks to journey through 200 years of history to surface previously untold stories of African American theatre. Buy [tickets here](#).

Feb. 4th , 12–3 p.m. Cultivating Black Wellness: World Cancer Day: This World Cancer Day & Black History Month, join us for a discussion on closing the cancer care gap and learning how to unite our voices to act on behalf of our communities. This will be a hybrid event for those who can’t join us in person. [Register Here](#)

Feb. 4th , 1–7 p.m.: Celebrating, Unveiling Dr. Joy DeGruy: Join us in celebration as we induct internationally renowned researcher and educator, Dr. Joy Angela DeGruy, into the Iconic Black Women Collection at the WOW Gallery and unveil Hiawatha D’s newest work. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 4th, 4–6 p.m.: Cultivating Black Genus: A community conversation with Dr. Edwin Nichols. Free event at the Evergreen State College, Tacoma Campus. Register [here](#).

Feb. 4th, 7 p.m.: Hot Jazz at the Gallery Featuring Jacqueline Tabor: Live music at Occidental Mall in the Heart of Historic Pioneer Square at the Frederick Holmes and Company – Gallery of Modern & Contemporary Arts 309 Occidental Avenue. Live Jazz calendar [here](#).

Feb. 5th, 7 p.m.: What and Why do we Celebrate Black History Month? Online Interactive Experience sponsored by the Washinton State Commission on African American Affairs. [Register here.](#)

Feb 6th, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.: Special Event at Seattle City Hall featuring Dr. Edwin Nichols: Understanding the Essence of Ethnic Differences: A presentation and conversation to deepen the collective understanding of cultural differences so that we might work more effectively and powerfully for racial justice. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 8th, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.: The Seattle Art Museum is featuring Howard L. “GATO” Mitchell’s **Forgive Us Our Debts** film. GATO is a Portland-based artist, director, and writer of Afro-Latin descent born in Panama City, Panama. In his films, GATO depicts what we cannot see, interweaving the tangible and intangible to reveal "the fire beneath

the ice of humanity." His 2018 film *Forgive Us Our Debts* is the fictional story of a terrified 13-year-old Black boy, Trey, who lives with his family in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood. [Learn more](#)

Feb. 11th, 11 a.m.: The Museum of History and Industry is hosting "Building with Purpose: Black Architects and Community Legacy". Black architects bring their sense for community connectedness to current and future design within the Puget Sound region. When the community speaks, they want architects to listen and create built environments that serve livability while maintaining neighborhood character. Join us for a discussion with architects, cultural placemakers, and artists as they envision intentional and equitable development that is shaping our evolving communities. [Learn More](#)

Feb. 15th, 6 p.m.: The Museum of History and Industry is hosting "History Cafe: Paying tribute to Seattle's Black Landmarks and their Namesakes." [Learn Morehttps://mohai.org/calendar/](https://mohai.org/calendar/)

Feb. 16th, 6 p.m.: Northwest African American Museum will hold an in-person riveting conversation with Dr. Damion Thomas, Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture Curator of Sports. No Registration required. [Learn more](#)

Feb. 20th, 10:30 a.m.: African American Lobby Day is an opportunity to advocate on behalf of the community and to influence policymaking during Washington's legislative session. [Register here.](#)

Feb 25th , 9 a.m.–3 p.m.: Saturday Black Business Marketplace & Popups: Come buy your favorite cup of coffee and support Black Businesses every Saturday at our Black Coffee Marketplace. [Learn more](#)

Grab a meal with a coworker, friend, or family this month! Here's a list of popular Black-owned eateries. To search by neighborhood (or other types of business) check out [Intentionalist](#).

- Communion – Restaurant
- Métier Brewing Company – Brewery
- Fat's Chicken and Waffles – Restaurant
- Noir Lux Candle Bar – Hand-Crafted Candles
- Plum Bistro – Restaurant, Vegan
- Arte Noir – Arts and Culture Space
- Jerk Shack – Restaurant
- Where Ya At Matt – Food Truck
- Shikorina Pastries – Bakery
- Boon Boona – Coffee Products and Coffee Shop
- Black Coffee Northwest – Coffee Products and Coffee shop

**Record the events and/or black owned businesses that you visited.
Journal below and then share your experience with your team.**

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