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**February Is Black History Month**

Dear Baruch College Students and Colleagues:

The Office of Diversity, Compliance, and Equity Initiatives (ODCEI) celebrates Black History Month 2022 and recognizes the efforts of the U.S. government to pay tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in the United States of America. Additionally, ODCEI applauds the efforts of NYC, NYS, and U.S. government agencies to focus national attention on the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of the diverse communities of the African Diaspora.

**2022 Theme: Black Health and Wellness**

Established in 1915, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) chronicles the history of Black History Month and its associated themes. The ASALH theme for Black History Month 2022 is Black Health and Wellness—an important topic that Baruch College is promoting through its programming this month. ODCEI would like to thank the volunteers on the Black History Month Committee, as well as our colleagues from the Office of Student Life, the Division of Enrollment Management and Strategic Academic Initiatives, and the Department of Black and Latino Studies, for curating an informative calendar of events.

**Federal, State, and City Resources and Celebrations**

As part of this national celebration, the following federal, state, and city agencies, as well as national organizations, are providing information and hosting special virtual and in-person events—some of which require advanced registration. For more information about these Black History Month 2022 programs and events, please visit:

- [Library of Congress](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [National Gallery of Art](#)
• National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian
• National Park Service promotes Telling All Americans’ Stories through its Historic Places Program
• New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
• New York African Diaspora International Film Festival Virtual Black History Month Program, February 18-21 (nyadiff.org)
• New York Public Library
• New York State Museum
• Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem
• United States Holocaust Memorial Museum remembers the fate of Black people from 1933 to 1945 in Nazi Germany and in German-occupied territories

Educational Resources for Students and Faculty
For your information and sharing, ODCEI provides the following resources:
• Congressional Black Caucus Foundation: Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate Students 2022
• Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship 2022: Study-Abroad Opportunity for Undergraduates
• National Endowment for the Humanities
  o EDSITEment Teacher’s Guide: African American History and Culture in the United States
  o EDSITEment Media Resources: Blues Reflections
  o EDSITEment Lesson Plan: Picturing Freedom: Selma-to-Montgomery in March, 1965
• Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture: Fellowships and Education
  o Schomburg Center Scholars-in-Residence Program
  o Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute

Please join me and my ODCEI colleagues, Kimara Patton, Esq., Title IX/EEO Coordinator and Investigator, and Kendrell Lawson, Diversity Coordinator, as we celebrate Black History Month 2022 by listening, learning, and exploring the aforementioned online platforms and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) resources.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,
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