#### THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AWARENESS CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY WIDE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

> COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY FAIR I 1:00-2:00 PM BHM PROGRAM I 2:00-5:00 PM



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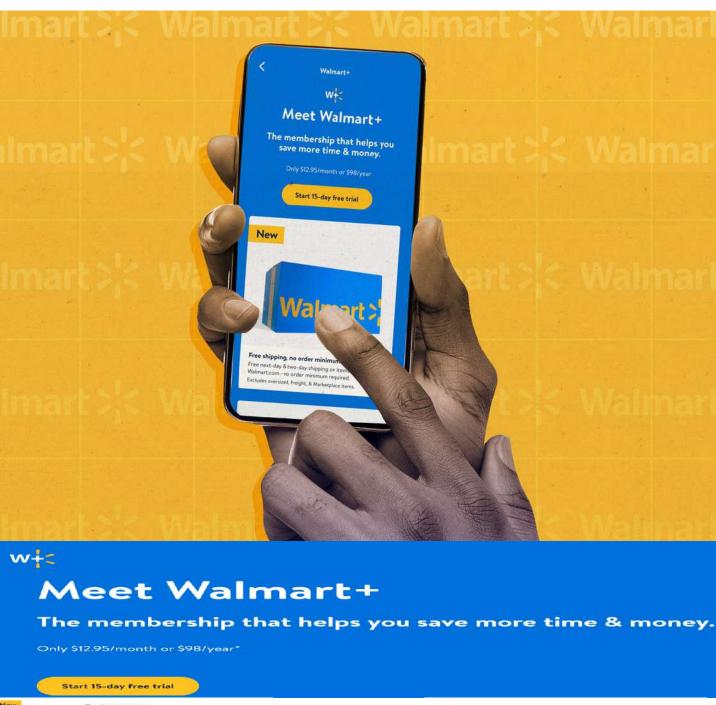
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#### LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING Also known as "The Black National Anthem" **By James Weldon Johnson**

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past had taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present had brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

#### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER By Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming? O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

#### **PROGRAM**

Opening Prayer	Reverend iviariand Brazier
Master of Ceremony	
Presentation of Colors	Bolingbrook High School ROTC
National Anthem	Lewis University Choir
Black National Anthem-Lift Every Voice	Lewis University Choir
Introduction of Guests/Elected Officials	Bernard Winstor
Community RemarksMayor Mary	Alexander-Basta, Mack McKeithan (Walmart)
Performance	Jesse White Tumblers
Speaker	Dr. Cheryl Green
Poetry	Bolingbrook High School Students
Hall of Fame Recipients	Ernest Crim III, Honorable Jesse White
Honor Roll	Black History Month Awareness Club
Dancers	Jadea and Jiarah Johnson
Scholarship Presentation	Black History Month Awareness Club

#### **PURPOSE**

To promote diversity and heighten understanding of Black heritage through an entertaining format.

#### THE SOURCE

Bolingbrook Attorney Anita Kontoh Carty, Felix George, former DuPage Township Supervisor and Trustee, and Bernard Winston founded the Black History Month Awareness Club, Inc. The not-for-profit social organization was formed to coordinate and host an annual social event that raises the awareness about the history of African Americans. The event is held annually during February, Black History Month, and is geared to all residents in Bolingbrook, regardless of race and origin, to assist in building bridges of tolerance and understanding. To learn more about the organization or volunteer, please visit us at blackhistorymonthawarenessclub.com or email us at historyawarenessclub@gmail.com.



#### ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month recognizes and promotes the appreciation of centuries of African-American achievement, culture and heritage. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the struggles, sacrifices and accomplishments of many Blacks in this country. Its origins are firmly rooted in the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Study of Afro-American Life and History, who in 1926 introduced Negro History Week.

In 1976, the United States government issued a proclamation establishing February as Black History Month. The month was chosen because it coincided with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas on the 14th, and Abraham Lincoln on the 12th. Both were great orators and influential leaders who furthered civil rights and improved the plight of Black Americans.

Although African Americans have a rich history in this country, many contributions by Blacks have been ignored or omitted from history books. The observance of Black History Month was NOT designed as a tool to rehash past injustices, or seek retribution for egregious sins. It was created to raise awareness about the manner in which people, events, actions and experiences impacted and shaped the lives of Blacks in America.

Since the late 1500's, Blacks played an important role in shaping U.S. history and culture. In fact, African slaves were crucial to the successful development of this nation. Long before the slaves were emancipated many African American's fought in the Revolutionary War and valiantly died for the cause of freedom, which ironically was not extended to people of color. Likewise many stories of heroism stem from courageous military service of Blacks before their inclusion in the Spanish American and Civil War. After being emancipated, Blacks were actively recruited, enlisted and honorably served in all branches of the armed forces from World War I until today. Blacks have additionally contributed to the literary, artistic, and athletic traditions of American life.

One of the objectives of Black History Month is to offer a rich learning environment that bridges gaps created by ignorance and miscommunication. To satisfy this objective true historical accounts are presented which illustrate the unwavering commitment of many African Americans whose individual determination, and perseverance allowed them to face adversity, conquer obstacles and ascend to unimaginable heights.

Listening to and empathizing with these stories helps in the process of forming productive, tolerant relationships. Each effort launched leads all people to a destination where we learn as American people we share far more similarities than differences. Embracing this mindset holds the promise of a future where all people from all races, creeds, and colors live, learn, work and play together harmoniously.

Written by Toni Greathouse

#### **Power Of A Dream**

#### Past • Present • Future



#### President Barack Obama

The 44th and current President of the United States. He is the first African American to hold the office. Obama previously served as United States Senator from Illinois.



#### Marcus Garvey

Social activist, journalist and civil rights organizer. One of the most influential black leaders of the early 20th century. Marcus Garvey was in the vanguard of the new awakening among African Americans. Garvey was unique in advancing a Pan-

African philosophy to inspire a global mass movement focusing on Africa. Garvey has influenced almost every generation of African American writers since.



#### Dr. Benjamin Carson

Neurosurgeon and the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008.



