University of Illinois at Chicago
Black History Month 2015
Calendar of Events

All events are open to the general public and the UIC community of students, faculty, and staff.
Events are free unless otherwise noted.

♦ All programs related to our theme, “Sports Leadership and Legends” are denoted with a diamond.

♦ Tuesday, 2/3/15: Halftime Show Opening Celebration | Student Center East, Illinois Room | 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
All are welcome to celebrate our theme together and get a glimpse of what Black History Month has to offer.
Highlights include a basketball shoot out, NPHC stroll competition, Mojo’s Pen spoken word, nominations for BSU Heritage Ball, and a special performance by the Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team.

Thursday, 2/5/15: American Negro Exposition - Opening | AACC Library, Room 200, Addams Hall | 4:30-6:00 p.m.
This event is the Opening Reception for the African-American Cultural Center’s latest exhibition, “American Negro Exhibition,” which focuses on the American Negro Exposition that took place in Chicago in 1940. Curated by our Graduate Assistant, Jacqueline Y. Smith, the American Negro Exhibition celebrates the diamond jubilee of African-American achievements from the abolition of slavery to 1940.

Thursday, 2/5/14: Poetry Slam | Student Center East, Cardinal Room | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Mojo’s Pen Poetry Slam

♦ Friday, 2/6/15: Hoop It Up Basketball Classic | Student Recreation Facility | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
The African American Academic Network would like to invite you to attend our annual Hoop It Up Basketball Classic. The event is one of many activities that will take place during Black History Month in order to commemorate the achievements of African Americans. The game will provide an opportunity for UIC students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in a friendly, yet competitive game of basketball while raising camaraderie amongst our student body. The event will be filled with live entertainment, complementary door prizes and a chance to win additional prizes. In addition, guests will have the opportunity to learn more about our department. This event will take place on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Student Recreation Facility from 6PM—9PM.

♦ Saturday, 2/7/15: UIC Black Alumni Achiever Awards Luncheon | Student Center East, Room 302 | 11:00 a.m.
Celebrate the accomplishments of UIC alumni in the areas of Education, Business, Medicine, Law, the Arts, and Philanthropy. We will present scholarships to current UIC students with the funds raised by the Black Alumni Association.

Thursday, 2/12/15: AACC Brown Bag: The Iconography of Contagion | African American Cultural Center Library, 200 Addams Hall | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A multimedia presentation that explores the historic relationship between public health and visual culture through the online exhibition “Iconography of Contagion” and the WPA era public health posters.

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Thursday, 2/12/15: BSU Heritage Ball | SCE Illinois Room | 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.
Black Student Union at UIC presents Heritage Ball; an event recognizing UIC’s black student leaders.
2015 Theme: Black Excellence

Wednesday, 2/18/15: CHANCE Program Breakfast | Jane Addams Hull House Dining | 8:00a.m.
RSVP may be required. Contact the CHANCE program for more information at 312-355-5025

Wednesday, 2/18/15: UIC Jazz Ensemble with Robin Eubanks | Student Center East, Illinois Rooms | 7:00p.m.
Robin Eubanks is the premier jazz trombonist of his generation. Whether performing with his groups (EB3 or Mental Images) or with the critically acclaimed Dave Holland Quintet and Big Band – with whom he was an original member – Robin is an artist whose impact on audiences has proven powerful and lasting. Robin has recorded seven albums as a leader featuring his original music and has collaborated with performers such as Art Blakey, Elvin Jones, Eddie Palmieri, Sun Ra, Barbra Streisand, The Rolling Stones and Talking Heads, to name but a few. He won Grammy Awards for his performances on Michael Brecker’s Wide Angles and Dave Holland’s What Goes Around.

The UIC Jazz Ensemble is directed by Andy Baker.
For tickets: theatreandmusic.uic.edu

Thursday, 2/19/15: AACC Brown Bag: African-American Farming Practices | AACC Gallery, 207 Addams Hall | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Join Master Gardener Carolyn Thomas and Rev. Dr. Albert Sampson for a roundtable discussion centered on African-American agricultural practices. Carolyn Thomas is one of the founding Directors of God’s Gang, a youth-development organization that offers an holistic perspective on community transformation by teaching about agriculture and food through farming, animal husbandry and urban gardening alongside curating exhibitions on Black history. Rev. Sampson is the founder of George Washington Carver F.A.R.M.S., an organization dedicated to facilitating the distribution of "soul food" vegetables and fruits from black farmers down south to black consumers up north.

Thursday, 2/19/2015: Old School/New School Love Remixes | AACC, 2nd floor, Addams Hall | 6:00-9:00p.m.
This event is the launch of the AACC’s monthly, Third-Thursday-Throw-Back Thursdays, held on the third Thursday of each month during the Spring and Fall semesters. Throw Back Thursdays is an evening designed bring current students, alums, and our community partners and allies together for a night of fun networking and socializing. Event includes light refreshments and a live DJ.

