Student Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BHM is a time for celebrating the achievements of Black Americans and recognizing their central role in U.S. history. This year's theme is Black Health and Wellness.

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

01: Lunar New Year (Buddhism)
02: Candlemas (Christianity)
05: Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)
14: St. Valentine's Day (Christianity)
15: Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
16: Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)
28: Lailat al Miraj (Islam)

Upcoming Events

February 5th: Brazos Valley African American Museum Visit 12 pm
Email AggieSOM@snma.org for more info

February 16th: BHM Lunch Talk with Dr. Lia Thomas
12-1 pm in HPEB LL43 \textbf{RSVP} by FEB 11

February 17th: Volunteer Day at the Boys and Girls Club
4:30-6 pm Bryan, TX

February 21st: BHM Celebration with Dr. Vincent OHAJU
6-8 pm in HPEB LL30 & LL38

SDEI IN STEM

STEM Jobs See Uneven Progress in Increasing Gender, Racial and Ethnic Diversity
2021 SDEI Highlights

Last year we...
Hosted our first virtual BHM celebration with attendees from all over TX
Held the first diversity org meet and greet in August
Proposed the addition of a COM land acknowledgment

Welcomed our new Faculty DEI Committee Chair Dr. Amy Wright and two new Co-Vice Chairs to ODI Faculty and Staff Committee, Dr. Ian Murray and Dr. Don Daniels

Let us know below in "SUGGESTIONS?" what you'd like to see in 2022!

Current Events

Ten humanitarian crises and trends to watch in 2022

A Tennessee school district has voted to ban the Holocaust graphic novel 'Maus'
The 10-member McMinn County School Board voted unanimously earlier this month to remove the book over foul language and an image of a nude woman.

A bill that would limit education on race, gender and sex gets support in the Florida House

A proposal aimed at limiting how various race-related concepts are discussed in classrooms and workplace training sessions received initial backing Wednesday in the House, inching forward. Gov. Ron DeSantis’ push against critical race theory.

'As a Black woman in STEM I'm used for photo opportunities'
By Megha Mohan

RESOURCES FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN CURRENT EVENTS

- COVID-19 Health Equity Resources compiled by the American Medical Association
  - Addressing Antisemitism
  - Engaging in Antiracism Work
  - Save Myanmar and Anti-Asian Racism Resources
  - COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups: What You Can Do from the CDC
  - TAMU Health and Wellness Resources

SUGGESTIONS?

Have suggestions for DEI at A&M? Please click here to leave an anonymous comment!