#### George Washington Carver

One of the 20th century's greatest scientists, his influence is still being felt today. He is best known for developing crop-rotation methods for conserving nutrients in soil, and discovering hundreds of uses for crops such as the peanuts, sweet potatoes and pecans.



#### Gabrielle Douglas

Gabrielle Douglas is a US Women's Artistic gymnast. At the 2012 London Summer Olympics, she won gold medals in both the team and individual all-around competitions. Gabrielle is the first woman of color of any nationality and the first African-

American gymnast in Olympic history to become the Individual All-Around Champion.



#### Nelson Mandela

South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician, and philanthropist and first black president of South Africa (1994-99). He helped end the country's apartheid system of racial segregation, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1993 for his efforts.



#### Madame C.J. Walker

African American businesswoman, hair care entrepreneur and philanthropist. She made her fortune by developing and marketing a hugely successful line of beauty and hair products for black women, under the company she founded. The first female who

became a millionaire by her own achievements.



#### Oprah Winfrey

Television host, producer, and philanthropist. Winfrey is the most successful talk show host in TV history. Her show "Oprah", has become the highest-rated program of its kind in history. Through her publishing, television production company and other businesses.

her personal fortune is over 1 billion dollars.



#### Paul Robeson

A renaissance man, remarkable talents. Internationally renowned singer, scholar, actor of film and stage, All-American and professional athlete, writer, multi-lingual orator and lawyer who was also noted for his wide-ranging social justice activism.



#### **Denzel Washington**

Actor, screenwriter, director and film producer. Two time Academy Award Winner. Washington's efforts have done much to dramatically expand the range of dramatic roles given to African American actors and actresses.



#### Carter G. Woodson

Historian, author, journalist. He was one of the first scholars to value and study Black History. He recognized and acted upon the importance of a people having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity and left behind an impressive

legacy. Woodson is known today as "the father of black history" and is credited with the adoption of black studies in American schools. Woodson created Black History Month.

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#### **Henry Loius Gates**

Professor at Harvard University, the author of many books of literary criticism and African American history. Scholar, critic, essayist, editor, professor, and chair of Afro-American studies at Harvard University.



#### Tvler Perrv

Actor, director, screenwriter, producer, playwright and author Tyler Perry's films have earned him over \$400 million worldwide. He's one of the top five highest-paid men in Hollywood.



#### Lorraine Hansberry

playwright, essayist, poet, and leading literary figure in the civil rights movement. Her first play, A Raisin in the Sun, opened on Broadway to instant success. It was also the first drama by a black woman to be produced on Broadway.



#### Nikki Giovanni

One of Americas most read poets. She has written over two dozen books, which include volumes of poetry, children's books and collected essays. Giovanni is currently a professor at Virginia Tech.



#### Phillis Wheatley

poet and the first African-American woman whose writings were published. Wheatley was an African slave in Boston, Massachusetts when she became the first published black poet in America in 1767. She freed herself by means of her own

writing ability.



#### Cathy Hughes

Owner and chief executive officer of Radio One, Inc., Cathy Hughes is in charge of 70 radio stations, the largest African Americanowned radio broadcasting company in the United States. The twenty-second-largest broadcasting firm in the nation.Radio

One launched TV One, a national cable and satellite television network.



#### lda B. Wells

Journalist, newspaper editor, lecturer, suffragist and an early leader in the civil rights movement. She documented the extent of lynching in the United States.



Garrett A. Morgan

Inventor of the gas mask and traffic light.



#### Lonnie Johnson

An Aerospace Engineer with US Air Force and NASA. Inventor of the Super Soaker.



#### Mary J. Blige

Recording artist, record producer, and actress. A recipient of nine Grammy Awards and many other honors. Blige has recorded eight multi platinum albums and is known as "the queen of hip-hop soul" for blending elements of soul, funk, R&B and rap in

her music.



#### Aretha Franklin

Legendary singer, songwriter and pianist, known as "The Queen of Soul." Has a total of 45 "Top 40" hits. Winner of 18 Grammy awards, including a lifetime achievement



#### Scott Joplin

Pianist and composer. He achieved fame for his unique ragtime compositions, and was dubbed the "King of Ragtime." Wrote fortyfour original ragtime pieces, one ragtime ballet, and two operas.



Rapper, businessman and Hip Hop mogul. He is one of the most financially successful hip hop artists and entrepreneurs in America. 30 million copies of his albums in the United States alone and receiving an outstanding ten Grammy Awards for his musical work.

Jay-Z co-owns The 40/40 Club, NBA's New Jersey Nets, is the creator of the clothing line Rocawear, and the cofounder of Roc-A-Fella Records.

#### **Board Of Directors**



Anita Kontoh Carty: Executive Director/ Treasurer/ Founder: Anita is a 33 year resident of Bolingbrook and the managing owner of Kontoh Scott & Associates, P.C., a small law firm located in Bolingbrook for the past 24 years. Mrs. Kontoh Carty graduated from Bolingbrook High School in 1992, Adrian College in 1996 and Maurer School of Law at Indiana University Bloomington in 1999.

Mrs. Kontoh Carty is also admitted to practice law in the United States Illinois Northern District. In 2011, she was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. Kontoh Carty is a founding member of the Black History Month Awareness Club, Inc., founding member of the Black Bar Association of Will County, member and past president of the Bolingbrook Rotary Club, Trustee on the Bolingbrook Police Pension Board from 2012 to present, member of the Will County and DuPage Bar Association, member of the DuPage NAACP previous chair of the Legal Redress Committee and member of the Will County Women's Bar.

Mrs. Kontoh Carty is also the recipient of the 2012 Bolingbrook Female Citizen of the Year, 2013 DuPage NAACP President's Award, 2013 DuPage NAACP Audley Award for Leadership and 2017 Super Lawyer Award. In 2021 Mrs. Carty received the top 100 Black National Lawyers recognition.

