What Is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth 1865
“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.” —General Orders, Number 3; Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865-
Read more: www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth/

Juneteenth is a national commemoration of the end of slavery and the emancipation of slaves in the United States. This celebration dates back to June 19th, 1865 with Major General Gordon Granger alongside Union Soldiers arriving in Galveston, Texas bringing news of the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of all slaves. This historical moment took place years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and is endemic of the continued fight for social justice in the modern era. Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom, it is a celebration of the progress that has been made, and is a celebration of the continued fight for advancements in social justice in the United States. Read more: www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html

SNMA Reading List :

White Rage: Carol Anderson
White Fragility: Robin DiAngelo, PhD
Crucial Conversations: Kerry Patterson
Tears We Cannot Stop: Michael Eric Dyson
Between the World and Me: Ta-Nehisi Coates
Reproducing Race: Khiara Bridges
Medical Apartheid: Harriet A. Washington
The New Jim Crow: Michelle Alexander

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Student National Medical Association
13th Film Screening
and Discussion

Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth
Friday, June 19 at 6:30 PM CT on Zoom
Zoom and GroupMe link provided in email
White Privilege

Bailey King

How fortunate am I
To be granted
A voice that is heard
The benefit of the doubt
An advantage from birth

How fortunate am I
To be favored by
Authorities
Media
Leadership

How fortunate am I
To never understand
The trauma of oppression
The fear of those sworn to protect
The rage of being forgotten

How fortunate am I
To speak on this topic but not experience it

All because the color of my skin

Racism

Clyde Fomunung

Driving is exacerbated by the fear of the police, because that day may be your last

Jogging is exacerbated by the fear of being told “you’re in the wrong neighborhood”

Shopping is exacerbated by the fear of someone thinking you’re trying to steal

Minding your business is exacerbated by the fear of the unrecorded “Karens” & “Amy Coopers”

Living is exacerbated by the continuous violence and killing of black people

Our freedom is under attack
Our mental health is under attack
Our fundamental human right is under attack

This often ends in injustice and I’m sick
It has me feeling like I CAN’T BREATHE
God, I just want to live...

Message from the Author:

I was inspired to write this piece by the current Black Lives Matter movement. I recognize that the color of my skin comes with certain privileges not experienced by people of other races. I hope that this piece promotes awareness amongst those who look like me and may unknowingly benefit from similar privileges. With this recognition, I speak up for those who can't, advocate for equality, learn with an open mind, and spread awareness.

Message from the Author:

My inspiration for this poem was born out of the pain I've felt for my brothers and sisters killed as a result of police brutality as well as those feeling empowered to take actions into their own hands. This poem is but a slight reflection of the tribulations of what it means to be black in America. I hope that through this, it raises awareness and allows you to take a step in our shoes.
Cerci Hammons
*Repeated History in the Making*

Sara Yasrebi
*There is only one just side of medicine*

Joanna Ma
*White Coats For Black Lives*
Get Involved!

Words Can Hurt
(Phrases that can be taken negatively)

- "You are so well spoken!"
- "I'm so tan now, I'm blacker than you!"
- "That neighborhood is so sketchy / ghetto."
- "Is that your real hair?"
- "Can I touch your hair?"
- "I don't see race!"
- "Where are you actually from?"

How To Make a Difference

1. Vote for representatives who stand for diversity and inclusion
2. Join the Student Diversity & Inclusion Committee
3. Have discussions at home about racial inequality
4. Be an advocate for your peers
5. Learn and educate peers about stigmas specific to your community

How to Become Involved in SNMA

1. Become a MAPS mentor for Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M MAPS chapters
2. Become class representatives
3. Become a national member at snma.org
4. Attend a Regional Conference
5. Read our Monthly Updates
6. Follow us on Social Media

Helpful Resources:

- Learn about Black History and ways to get involved with the Google Drive Created by Abigail Achiri with students Megan Badejo and Daphne Garcia Galan.
  https://tinyurl.com/preserving-humanity
- Learn About the Steve Fund here: Their goal is to promoting the mental health and emotional well-being of college and university students of color.
  www.stevefund.org

Police Statistics

- Black Americans make up 13% of the population but 25% of shootings victims by the police (WSJ, 2020)
- Black men are 2.5x more likely to be killed by police over the life course than white men, with a peak between ages 25 and 29 (2019 Study by Edwards et al., Rutgers University)
- Black people are 1.3x more likely to be unarmed than white people (http://mappingpoliceviolence.org)
- No correlation exists between level of violent crime in US cities and rates of police violence.
  (http://mappingpoliceviolence.org)
- Lack of accountability: 99% of killings by police from 2013-2019 have not resulted in officers being charged with a crime (http://mappingpoliceviolence.org)

Upcoming Events:

Pride Month: check out Life Beyond Aggieland virtual series: Being an Ally to the LGBTQ+ Community on June 16 at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Get FREE tickets at aggiepridelgbtq.eventbrite.com

Juneteenth Curbside Celebration at Bravos Valley African American Museum on June 19th at 10 am-12 pm.

Diversity & Inclusion will be hosting a summer reading focused on racism in healthcare. Be on the lookout for more information!
Why Health Disparities Matter

CDC Statistics on African American Health:

Socioeconomic factors and health risks affect African Americans at younger ages.

Young African Americans are living with diseases that are more common at older ages.

African Americans are more likely to die at early ages from high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke.

Heart disease, cancer, and stroke are leading causes of death among African American populations. The mortality rates from these diseases have decreased from 1999-2015. However, African American populations still remain at greater risk of death from heart disease and stroke compared to caucasians.

"Most pregnancy-related deaths can be prevented, and significant racial/ethnic disparities in pregnancy-related mortality need to be addressed."

(Petersen et. al, 762-765)
White Coats For Black Lives

YOU DO NOT STAND ALONE
This photo was inspired by the National SNMA “See Us” Campaign

SAY THEIR NAME...

John Crawford III
Reika Boyed
Botham Shem
Freddie Gray
Ahmaud Arbery
Antwon Rose Jr.
William Green
George Floyd
Atatiana Jefferson
Breonna Taylor
Sandra Bland
Trayvon Martin
Michael Dean
Eric Garner
Stephon Clark
Philando Castile
AND SO MANY MORE...