

# Black History Month - Bloomington Style 2009

## *A Celebration!*

### Calendar of Events

The City of Bloomington, in collaboration with Indiana University, Ivy Tech Community College and other community organizations, presents *Black History Month - Bloomington Style: A Celebration!* Events and activities are being held throughout the community, making February 2009 a month of remembrance, commemoration and celebration of African-American heritage and culture in Bloomington and beyond.

**The City of Bloomington's celebration of Black History Monthy kicks off with a *Black History Fair* for family members of all ages on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at Showers City Hall.** The City's closing celebration, the annual *Black History Month Gala*, will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center. For more information, please contact Beverly Calender-Anderson, City of Bloomington Safe and Civil City Director, at [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov) or 812-349-3560. Visit our website at [www.bloomington.in.gov/safe](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/safe) for the latest information and updates to the Black History Month 2009 schedule of events!

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#### Saturday, January 31, 2009

##### ***An Evening of Social Graces Formal and Workshops***

10:00am – 12:00pm · Indiana University School of Education · *Contact:* [clip@indiana.edu](mailto:clip@indiana.edu)

A Social Graces Education Program is being sponsored by the Community Literacy Intervention Program and the Bloomington NAACP Youth Council, in commemoration of Black History Month 2009. This program is free and open to all youth members of the community, ages 12 years and up. It consists of two workshops (January 31 and February 7) and a final session on February 20, leading to *An Evening of Social Grades Formal* on Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. All workshops and the formal will be held at the Indiana University School of Education. For more information as well as details on workshop times and locations, please email [clip@indiana.edu](mailto:clip@indiana.edu).

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#### Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 27, 2009

##### ***Black History Month Photo Exhibit at Indiana University***

8:00am to 5:00pm Daily · Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs · *Contact:* Kathy Haney, [kehaney@indiana.edu](mailto:kehaney@indiana.edu)

Indiana University commemorates Black History Month 2009 with a *Black History Month Photo Exhibit*. It may be viewed in the Undergraduate Office Lobby, Room 240, at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Open to all members of the community.

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Monday, February 2, 2009

**Seventh Annual African American Read-In**

10:00am · Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall · *Contact:* Evelyn Hamilton, [nmbcc@indiana.edu](mailto:nmbcc@indiana.edu)

The Indiana University School of Education hosts its Seventh Annual *African American Read-In*. Community members are invited to attend and share poems and passages by African-American authors in celebration of African-American literacy. Guest author Mr. Kenya Taylor-Wash will be featured for the 2009 program. The *African American Read-In* is free of charge and open to all members of the community.

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Tuesday, February 3, 2009

***The Great Debaters* (Film)**

12:00 Noon · Ivy Tech Community College · Student Commons · *Contact:* Debra Vance, 812-330-6111 or [dvance@indiana.edu](mailto:dvance@indiana.edu)

In celebration of Black History Month 2009, Ivy Tech Community College will present *The Great Debaters*, a 2007 film directed by and starring two-time Academy Award winner Denzel Washington. The film is based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College in Texas who inspired students to form the school's first debate team in 1935, which went on to challenge Harvard in the national championship. The film was produced by Oprah Winfrey and her production company, Harpo Productions. This event is free of charge and open to all members of the community.

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Thursday, February 5, 2009

**City of Bloomington *Black History Fair***

5:30pm – 8:00pm · Showers City Hall, Council Chambers and Atrium · *Contact:* Cor Calender-Anderson, 812-349-3560 or [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov)



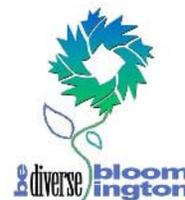
The City of Bloomington kicks off *Black History Month - Bloomington Style: A Celebration!* with the *Black History Fair* on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The fair will include activities for visitors of all ages, including a presentation celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Motown Records by Dr. Charles Sykes, Director of the African American Arts Institute at Indiana University; a presentation by the Monroe County History Museum for children; storytelling by local actor I. James Torry; information sessions about the historical role of black fraternities and sororities; and discussions about scholarship opportunities and college preparation. The Black History Fair is free of charge and open to the entire community. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

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## Tuesday, February 10, 2009

### *The State of the Black Community in Bloomington & Beyond: A Panel Discussion*



6:00pm · Showers City Hall, Council Chambers · *Contact:* Beverly Calender-Anderson, 812-349-3560 or [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov)

*The State of the Black Community in Bloomington & Beyond* is the topic of a panel discussion including Gregory K. Scott, Assistant to the President for Diversity & Community Relations, Ivy Tech Community College; Quincy Stewart, Indiana University Department of Sociology; Elder Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church South District; Dr. Stephanie Carter, IU School of Education; Stephanie Davis, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs graduate student; and Beverly Smith, Monroe County Community School Corporation, Facilitator. The event is free of charge. All members of the community are welcomed to attend.

