

# A CELEBRATION OF BLACK PROGRESS

A SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER DEDICATED  
TOWARDS HIGHLIGHTING BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

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The **VOICE Purdue Chapter Leadership Board** has created this special edition newsletter to highlight Black History Month. Our hope is that you learn or gain something new from this newsletter. Thank you to the 2020-2021 leadership board for all your hard work and enthusiasm to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion, not only in veterinary medicine but beyond.

- Malaycia Goldsmith

**"O, let America be America again—  
The land that never has been yet—  
And yet must be—the land where  
every man is free.  
The land that's mine—the poor man's,  
Indian's, Negro's, ME—  
Who made America,  
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith  
and pain,  
Whose hand at the foundry, whose  
plow in the rain,  
Must bring back our mighty dream  
again."**

- Langston Hughes, *Let America be  
America, Again.*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT



IMAGE: MARVEL.COM

### **CHADWICK BOSEMAN**

**Chadwick Boseman was an American actor and playwright. He is most known for his role Black Panther but has continued to contribute to black films through his portrayal of African American trailblazers such as Jackie Robinson in 42, James Brown in Get On Up, and Thurgood Marshall in Marshall.**

**We would like to highlight Chadwick Boseman for his continuous work, philanthropy, and talent that has spread positivity, not only in the Black community but beyond. He is an example of no matter what hardships you may endure, you will continue to strive for greatness in everything you do.**



Image from: The Hollywood Reporter

**“Dreams are lovely but they are just dreams. Fleeting, ephemeral, pretty. But dreams do not come true just because you dream them. It’s hard work that makes things happen. It’s hard work that creates change.” —Shonda Rhimes**

## V.O.I.C.E. Recommended Books

1. *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George m. Johnson
2. *The Deep* by Rivers Solomon
3. *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
4. *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
5. *Children of Virtue and Vengeance* by Tomi Adeyemi
6. *The Black Friend* by Fredrick Joseph
7. *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi
8. *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein
9. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale
10. *Ethic* by Ashley Antoinette
11. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennet
12. *Paradise* by Toni Morrison



## Support Black Business

### • Local/Indiana

#### • Food

- Negrill Jamaican Restaurant and Bar - Indianapolis, IN
- Jasz Cafe (Traveling personal chef) - IN and IL
- Kenny Kendall's Gourmet Popcorn - Dayton, IN

#### • Apparel

- ROCKaBLOCK - Merrillville, IN

#### • Beauty

- Rocco's Barbershop - Lafayette, IN
- Silky Source Salon - Lafayette, IN

#### • Bookstores/Small Shops

- Safari Global Market (African and Caribbean) - Lafayette, IN
- Blooms & Petals Fresh Flowers & Gifts - Lafayette, IN

### • By State

#### • Food

- Mike's Vegan Cookout Food Truck - NC
- Mikkey's Retro Grill - Chicago, IL
- Tesfa African Restaurant - Chichago, IL

#### • Beauty

- Urbane Blades Barbershop - Chicago, IL
- Twisted Roots Salon - Chicago, IL

#### • Apparel

- kido - Baby's clothes - Chicago

#### • Bookstores/Small Shops

- Body & Soul - Winston-Salem, NC
- Sankofa -Videos-Books-Cafe - Washington, D.C.

### Online

#### Apparel

- Nerd.sq
- Dope Scrubs
- Sankofa Medical Scrubs
- Talley and Twine (watch)
- ROCKaBLOCK

Support Black Colleges - HBCU Apparel Online Store

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH: BLACK EYED PEAS

Our chapter decided on Black Eyed Peas due to the cultural significance they hold. One of the folklores of eating black-eyed peas is their symbolism of emancipation of previously enslaved African Americans who were "freed" on New Years Day after the civil war, despite not being freed officially until June 18th, 1865. They symbolize good luck and are typically eaten on New Year's day along with Collard Greens to commemorate the new year and the prosperity that one hopes to have.

## Ingredients:

- 1 (16-ounce) package dried black-eyed peas
- 6 cups water
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 yellow onion (chopped)
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon of sugar (optional)
- 1 smoked ham hock or 1 smoked turkey leg

**Sort and rinse the peas, discarding any discolored peas. No need to soak.**

**2. Put ham hock and peas into the crock of a 4 to 6-quart slow cooker.**

**3. Add the water, bouillon cubes, salt, sugar, onion, garlic powder, to a pot and bring to a hard boil. Then pour mixture into crockpot over the peas and meat.**

**4. Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours (or on high for 5 to 6) or until tender to your liking. Taste and adjust to your liking. Enjoy!**

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

1. **WHAT WAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS?**
  - A. **NEGRO HISTORY WEEK**
  - B. **NEGRO HISTORY MONTH**
  - C. **BLACK HISTORY YEAR**
  - D. **IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN BLACK HISTORY MONTH.**
2. **WHAT TRAVEL GUIDE DID AFRICAN AMERICAN'S USE, WITH PUBLISHING BETWEEN 1936-1966?**
  - A. **THE TRAVEL EXPO**
  - B. **THE GREEN BOOK**
  - C. **THE BLUE BOOK**
  - D. **THE COLORED TRAVELERS GUIDE**
3. **IN WHAT YEAR WAS INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE LEGALIZED IN THE U.S.?**
  - A. **1964**
  - B. **1952**
  - C. **1973**
  - D. **1967**
4. **WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO HEADLINE COACHELLA?**
  - A. **LIZZO**
  - B. **NICKI MINAJ**
  - C. **BEYONCÉ**
  - D. **JANELLE MONAE**



To view all trivia questions,  
Scan the QR CODE.



## "SONGS OF THE MONTH"

February is also the month for love with Valentine's Day as its signature holiday. Here are some songs by Black Artists that inspire the cultivation of Black Love.