"Expect The Road To Success To Be Bumpy" - Unknown



Janice Haywood, Vice President: Janice Haywood has been a member of the Bolingbrook Black History Awareness Club for 10 years. She and her husband and two children have lived in Bolingbrook for 16 years. Janice is originally from Iowa and graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Occupational Therapy. Janice works with children in the public school district and a private autism school. Janice has a passion for supporting her community, her church, her culture, and helping the youth in many areas. She has served as a volunteer soccer coach, a Sunday school teacher,

a volunteer track and field coach and various boards within several organizations. Janice lives by the advice the late Mahatma Ghandi:

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Ghandi

#### **Board Of Directors**



Terri Ransom, Program Director: Terri is a newly elected DuPage Township Trustee. She moved to Bolingbrook in 1999. Her involvement with the community wide Black History Month Celebration started when she was the president of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, West Suburban Chicago Chapter. Terri has been involved since then and is currently serving as the Program Director for The Black History Month Awareness Club. Terri is the president and one of the founders of the SOS Investment Club, the fundraiser chair for Citizens Against Abuse, and former franchise owner and director of Computer Tots/ Computer Explorers. She was treasurer for the Panther Sports Club

and a Girl Scout troop leader for Girls Scouts of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Her volunteer efforts also include DuPage County NAACP, DuPage County ACT-SO, Bolingbrook Power Connection, Mutual Ground Inc., March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center, Boys and Girls Club of Naperville, and various other organizations. Terri is a member of DuPage AME Church in Lisle, Illinois, and serves on the Stewardess Board. She has more than 25 years of experience in the field of technology and currently works at the William Everett Group in Chicago as a Senior Business Analyst Consultant. She is married to Michael Ransom and they have a daughter, Lauren, and a son, Michael Jr. Terri believes in Family First and her favorite quote is,

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." - Jackie Robinson.



Bernard Winston, President/Founder: Bernard is a Brooklyn, New York native and resident of Bolingbrook since 1979. Bernard is widowed and father of two daughters, Adair and Kendall. Bernard has over 15 years of combined financial sales, employee benefits and provider relations at United Health Care and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Bernard is currently a licensed financial and life insurance advisor of Twin Benefits & Financial Solution Inc. His company provides retirement programs, savings, kid's college fund

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

#### Art Norman



Art Norman is a special contributor to NBC 5 News. His "Making a Difference" segments feature extraordinary people making a difference in their communities across the Chicago area. He also co-hosts "Tech Trends" segments with NBC 5's Charlie Wojciechowski. In 2021 Art was honored by the National Association of Black Journalists with the Chuck Stone Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is "presented to journalists whose lifetime body of work has had a positive and long-lasting impact on the journalism profession."

Norman came to NBC 5 News as a general assignment reporter in July 1982 from WMAR-TV, in Baltimore, Md., where he worked as a reporter and weekend anchor since 1979. Prior to his tenure with WMAR-TV, Norman worked as a reporter at WPCQ-TV and WSOC-TV, both in Charlotte, North Carolina. He began his broadcasting career in 1969, as a television engineer at WCCB-TV, also in Charlotte.

In February 1990, Norman's initiative led to an NBC 5 News exclusive investigation of the Cook County Sheriff's Department, probing allegations of civil rights violations during a questionable drug raid on a suburban tavern.

During his career, Norman has received many honors for journalistic excellence. Most recently he received an Emmy Award for his contribution to NBC 5's coverage of the Chicago Auto Show special. He has also won Emmys for his spot news coverage of the Fox River Grove bus crash. His series "Cops and Robbers," which uncovered secret files on police officers with criminal records, was honored with two prestigious awards: a national Investigative Reporters and Editors Award and a 1992-93 Associated Press Award for "Best Investigative Reporting."

#### **Keynote Speaker**

#### Dr. Cheryl Green



Dr. Cheryl Green brings more than 30 years of professional experience in higher education to her role as the President of Governors State University, and as the leader of the Jaguar family. A passionate educator and administrator, Green believes fiercely in the power of education to change lives. Throughout her career, she has pioneered the innovation of academic enrichment opportunities and student success initiatives that promote increased retention and graduation rates for first generation and non-traditional college students.

Most recently, Green served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, as Interim Chancellor for the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, and as Assistant Vice President for Student

Affairs at Tennessee State University. Before her time at Tennessee State University, Dr. Green served at Chicago State University in a variety of administrative and academic roles, including director/chair of the counseling department, dean of first-year students, acting associate director of career placement, and as a tenured associate professor of counseling. In addition, Green served as the statewide representative for 2,700 faculty and staff in her role as the Grievance Officer for the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) Local 4100 for seven public universities.

Her fiscal experience includes the budget management of more than \$300 million dollars at three universities. Throughout her career she has served as the primary or contributing author for multiple grants which yielded more than \$5million dollars in revenue. Most of her scholarly research has been focused on increasing student achievement and delivering community-based health initiatives for diverse student populations.

Green's commitment to making a difference is evidenced by her service to the community, which spans the United States and has included serving on ten different advisory boards or boards of directors. In the recent past, she has been active on the Howard Hughes Medical Institute STEM Grant Advisory Board of UW Madison, the Forward 50 Advisory Board for the National Association of Student and Financial Aid Administrators, and the Milwaukee based Gift of Adoption Wisconsin Board of Directors. Currently, she serves on the Manchester University Board of Trustees, the Will County Center for Economic Development Board of Directors, and the Southland Development Authority Board of Directors.

Green has a Ph.D. and master's degree in counseling psychology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology from Manchester College (now Manchester University) in North Manchester, Indiana. She also holds a National Incident Management System certificate from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Institute, has been trained in crisis intervention, and is a recognized leader in grievance mediation and conflict resolution.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Green is also the loving mother of two adult children who constantly keep her inspired to believe in the worth and potential of all human beings and to make a difference in the world.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Reverend Marland Brazier



Rev. Marland Brazier currently serves as the Pastor of Canaan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Maywood, IL. Prior to his pastoral appointment in October 2018 by Bishop John Franklin White, Presiding Prelate of the 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the AME Church, Rev. Brazier served as the Pastor of Miller Chapel AME Church in University Park, IL. He received his Master of Divinity degree from

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (on the campus of Northwestern University) in May 2016 and also holds a completed Professional Certificate in Youth & Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. Rev. Brazier was ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 134th Session of the Chicago Annual Conference in October 2016. He is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

#### **Featured Performer**

Lewis University Choir



The Lewis University Gospel Choir (LUGC) was formed over 30 years ago during the Fall of 1988 by a small band of students interested in gospel music. Under the direction of Lewis University alumni, Zorriante Brown, and current choir president, Samantha Portis, LUGC continues to create an atmosphere of praise and worship!

