

**\*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
**Black History Month Essay Contest**  
**Awards Reception**

Fairview Elementary School  
 500 W. 7th St., Bloomington, IN  
 6:00 pm • Free

Parents, teachers, siblings, friends, and community members are invited to Fairview Elementary as the winners of the 2019 Black History Month Essay Contest are honored. Awards will be presented in the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels. Join the community in supporting these budding scholars. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact [mosss@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:mosss@bloomington.in.gov).

**\*SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND**  
**15th Annual Black History Month**  
**Gala**

Hilton Garden Inn  
 245 N. College Ave., Bloomington, IN  
 6:00 p.m. Reception and Silent Auction  
 7:00 p.m. Gala • \$50 in advance

Join us for an evening of fine dining, great music, and dancing, as we recognize the 2019 Living Legend Recipients, and the Commission on the Status of Black Males' Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow recipients. Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m., program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$50 each ~ Available January 31st at the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office, [BCTboxoffice.org](http://BCTboxoffice.org), or by phone at 812-323-3020.



**2019 Black History Month ~**  
**Reclaiming Our Time**  
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**\*THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**

**City of Bloomington**

**Black History Month Kick-off**

Showers City Hall Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN

Reception: 5:30 pm • Free

Program: 6:30 pm • Free

The City of Bloomington commemorates National Black History Month with a tribute and celebration to empowerment. “Reclaiming Our Time,” inspiring us to reflect on the ways historical wrongs are being corrected, and the spaces the Black community has created to celebrate culture, history, and community. This community celebration will feature a conversation between Dr. Dionne Danks and Judge Valeri Haughton



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Presents:  
A Night at the Juke Joint**

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall  
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN  
6:00 pm • Free

This event will serve as the opening ceremony for the NMBCC Black History Month celebration. This program will include various forms of artistic expression (music, dance, poetry, visual arts) and will feature local Black artist. Additionally, attendees will enjoy a delicious selection African American soul food. Open to the public.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Kappa Lambda Chapter Phirst  
Phriday Happy Hour**

Holiday Inn 1701 N Kinser Pk., Bloomington, IN  
6:06 pm - 10:06 pm • \$10 • 18+

The Phirst Phriday is a happy hour event put on by the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Sigma Kappa Lambda Chapter. It was developed to encourage and promote the fellowship of professionals within the community.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Bloomington Poetry Slam and Open Mic:  
Black History Month**

The Bishop  
123 S. Walnut St, Bloomington, IN  
8:30 pm • \$5 • 18+

February is BLACK HISTORY MONTH! This means that we will have a special guest host joining Andrea on stage--the phenomenal Joseph Harris! While the open mic and slam are open to all, we will be prioritizing Black voices in honor of Black History Month. This will come into play only if we have a full open mic and slam list, so still feel free to sign up to perform! This month's feature is local

multimedia artist A. Bowden! A. Bowden is a conceptual artist that lives in Bloomington, IN. They believe in generational curses, arts and crafts, and slow movers. Come support local Black talent this month.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**Marvin Chandler:**

**Open to the Moment**

Buskirk-Chumley Theater

114 E. Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Donation to Hoosier Hills Food Bank

This 56-minute documentary video tells the story of Reverend Marvin Chandler, who first played the piano at the age of four in his hometown of Bloomington, IN. Since that time, he has never stopped sharing his love for music, commitment to social justice, and passion for ministry. The video showing will be preceded by a reception at the Monroe County Historical Society (1-2:30 PM) and followed by a question and answer period.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**Extensions of the Tradition Concert:  
Art Music by Black Composers**

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall  
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm • Free

Concert of Art Music by Black composers featuring performances by IU Jacobs School of Music students and the African American Choral Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Raymond Wise.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**The Black Faculty and Staff Caucus  
Recognition Jazz Brunch**

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center - Grand Hall  
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Free

Bi-monthly meeting for the IU BFSC. The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center hosts its annual appreciation brunch for IU faculty, staff, and their families.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**Black Panther**

Ivy Tech Community College-Shreve Hall  
200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm • Free

For Black History Month Ivy Tech community College will be showing Black Panther. Free popcorn provided.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Bloomington Alumnae Chapter  
Annual Pancake Breakfast**

O'Charley's  
360 N. Jacobs Dr., Bloomington, IN  
7:30 am - 10:00 am • \$13 per person in advance or at the door

Come celebrate Delta Sigma Theta Bloomington Alumnae Chapter's 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds fund local scholarships and public service initiatives. There will be music, door prizes, and of course delicious pancakes! This year's menu will feature fluffy pancakes, bacon or turkey sausage, and eggs. Orange juice, apple juice, coffee, tea or water is included with meal. Plan on joining the Deltas' to Eat, Drink & Be Merry for a great cause!



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 16**

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Sigma Kappa Lambda Chapter Nelms  
Leadership Academy**

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center  
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm • Free

The Nelms Leadership Academy is a series of workshops intended to give practical skills to high school young men that will prepare them for college and life. There will be five sessions and each participant will receive a gift if they complete the program. Students can participate in either session. For more information or to express interest, email skleducationprograms@gmail.com.

**\*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**State of the Black Community**

City Hall Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN  
5:30 pm • Free

This event will feature a coalition of organizations discussing education, economics, and the criminal justice system as they relate the black community. Refreshments will be served.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**African American Choral Ensemble  
Black History Month Concert**

Indiana University School of Education  
201 N. Rose Ave., Bloomington, IN  
11:45 am - 1:00 pm • Free

Featuring performances by IU faculty, staff, and alumni.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Bowling  
for Babies March of Dimes Fundraiser**

Classic Bowling Lanes  
1421 N. Willis Dr., Bloomington, IN  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm • \$60/team

Join Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. for its annual Bowling for Babies March of Dimes Fundraiser. Register at [www.marchforbabies.org/team/bloomingtongradzetas](http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/bloomingtongradzetas).



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**Explore Black History Month in VR**

Monroe County Public Library Auditorium  
303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm • Free

Explore black history and culture through three virtual reality experiences: I Am a Man, The People's House, and Neuro Speculative Afro Feminism. Watch on the big screen, then thoughtful discussion with a panel of experts. VR demos follow.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**Black Knowledge Bowl:  
Please Don't Stop the Music**

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center  
Bridgewaters Lounge  
275 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN  
6:30 pm • Free

Fun and interactive exploration of Black Music and Pop Culture. The Black Knowledge Bowl is a long-standing NMBCC tradition. This event is planned in conjunction with the Black Student Union and the African Student Association.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Sorority, Inc. #CAP Program  
Kickoff**

Banneker Community Center  
2930 W 7th St, Bloomington, IN  
47404  
11:00 am • Free



The #CAP (College Admissions Process) program is for high school juniors and seniors who have interest in pursuing higher education. Both students and their parents/guardians are invited to the kickoff to learn more about the program and monthly workshop series. For access to the application, email [ktocap08@gmail.com](mailto:ktocap08@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**Second Baptist Black History Month Program**

Second Baptist Church  
321 N. Rogers St., Bloomington, IN  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Free

African Americans and Black in Africa in the observance of the Centenary of World War I, 1918-2018. The keynote speaker will be Professor Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, and Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**IU African American Dance  
Company Performance**

Monroe County Public Library Auditorium  
303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Free

Exemplifying keen vigorous expression, eloquence and class, the African American Dance Company captures and conveys the spirit of dance styles of the African Diaspora. All ages. For more information, call 812-349-3050 or visit [mcpl.info](http://mcpl.info).