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## Thursday, February 12, 2009

### ***Discussion on Race: A Student Panel Discussion***

12:00 Noon · Ivy Tech Community College · Student Commons · *Contact:* Debra Vance, 812-330-6111 or [dvance@indiana.edu](mailto:dvance@indiana.edu)

In commemoration of Black History Month 2009, Ivy Tech Community College presents a *Discussion on Race*, a student panel discussion. Dr. Kevin Jones, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Ivy Tech Community College - Indianapolis Campus, will moderate the discussion. The event is free of charge and open to all members of the community.

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## Friday, February 13, 2009

### ***The Descendants of the Cherokee Freedman: Victims of Sovereignty?***

12:00 Noon · Indiana University · Eigenmann Hall – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 621 · *Contact:* Lillian Casillas, [fnecc@indiana.edu](mailto:fnecc@indiana.edu)

Indiana University commemorates Black History Month 2009 with "*The Descendants of the Cherokee Freedmen: Victims of Sovereignty?*" This discussion examines the historical and present-day citizenship barriers facing the descendants of Cherokee black slaves. The event is free and open to all members of the community.

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## Sunday, February 15, 2009

### *College Goal Sunday*

2:00pm – 4:00pm · Ivy Tech Community College · *Contact:* Debra Vance, 812-330-6111 or [dvance@ivytech.edu](mailto:dvance@ivytech.edu)

Ivy Tech Community College is sponsoring the Southern Indiana meeting of *College Goal Sunday* in conjunction with *Black History Month* at their Bloomington Campus, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington. *College Goal Sunday* is a program that helps college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial aid experts will be on-site to provide assistance with the financial aid application, which is required by most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools across the country. This event is free and open to all members of the community.

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## Wednesday, February 18, 2009

### *Soup & Substance Series: George Taliaferro*

12:00 Noon to 1:00pm · Ivy Tech Community College · Lamkin Hall · *Contact:* Debra Vance, 812-330-6111 or [dvance@indiana.edu](mailto:dvance@indiana.edu)

In commemoration of Black History Month, Ivy Tech Community College will present George Taliaferro in its *Soup & Substance Series*. Mr. Taliaferro was Indiana's first African-American football player to be drafted by the National Football League. He will discuss his career at Indiana University and his experiences in the NFL. The event is free of charge and open to all members of the community.

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## Thursday, February 19, 2009

### *Black History Month Author Talk Back*

Time and Location to be Announced · *Contact:* Beverly Calender-Anderson, 812-349-3560 or [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov)

The City of Bloomington's commemoration of *Black History Month – Bloomington Style: A Celebration!* continues with an Author Talk Back. Authors Audrey McCluskey, John McCluskey, Robert Jackson and Tajuana Butler will discuss their recent publications. Following the presentation, the authors will be available to sign copies of their books. The event is free of charge and open to all members of the community. *The time and location of this event will be announced at a later date.*

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## Sunday, February 22, 2009

### **Free Concert: "Pressing Forward -- No Turning Back: A View of the City", Indiana University African American Choral Ensemble**

5:00 PM · Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall · *Contact:* Katie Dieter, [kdieter@indiana.edu](mailto:kdieter@indiana.edu) or visit [www.indiana.edu/~aaai](http://www.indiana.edu/~aaai)

In celebration of Black History Month 2009, the Indiana University African American Arts Institute and the African American Choral Ensemble present *Soul ACE*, *Sojourner*, and *God's Progress* performing in a free concert of traditional and contemporary gospel music, themed "Pressing Forward - No Turning Back: A View of the City". This theme represents a journey through gospel music from the past to the present. Original student works by alumni John Harrison and Calvin Carrington will be featured. The African American Choral Ensemble, *Soul ACE*, *Sojourner*, and *God's Progress* are under the musical direction of Professor Keith McCutcheon. The concert is free and all members of the community are welcomed to attend.