#### **Featured Performer**

Jesse White Tumblers



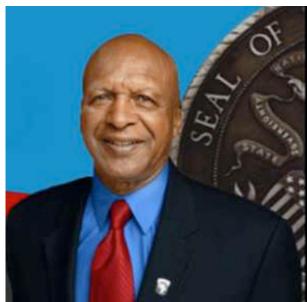
The Jesse White Tumblers were created in 1959 to provide a positive alternative for innercity kids. Team members must stay away from gangs, drug, alcohol, stay in school and maintain a minimum "C" average. The team consists of male and female participants as young as age 6.

The team, with 7 units, gives more than 1,500 performances each year at major sporting events and community, business, and charity functions. The Jesse White Tumblers attract national and international attention and have performed throughout the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Belize, China, Israel, Tokyo, Japan, and Zagreb, Croatia. The team has also been featured in commercials, national television shows, and motion pictures.

Because the organization requires its student athletes to maintain at least a "C" average, team members and trainees who fall below this standard must attend tutoring classes or show proof that they are enrolled in a tutoring program. Our program assists with homework, encourages independent reading, improves writing skills, spelling and handwriting, and practices basic math facts. The program also helps to improve science and social studies grades through study skills and develops a higher level of thinking skills through group and individual work.

#### **Hall of Fame Recipient**

Honorable Jesse White



Jesse White is the Illinois Secretary of State. He was elected to the post on November 3, 1998 by a margin of over 450,000 votes. He was sworn into office on January 11, 1999. He has served as the 37th Secretary of State since 1999. He is the longest serving and first African-American to hold this position.

Prior to his election as IL Secretary of State, White was the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, the nation's second largest Recorder of Deeds office. He was elected to the post in 1992 and re-elected in 1996.

Prior to his election as Recorder, Jesse White

served 16 years in the Illinois General Assembly representing the most culturally, economically and racially diverse district in Illinois. As a state legislator, he built a solid record for fighting crime, improving education and helping senior citizens. White was chairman of the Illinois House Committee on Human Services. He was an active member of the education committee and the select committees on children and aging. His community service office remains open today as a constant source of information and help for the neighborhood in which he has lived and worked all his life.

Since March 1996, Jesse White has served as Chicago's 27th Ward Democratic Committeeman.

Born in Alton, Illinois in 1934, Jesse White now lives on Chicago's near-north side. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1957 from Alabama State College (now Alabama State University), where he was a two-sport star earning all-conference honors in baseball and basketball. In May 1995, White was inducted into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. He was an all-city baseball and basketball star at Chicago's Waller High School (now Lincoln Park Academy) and was inducted into the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in June 1995.

Jesse White served our country as a paratrooper in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division, Army Reserves and a member of the Illinois National Guard. He played professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization, which was followed by a 33-year career with the Chicago public school system as a teacher and administrator.

He was a gymnast as a kid, taught gymnastics in college and worked as a gymnastics coach and teacher for the Chicago Park District YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

#### **Hall of Fame Recipient**

**Ernest Crim III** 



Ernest Crim III is a Black History Advocate who uses Black History as a tool, speaking from his personal experience with a hate crime, to help students, teachers, companies, and organizations reach their potential in a culturally competent and equitable manner.

Mr. Crim, a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign alumnus, and south side of Chicago native, transmits his message to the masses as a speaker, cultural consultant (Crim's Cultural Consulting, LLC), sociopolitical commentator, TikTok influencer, cast member on the PBS documentary *Divided We Fall*, author of the Amazon bestseller *Black History Saved My Life*, former City Council Candidate, and high

As an educator, he's been awarded "Most Inspiring Teacher" by the graduating seniors more than six times, the "Joliet Chamber of Commerce's Great Teacher Award", the National Hook-up of Black Women's "Gold Star Award for Education", the P.E.P.S. "Community Activist of the Year Award", and the "Dr. Isaac Singleton Award for Extraordinary Service" by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

As a consultant and speaker, he's spoken at various conferences and institutions nationally, such as the United States Department of Education's Black History Month panel, the University of Chicago, Illinois State University and Nevada State College. Internationally, he's been a featured speaker in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Additionally, as someone who received justice in a hate crime that was seen by more than 25 million people, he uses his voice to speak up for those who are targets of racism, by teaching them the vital lessons he learned from his personal experience. His work has been featured on NPR, CBS, Matter of Fact (a television show produced by former CNN anchor Soledad O'Brien), Positively Gam (a podcast hosted by Adrienne Banfield-Norris, the cohost of the Emmy-award winning show Red Table Talk), the NY Post, Chicago Sun-Times, and the Chicago Tribune. Furthermore, his work has also been acknowledged by Ava DuVernay, Amanda Seales, D.L. Hughley, and various other social commentators.

Mr. Crim hopes to use his life experiences to inspire others to fight injustice and educate and empower themselves for the purpose of equity. Black History saved Ernest's life. What's going to save yours?

#### **Featured Performer**

Jadea and Jiarah Johnson



Jadea and Jiarah Johnson are siblings who attend Romeoville High School. Jadea is a sophomore and Jiarah is a freshman. Jadea and Jiarah have been dancing together in talent shows competitions and choreographing their own dances every year since third grade. They have Praised danced and Praised Hip Hop dance for Victory Cathedral Worship Center in in Bolingbrook for several years as well. New to Romeoville in June of 2019 They won 1st place in the Romeoville's Got Talent competition with two weeks of preparation. Their dancing comes naturally to them. "It's just in our blood," they always say. Dancing is therapeutic for them. It's a break away from the real world. These two are always ready for a dance battle.