Friday, 2/20/15: A Journey Through Time: Origins to Modern Day | Student Center East, Room 302 | 7:00-9:00p.m.
A history of African diaspora starting with traditions from Africa, next Greek Organizations and their influence at Predominantly White Institutions, then the civil rights movement, and ending with current events within the Black community. A showcase with skits, dances, and poetry.

Friday, 2/20/15: The Piano Lesson by August Wilson directed by Derrick Sanders | UIC Theatre 1044 W Harrison St | 7:30p.m.
In Pittsburgh’s Hill District in 1936, the Charles family battles their surroundings and each other over their shared legacy -- an antique piano and the secret it holds. Jeff award winning Derrick Sanders directs August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning The Piano Lesson.

Also showing
Sat Feb 21 - 7:30PM
Sun Feb 22 - 2PM
Tue Feb 24 - 12PM*

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Wed Feb 25 - 2PM
Thur Feb 26 - 7:30PM
Fri Feb 27 - 7:30PM
Sat Feb 28 - 7:30PM
Sun Mar 1 - 2PM
*Special Student Matinee
For tickets: theatreandmusic.uic.edu

Saturday, 2/21/15: NPHC Stroll Exhibition | Student Center East, Illinois Room | 6:00p.m.
Come watch a stroll exhibition featuring UIC’s NPHC organizations.

Monday, 2/23/15: Behind Uncle Tom's Cabin: Black Lives in the 19th Century | Richard J. Daley Library, Rm 1-470 | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
In association with the exhibit in the Daley Library Special Collections department "Visualizing Uncle Tom's Cabin," panelists will discuss the historical and literary context within which Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote. Featured speakers include R.J. Ellis (University of Birmingham (U.K.)) on Our Nig: or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black by Harriet Wilson, the first book by a Black woman published in the United States; Katrina Thompson (St. Louis University), the author of Ring Shout, Wheel About: The Racial Politics of Music and Dance in North American Slavery (University of Illinois Press, 2014) on antebellum performance; and UIC Professor and Head of African American Studies Jane Rhodes who will speak on "Black Abolitionism and Black Print Culture."

Tuesday, 2/24/15: Movie Screening: Dear White People | Student Center East, Room 605 | 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Join us for a screening of the movie: Dear White People. Then, stay for a dialogue in a safe space on race relations at Universities and nationwide co-facilitated by the UIC Dialogue Initiative Staff; http://dialogue.uic.edu.

Thursday, 2/26/15: AACC Brown Bag: Community Archives | AACC Gallery, 207 Addams Hall | 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
What are community archives? What communities do they serve and how do they respond to the hidden histories that might otherwise remain lost in the general archives? Join UIC Visiting Instructor and Resident Archivist for Social Justice, Skyla Hearn, for an engaging discussion of her work as a social justice archivist.

♦ Thursday, 2/26/15: Black History Makers Award Ceremony | Student Center East, East Terrace | 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
Join us for the 8th annual celebration of our very own UIC legends.

Friday, 2/27/15: 25th Annual and FINAL UIC Blues Cabaret | Student Center East, Illinois Room | 7:00-10:00p.m.
Headliner: Big James and the Chicago Playboys Opening Act: LaJa' and the Jazz Blues Band.
Free for students with valid i-card, $15 general admission.

Saturday, 2/28/15: New African American Student Breakfast | Student Center East, Illinois Room | 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
UIC African American faculty would like to invite newly admitted students and their parents to learn about the support and opportunities available to African American students at this new student breakfast. RSVP is required. Contact the African American Academic Network for more information at 312-996-5565.

♦ Saturday, 2/28/15: UIC Men's Basketball Game | UIC Pavilion | 1:00p.m.
Come support the UIC Men's Basketball team face off against Wright State.

♦ Sunday, 3/1/15: UIC Women's Basketball Game | UIC Pavilion | 3:00p.m.
Come support the UIC Women's Basketball team face off against Oakland.

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Black History Month 2015 Frequent Attendee Contest
Win a $100 Bookstore Gift Card!!

At each event make sure to check in with staff to record your attendance by swiping your i-card. Any student who attends three or more Black History Month sponsored events will be entered into a drawing to win a $100 Bookstore Gift Card!

Black History Month 2015 Sponsors:

African American Academic Network  
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Black Alumni Advisory Council  
Campus Programs  
CHANCE Program  
Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Blacks  
Dialogue Initiative  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
School of Theatre & Music  
Richard J. Daley Library

Student Organization Contributors:

African Student Council  
Black Student Union  
Collegiate 100  
Mojo’s Pen  
National Pan-Hellenic Council  
Pathways to Black Male Achievement  
Students for African American Sisterhood

Event Locations:

Addams Hall, 830 South Halsted  
Jane Addams Hull House Dining, 800 South Halsted  
Richard J. Daley Library, 801 South Morgan  
Student Center East, 750 South Halsted  
Student Recreation Facility, 737 South Halsted  
UIC Pavilion, 525 South Racine  
UIC Theatre, 1044 West Harrison

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to participate in an event, please call 312-413-5070 at least one week prior to the event.