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Palo Alto College to celebrate Black History Month with special guests

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will celebrate Black History Month from Feb. 3 to Feb. 28 to recognize and honor the achievements, contributions, and importance of African Americans to our nation's history. The month will include a sequence of events including speakers, lunches, and experiential learning events.

Palo Alto College's Black History Month events will kick off with a celebration in the Student Center Annex on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at noon with a celebration of live music led by renowned jazz trumpeter and flugelhornist Ephraim Owens.

Palo Alto College will celebrate Black History Month from Feb. 3 to Feb. 28 with the following events:

- Monday, Feb. 3-28: Humanities Texas exhibit, "The Road to the Promised Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement"
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: Live musical performance by renowned jazz trumpeter and flugelhornist Ephraim Owens accompanied by Dr. Armin Marmolejo and other local musicians.
- Thursday, Feb. 13: Professor Peter Myers will present on his visit to the famous Lorraine Motel, which now houses the National Civil Rights Museum.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19: Saeed Jones, an award-winning author and former contributor at BuzzFeed who has used his platform as a tool for social awareness, will share his experience with students.
- Thursday, Feb. 20: Engineering professionals will share their experiences of being minorities in the industry.
- Thursday, Feb. 27: Dr. Adena Williams Loston will speak about her journey from working at NASA to becoming the president of St. Philip's College.
- Friday, Feb. 28: Students will travel to Houston to tour Texas Southern University and visit the Houston Museum of African American Culture.

All 2020 Black History Month events are free and open to the public. The events are sponsored by several Palo Alto College programs including the Office of Student Life, Working Writers Series Committee, and the Student Activities Fee. Full event details are available at alamo.edu/pac/bhm.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is

accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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