You may have seen Jadea #13 on the basketball courts as well. She is a starter on the girl's varsity basketball team at RHS. Jadea' is an Honor Roll student. She wants to play college basketball and study to be a surgeon. Jadea' dreams to play in the WNBA. Jadea helps the less fortunate every chance she gets.

Jiarah has been dancing since the age of two. Jiarah is #2 on the freshman boys' basketball team for RHS. Jiarah maintains good grades and wants to play college basketball in Kentucky. He dreams to play in the NBA one day. Jiarah is currently assisting coaching his younger sister's co-ed basketball team at the Romeoville Park District. Jiarah is a very caring individual, he gives his shoes to other kids in need

#### **Featured Performer**

Poetry Readers



Ms. Lawson



Aiyana Wideman

Mikayla Ryan-Hicks



Brooke Cephas

#### **Featured Performer**

Bolingbrook High School Cadets



# Bolingbrook High School 2022 Cadets



#### 2021-2022 • A. Vito Martinez Middle School Honor Roll

#### 6th Grade Abutaleb, Malek Andrade, Isabella Arciuch, Colin Barbacari. Ana Bartus, Mikayla Benitez-Moreno, Paola Cavanaugh, Patrick Conard, Riley Consdorf, Kaylan Contreras, Marco Contreras, Thomas Cudia, Randi Davila, Camron Deblui, Wilfried Dichoso, Sean Matthew English, Breanna Gage, Owen Galvez, Jacob Genders, Gina Gomez, Eduardo Hernandez, Angel Hinojosa Garcia, Angel Hlado, Nathan Hopper, Abigail Huffman, Dakari Jackson, Zion Jackson, Anyah Jorge, Carolina Juhl, Lilliana Mensah-Sogbe, Matthew Estrada, Alexis Mertes, Emily Molen, Sam Morfin, Miley Negrete, David Nemenzo, Adrian Olivo. Maximiliano Patel. Rudra Pelzman, Lillian Ponce Estrada, Cvnthia

Ponce Estrada Rivera, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Cristian Roppolo, Abigail Soto, Alejandro Unverzagt, Gavin Vallejo, Jennifer Villanueva, Cayden

#### 7th Grade

Elizabeth

Porter, E'nyla

Adams, Armonie Agyeman, Christabel Ahmad, Nadia Amoako, Briyanna Awin-Ongya, Gideon Bradley, Patience Camacho, Gabriel Camacho, Juan Carmona, Samuel Carmona, Meredith Carrasco, Skyler Comerford, Claire Contreras, Mikah Cooley, Gauge Cortez, Kimberly Covington, Seth Diaz, Fernanda Dowell, Thomas Gambal, Ayden Garcia, Stefania Garcia-Juarez, Emily Genders, Louis Go. Jade Gonzalez, Elena Graunke, Kylee Guillen, Grace Haiderali, Lavla

Hasnain, Hiba Hedemark, Taylor Heerdt, Gabrielle Hernandez, Kayla Hreska, Olivia Jones, Antijuan Jurgens, Emmelyn Kim, Janice Labuda, Olivia Mark. Kara Martinez, Giovanna Martinez, Ezekiel Melendez, Kamilah Mendez, Stephanie Mendez, Gabriella Mendoza, Nell Joseph Miskiewicz, Daphnee Moore, Ariona Mulheron, Jack Navarro, Annabel Nicasio, Regina Ocon, Julian Oduro, Liam Patel, Bharvi Perez. Allan Perricone, John Pina, Natalie Piwowarczyk, Izabela Rangel, Gloria Robinson, Tahi Robinson, Talia Rutkowski, Szymon Salazar-Cruz, Analya Salvati. Ava Sanchez, Izel Seiler, Anthony Shelton, Kendall Sielisch, Colin

Stepien, Milena

Stomski, Daniel

Thaviphon, Ava Torres-Henson, Mason Tovar. Vicente Villagrana, Henessis Wichert, Adalyn

#### 8th Grade

Abbas, Bagar Abrenilla, Aethan Adiapong, Lisa Aquilar Quezada, Diana Arciuch, Barbara Arellano, Melanie Arevalo, Benedict Avitia, Aliyah Ballesteros, Mason Balsiger, Blake Behl, Laci Behl, Lesli Bello-Abarca, Sophia Cardenas, Osvaldo Carli, Delilah Carrasco, Juan Carroll, Evie Carter, Sommer Chvoy, Joseph Cisneros, Jocelyn Cunningham, Cydney Del Cid Andrade, Alexys Diaz, Samantha Diaz, Diego Dimalibot, Jillian Ellis, Kayden Escobar, Kevin Evassu. Eden Franco, Jedith Galvez Enriquez, Angel Giannone, Anthony Gonzalez, Yaneli

Gonzalez, Michelle

#### **Salute to Academic Achievement**

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Gonzalez, Francisco Grant, Sienna Gura, Zachary Gutierrez, Chelsea Gutierrez, Valeria Hernandez, Claire Hernandez, Ricardo Hernandez-Mendoza, Dana Herrera, Nicolas Jackson, Alexandria Jafri. Farwa Jimenez, Alexa Juarez, Ivan Jurkowski, Kamil Kolze, Julia Kurowski, Jayden Lasak, Victoria Lazcano, Arianna Lessentine, Paxton Lewis, Tyler Lopez, Bruno Lubin, Jean Mani. Marivah Marano, Emmett Martinez, Jessica Martinez, Giancarlo Martinez, Lisette McNeela, Glitch Merema, Brianna Milazzo, Joseph Mola, Anna

Morales, Elias

Narvaez, Evelyn

Nelson, Damiyah

Ochoa, Ricardo

Oduro, Aiden

Olaez, Abigail

Orellana, Bianca

Morales, Samantha

Ortiz, Lianna Ortiz, Jocelyn Pacis, Kelsev Preston, Dylan Pruett. Amelia Quintana, Marely Ramirez, Noemi Rayos Del Sol, Dannielle Reese Rodriguez, Yulianna Salcedo, Mikayla Sanchez Amaro. Whittney Santiago, Xavier Soto, Ariana Tellez Vega, Anjela Torres, Analiz Valdez. Kian Valdez, Katelyn Vallejo, Vanessa Van Schoyck, Nathan