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## Monday, February 23, 2009

### **Dr. Cornel West – Lecture at Indiana University**

7:00 PM · Indiana University Auditorium · *Contact:* Caitlin Van Kooten at [lecture@indiana.edu](mailto:lecture@indiana.edu)

Indiana University continues their celebration of Black History Month 2009 with a public lecture by Dr. Cornel West. One of America's most provocative public intellectuals, Cornel West has been a champion for racial justice since childhood. His writing, speaking and teaching weave together the traditions of the black Baptist Church, progressive politics, and jazz. Dr. West is the author of many books including *Race Matters*, a searing analysis of racism in American democracy which has become a contemporary classic. The lecture is free and open to all members of the community.

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## Tuesday, February 24, 2009

### **Black Knowledge Bowl**

6:00 PM · Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall · *Contact:* Evelyn Hamilton, [nmbcc@indiana.edu](mailto:nmbcc@indiana.edu)

The Indiana University 2009 Black Knowledge Bowl competition is held in celebration of Black History Month and is hosted by the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center. This year's competition will be held in the format of *Jeopardy*. Teams will be asked questions related to African American life, culture and history. Eligible participants are undergraduate students at Indiana University; the deadline for submitting individual and team member forms is 12:00 noon on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are awarded. No fee is required to register for this event.

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Friday, February 27 – Saturday, February 28, 2009

**Indiana University African American Dance Company**

***12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Workshop and Panel Discussion***

Class times vary · Panel Discussion: Friday, 7:00pm · Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center ·  
*Contact:* Professor Iris Rosa, [rosa@indiana.edu](mailto:rosa@indiana.edu) or 812-855-6853, or visit  
[www.indiana.edu/~aaai/adc](http://www.indiana.edu/~aaai/adc)

Indiana University's *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Workshop* offers Master Dance classes in African, Afro-Cuban, Jazz, Salsa and Modern (Horton) dancing. A Panel Discussion will be held on Friday, February 27. All workshops and the panel discussion will be held in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center at Indiana University-Bloomington. The Annual Dance Workshop will culminate in a dance showcase (see separate listing). The Annual Dance Workshop is sponsored by the Indiana University African American Dance Company, African American Arts Institute and Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies. Advance registration is required.

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Saturday, February 28, 2009

***Indiana Latino Leadership Conference***

8:00 am – 5:00pm · Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI), Indianapolis Campus ·  
*Contact:* Lillian Casillas, [lacasa@indiana.edu](mailto:lacasa@indiana.edu) or visit [www.iupui.edu/~latinos/illc](http://www.iupui.edu/~latinos/illc)

IUPUI, Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana University are proud to collaborate this year in presenting the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Leadership Conference*. This event has been cultivating leadership and has provided networking opportunities since 1999. It provides conference participants with resources on culture, education, identity, current issues, career development and leadership. Advance registration is required.

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Saturday, February 28, 2009

***African American Dance Showcase Closing Reception at Indiana University***

7:00pm · Willkie Residence Hall Auditorium · *Contact:* Roberta Radovic,  
[rradovic@indiana.edu](mailto:rradovic@indiana.edu)

The African American Dance Showcase Closing Reception is the culmination of the African American Dance Company's *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Workshop* and serves as Indiana University's closing celebration of Black History Month 2009. This event is by invitation only.

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# Saturday, February 28, 2009

## *Black History Month Gala*



7:00pm to 12:00 midnight · Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

Contact: Beverly Calender-Anderson, 812-349-3560 or [safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov)

The Black History Month Gala will feature a reception, dinner, and dance, with live music provided by Jay Majors and Hook Up. Other highlights include a silent auction and the presentation of the *Living Legend* and *Outstanding Young Black Male of Tomorrow* Awards. Attire is formal. The Gala serves as the City of Bloomington's closing celebration of *Black History Month - Bloomington Style: A Celebration!* Tickets are \$40 and available at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater Sunrise Box Office, 114 E. Kirkwood (812-323-3020) or via their website at [www.bloomingtonarts.info](http://www.bloomingtonarts.info). Tickets are also available at the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department, Showers City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Suite 260 (812-349-3430).

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