Vazquez, Paulette

Vidad, Joaquin

Wensel, Garrett

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Galvez. Mia Gaspar, Roxanne Jasmine Gatlin, Imani Germo, Jillian Florence Gonzalez, Melany Gonzalez, Sophia Gruszka, Isabella Gutierrez, Ashton

Dizon, Julianna

Ervin, Alejandra

Falana. Grace

Fisher, Jayelan

Falcis, Bella

Gyambrah, Jillian Eliza Hafeez, Alina Halfar, Frances

Hall, Nathan Hankerson-Todd. Kalani Hathaway, Nathaniel

Herrera, Noemi Hoag, Riley Izaguirre Castillo,

Ismael

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Johnson, Jazlene Johnson, Scott Jones, Sofia

Kilani. Jenna Kingsly, Aiden Kroll, Nolan

Lagunas, Elizabeth Landry, Ewan

Leal, Pauline Lee, Claire

Little. Mariah Lopez, Christian

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Ocampo, Anahi

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Pacheco, Adrian Palasinski. Nevaeh

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Tayeh, Isra Teemer. Seanna

Tello Acosta, Gabriel Torres, Joaquin

Urena Robles. Christopher

Vanderhurst, Alexandra Harold, Payton Vega. Arielis

Villanueva, Milah Wargo, Greyson

Wilde, Kent Wojciak, Bryan Wyatt, Janiyah

Xu, Ziying

#### 7th Grade

Aguirre, Arlene Alvarez-Engelhardt, Aiden Anderson-Tanabe, Reed Asantewaa, Hillary Barrera-Garcia, Jovanny Behnke, Charles Behrens, Ashley Bergacker, Logan Berndl. Ethan

Bitoy, Kathrina

Braun, Kayden

Brown, Maggie

Caminar, Ethan

Nicolas

Cardenas Villegas,

Carrillo, Kara Case, Rylan Chandler, Damon Chinais, Cicen

Colin. Marcos Correa, Ivan Delatorre. Alexander

Dennis, Bria Doherty, Kylie Donkor, Melissa Ellitch. Marissa

Enghog, Rhenz Gabriel

Falk. Marissa Fefee, Kayla Furgan, Sadia Gaskin, Joaquin

Gonzalez, Michelle Hanck, Olivia

Hernandez, Daniel

Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez, Emily

Jenkins, Giona Joyce, Nylani Justice. Xavier

Kaggundi, Vibhavari Khattab, Salma

Kilani, Maya Knight, Isabella

Kroll, Oliver

Kwan, Aaron Langit, Derrek

Leech. Noelle Lentz. Ian

Lichtfuss. Noah Lord, Benjamin

Martinez, Amaya Martinez. Ava

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Kilani, Sara Krumin, Sabrina Kwok, Timothy Laxa. Christian Lewis, Chase Loewe, Jessie Lu, Vi Macadlo, Tyler Maldonado, Nikolas Malik. Brooklyn Manchester, Omar Mannings, Eva Modi. Vvom Moreno, Celina Mostafa, Md Shafin Mummareddi. Abhiram Munoz Palacios, Gael Murphy, Madison Nelson, Hailey Newman, Talon Nuriddin, Muhammad O'Donnell, Alexa Obrochta, Lilian Obrochta, Payton Ocampo, Sarai Okon, Lily Parinas, Tyler Orico Pauley, Isabella Perez, Rocio Perkins, Aiden Pierce, Titus Pietruszewski, Dominik Powell, Taylynn Ritsema, Abigail Robinson, Rhegann Rosal, Althea Ross. Tillina Salazar, Jesus Sandoval, Isaac Sarceda, Matthew Scott, Isabel Stubbs, Sierra Szwajkowski, Tanner Tipe, Jarrel Marcel Tomei, Rebecca

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#### 7th Grade

Asif. Abdul Baltazar, Christian Breen. Liam Burns, Savannah Colon. Anastasia Cullen, Jonathan Dehr, Rylan Derong, Daniel Dimond, Caroline Downes, Ian Esparza, Ulysses Farias, Maribelle Flynn, Eva Harvey, Pierre Hernandez, Ariana Hilliard, Joshua Jaimes. Valentina Jimenez, Dalila Johnson, Denell Khan, Muhammad Kugach, Sophia Lewis, London Lopez Sanchez, Diana Loya, Isabella Manns, D'mya Mansur, Anthony Martinez. Evelette Natschke, Gwyneth Opoku-Agyemang, **Ephraim** Perales, Liliana Perez Pinto, Maria Robinson, Brooklyn Roman, Giselle Romero, Ariel Seeman, Clara Silva, Ximena Thomas, Jayden Thompson, Braylon Toledo Castillo, Sofia Vanacora, Chase Wakefield, Skylar Wedding, Ilijah Williams, Bella Williams, Chase

8th Grade Aavan, Mohammed Abdul Majeed, Maryam Amachree, Amaya Asif, Mahmood Barajas Ramirez. Regina Barauskas, Kurt Berger, Jocelyn Brown, Pierre Castro, Makayla Cawthon, Kaleigh Chavez-Posadas. Dennis Colbert, Marques Compean-Castaneda, Natalie Corlett, Christine Courtney, Patrick Cox, A'Niyah Criddle, Alexis Downs. Arianna Falconer, La'naiya Flores, Juandiego Gallegos, Natalia Gandy, Camerin Gomez, Daniela Gray, Jayvyn Gutierrez, Valerie Hathaway, Isabella Hernandez, Zuryzaday Howell, Mercy Jackson, Zion Johnson, Dearl Johnson, Nihanna Julien, Jordan Khan, Asif Lewis, Alyssia Lopez, Annalize Lorenzana-Clemente, Xiomara Lvmas. Tiana Madden, Jayden Marquez, Jennifer

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Tapia, Jonathan Tellez. Leonardo Zepeda, Adriel

#### 8th Grade

Aquilar, Lucero Aguirre, Victoria Alarcon, Diego Andrews, Rachael Arnold. David Becerra, Xeilv Beiriger, Trent Bernardo, Olivia Eiselle Boyce, Keira Castillo, Abel Castillo. Arthur Cathey, Danielle Cathey, Devin Cawthon, Madison Cerda, Damien Chaparro, Nathan Colin. Lorena Contreras, Raul Cruz, Ashanty Curry, Mason Doherty, Alice Domdey, Jordan Esteves, Testeny Flores, Gaby Frasco, Rev Fredrick, Colin Gaskins-Gant, Myah Gaston , Sarah Gonzalez, Angel Gonzalez, Avden Gonzalez, Yaretzi Harbacek, Hayden Heldmann, Natalie Irwin, Emily Irwin, Joshua Jimenez, Crystal Jimenez, Sophia Kinlaw, Lyric Krol. Zacharv Krzeczkowski, Natalie

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Iliev, Maya Iliev, Monika Jaimes-Rebollar, Ruby Kahsay, Thomas Khan, Yusuf Locascio, Mateo Lofton, Mariya Logan-Cruz, Christopher Mahmood, Kareem Manrique, Mia Mason, Lillian McCoy, Jackson Miller, Sophia Moreno-Dimas. Naomi Naieeb. Ashar Noor, Manha Ochoa, Anthony Oh, Katrina Ortiz. Cesar Parsons. Grace Pasha, Mohammed Pena. Andrew Poon, Lauren Rahn, Jesse Reyes, Isaac Ruiz, Gonzalez Yeym Ruiz, Jacob Rvan. Cole Salazar, Jonathan Sampson, Paytin Santiago, Kai Sarabia. Anna Schnute, Jonathan Scranton, Olivia Segundo Mondragon, Brayan Skrezyna, Chloe Smith, Shay Soto Ceballos, Destiny Stevens, Katelynn Stowers. Chun Le Sved, Pareesa Tanaleon, Elijah Tate, Kayleah Thomas, Eric

Torrijos, Jakelin Valdez, Cecilia Vazquez Guerra, Anthony Vilchis, Alexander Villagomez, Itzayana Watt, Destiny Williams, Marlon Williams, Mason Wojcik, Emily Yousuf, Bilal Yumena, Derrick Zaldivar, Yaretzy Zavala, Santiago

7th Grade Aguilera, Robert Aguirre, Alexa Agyeman, Gyles Frederick Ali, Humaid Alvarez, Selene Amin. Ved Arellano-Munoz, Julian Arndt. Emma Baraias, Camila Berryhill, Chloe Bowen, Jordan Bowen, Payton Brady, Iris Buckley, Kaitlyn Caceres, Ryan Camilo, Diana Campbell, Caleb Carbonel, Caiden Castillo-Bahena. Gabriela Choi. Mason Crenshaw, Mosiah Crespo-Cruz, Alysia Cuthbertson, Maya Daniels, Catherine Duron, Jazelle Fausto, Andy Flores, Amy Flores, Kevin

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Delacy, Camora

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Aguilera, Alyssa Alcantara, Briana Ali. Haroon Antisdel, Holly Aprati, Noelle Arzate Arauio, Tsuhevdi Asbury, Iomy Barrera, Kamila Bednarski. Luke Bell, Alaine Benavides-Santana, Jasmarie Bennett, Lincoln Bielski, Kloe Bland II. Sir Charles Bollaboina, Shreva Bricknell, Raymond Brown, Zachary Calderon, Karen Carreras. Melissa Carrillo, Mia

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Williams, Essence

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Roberts, Reuben Roberts. Robert Rodgers, Alexis Rodriguez-Hernandez, Paola Rodriguez, Tanya Rosas, Edwin Rossio, Emily Sailliez, Kayla Scanlan, Ethan Schoenfeld, Kaylee Serna, Mariaquadalupe DeCamp, Sunny Shoaib, Maria Smith, Marshiyah Sweeney, Madison Tedder, Dexton Thomas, Arianna Torres, Damian Torres, Julio Umaid. Hafsa Valdez, Giovanni Vera, Oscar Villalba, Sergio Walker, Keon Williams, Jai'shaun Williams, Paetyn Zarco Meiia, Karina Zavas, Jasmine Zipperich, Jason Zizich, Emelia

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Agyemang, Joel Lloyd Alexander, Shaun Almadani, Mohamad Alvarez-Merino, Ricardo Atkinson, Samantha Awuni, Windzor Barroso Chacon. Mariangel Blake, Brianna Brasier, Ryan Caballero, Daisy Cabrera, Genesis

Cardenas Araque, Barbara Castellanos Esqueda, Inarid Chavez, Andrea Chelini, Caleb Cruz, Viveka Cuevas, Anthony Damalerio, Austin Daniel, Victor Davalos, Elizabeth DeGregorio, Marisa Delgado, Natalie Delk, Owen Dobrzanski, Jake Ducksworth, Jasiah England, Zane Esquivel, Kiera Faille, Joshua Ferreira, Adrian Follick, John Freeman, Shanaya Garcia, Aurelio Garcia, Diego Garcia, Sofia Gedzhov, Niki Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez, Gerardo Gonzalez, Rodrigo Griffin, David Hatton, Angelmarie Hernandez, Selene Hunt, Amber Ibanez, Neon Clifford Idreez, Brevana Jackson, Emahri Jarmus, Jenna Johnson, Jack Klimek, Anna Knudsen, Tyler Kuczkowski, Kevin

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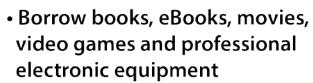






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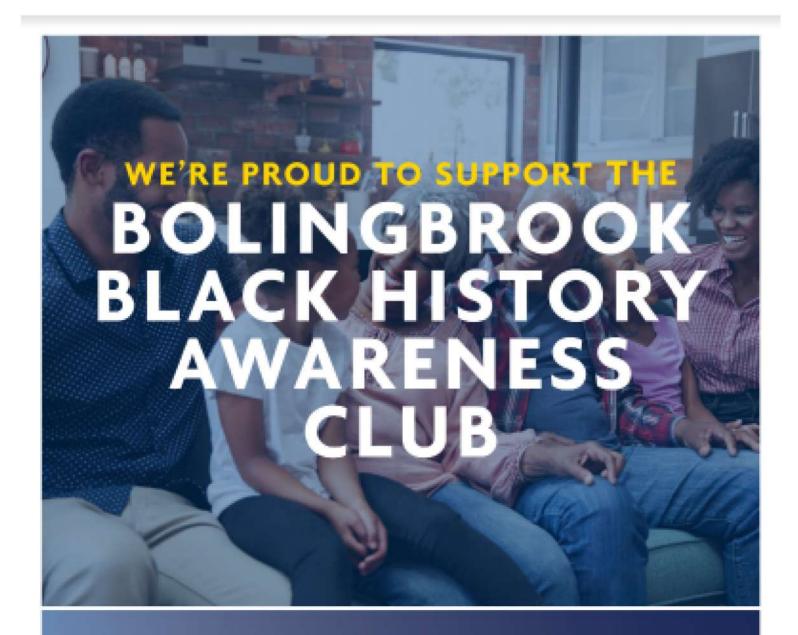
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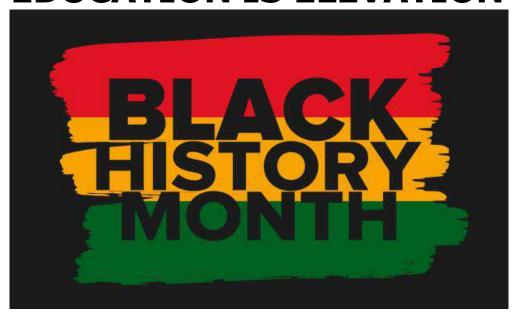
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> **FOOD PANTRY HOURS AND LOCATION:** SATURDAYS: 9AM-11AM 719 PARKWOOD AVE. **ROMEOVILLE. IL 60446**



#### **DUPAGE TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS** THIS YEAR'S BLACK HISTORY **MONTH CELEBRATION**

#### **TOWNSHIP SERVICES OFFERED**



GENERAL AND EMERGENCY



PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS





#### **COUNTY SERVICES OFFERED**





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Saturday March 12, 2022 4:00 – 6:00pm Earliest 3:45pm Check In

Bowlero 735 N. Center Blvd. Romeoville, IL 60446 630-378-2695

Tickets: \$80.00 per couple/\$45.00 single

\*\* Registration Deadline Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>\*\*
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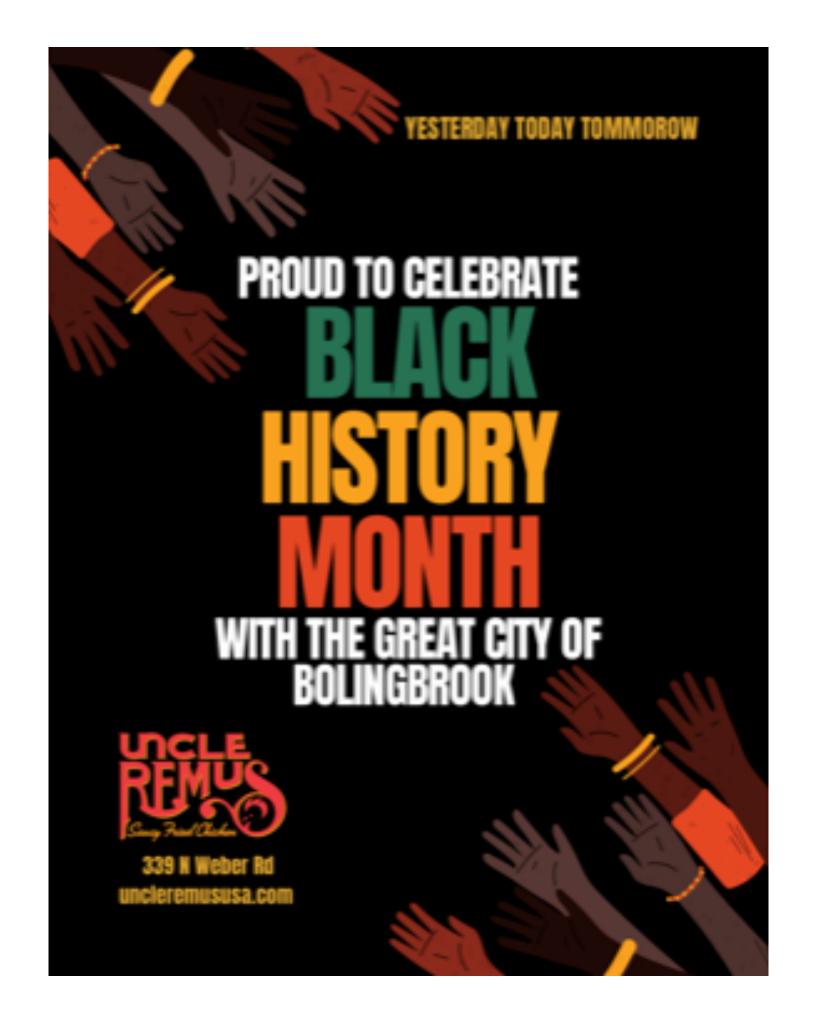
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# The Alliance for Civic Engagement (ACE) proudly supports the

Bolingbrook 24th Annual Black History Month celebration.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Alliance for Civic Engagement (ACE) is to promote and encourage community engagement and civic involvement. ACE is a nonpartisan organization that strives to empower and advocate on behalf of African American voters while facilitating advancement through public forums, strategic and tactical planning sessions, voter registration, and other educational methods and techniques.





# COVID-19 Protect Yourself

#### Vaccine Clinic Scheduled

The State of Illinois is partnering with

#### **Lukancic Middle School**

to bring a free vaccine clinic to an area near you.

Date: Tue 02/20/2022

Start Time: 10:00 A.M.

End Time: 4:00 P.M.

#### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 5 years of age and older.

#### **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

Schedule your appointment at



ALL BOOSTERS AVAILABLE

#### LOCATIONS:

Lukancic Middle School

725 W. Normantown Road, Romeoville, IL 60446



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