1. For you by Kenny Lattimore
  2. The Point of It All by Anthony Hamilton
  3. So Beautiful by Musiq Soulchild
  4. Let's Stay Together by Al Green
  5. At Last by Etta James
  6. Here and Now by Luther Vandross
  7. Firtybate by Maxwell
  8. If I ever Fall in Love by Shai
  9. Always and Forever by Heatwave
  10. Back At One by Brian McKnight
  11. I Wanna Be Your Lover by Prince
  12. Endless Love by Lionel Richie & Diana Ross
  13. Anniversary by Tony! Toni! Tone!
  14. Adorn by Miguel
  15. When A Man Loves A Women by Percy Sledge
- Let's Get Married by Jagged Edge  
(RUN DMC remix)



# "AFRICAN-AMERICANS MAKING CHANGE."



Photo by Timothy Nwachukwu. New York Times.

**Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett** is a viral immunologist who has worked at the forefront of research for the COVID-19 vaccine. Her team has worked to apply the studies they've done over the last 6-7 years and apply it now in the creation of the vaccine with Moderna. This is monumental for establishing a connection and level of trust between the medical field and the African American community, which has dealt with unfair medical treatment in the past, the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment being a prime example. Dr. Corbett is an individual that is shaking the table and encouraging other scientists of color to make a change.

## **Black Firsts in Politics:**

During the 2020 Election, there have been many firsts in the Black community in the political realm. **Ritchie Torres** and **Mondaire Jones** were the first, openly gay black members of Congress. Along with that, **Kamala Harris** is the first Black individual to be elected as United States Vice President, and the first woman. These historical firsts representing intersectionalities of race, gender, and sexual orientation are significant in showing that we can accomplish and fill spaces that we are not represented in.



Ritchie Torres



Mondaire Jones



Kamala Harris

## **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PVM STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

"Though HBCUs are open to students of all races, the need for an HBCU designation can be traced to the long stretch of American history in which black students were largely denied access to mainstream colleges and universities. HBCUs arose by necessity and were, for many years and in many regional contexts, the only avenue that black Americans had to receive a higher education or attain undergraduate and graduate degrees. In this way, HBCUs are at once symbolic of the slavery and segregation eras, and have been an important part of counteracting their lasting effects."

## CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

“I enjoyed my time on the Hilltop High. Not only was I provided a great education, but I was also able to experience new things and meet people from all walks of life. Claflin gave me a community of people who were like family who helped me grow into the woman I am today. If you are privileged to know someone from Claflin, you will experience and see that Claflin Confidence that we all share. I’ll forever be grateful for the experiences I gained and the lifelong relationships that I’ve built with so many of my classmates, roommates, faculty/staff, and my line sisters. Forever a loyal and loyal daughter”

- **Kristal Spann, Class of 2022**

**Claflin University** was founded in 1869 after the Civil War by northern missionaries to educate freedmen and their children. It is the oldest HBCU in South Carolina and boasts as the first college in the state to welcome all students regardless of race or gender. Students were heavily involved with the Civil Rights movement and even had an opportunity to hear from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he visited the campus. Even today, Claflin continues their mission of creating an institute of higher learning that develops a diverse and inclusive community of globally engaged visionary leaders.



## North Carolina A&T State University

“I graduated from North Carolina A&T State University in May 2018 with a Bachelors in Animal Science. A&T not only provided me with an excellent education but also a place to fully express my culture without being discriminated against, judged, or hated. Being in that safe space allowed me to create amazing memories, friendships, and networks that feel like family now. Those four years helped me learn and grow in ways I would have never imagined. I LOVED my HBCU experience and know that my choice shaped me into the woman I am today. I highly recommend all black students to consider going to an HBCU. “

- **Maya Brooks, Class of 2023**

**North Carolina A&T State University** is the largest historically black university in the country and the largest agricultural HBCU. It was founded in 1891 and is located in Greensboro, NC. On February 1, 1960, 4 male students (Ezell Blair, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, and David Richmond) staged the known “Greensboro sit-in” sparking the civil rights movements in the south by eating at an all-white establishment. Their courageous actions gained momentum, and students from different universities joined in on the non-violent protests.

# HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

“I loved being around the plethora of black people, from different cities, cultures, and countries, working towards educational success. I loved the culture of the school, from the 12-2 day parties every Friday to the Homecoming celebrations and the countless networking opportunities with alumni during my time there and after graduation. My alma mater, Hampton University, my Home by the Sea, was my home away from home.” - **Jermaya Patterson, Class of 2023**

Founded in 1868, **Hampton University** is a private HBCU located in Hampton, VA, near the Chesapeake Bay. In 1831, a freedwoman named Mary Peake was asked to teach blacks, although it was illegal to educate slaves, free blacks, and mixed-race people. She held her first class under a simple oak tree. Today, that tree still stands on campus and is known as Emancipation Oak and would be the site of the first Southern reading of the Emancipation Proclamation. This, along with several other buildings, are now historical landmarks. According to several publications, Hampton continues to be ranked nationally and is among one of the top schools.



# NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

“There are many things I love about my HBCU, but one thing is the environment that was created for me. It was built on the foundation of cultivating young Black minds to become leaders of the world. My HBCU taught me that it is just as important to uplift and empower others to build from within ourselves. I was pushed to challenge myself but also given the comfort in knowing that if I fall short, someone would always be there to help me through and uplift me to surpass my potential. I love my HBCU and the environment that was created for me! #AggiePride #NCAT.”

- **Edris Grate, Class of 2021.**

**North Carolina A&T State University** is the nation’s second most affordable online bachelor’s degree in agriculture. Their farm spans 492 acres of active livestock and horticultural production. Livestock included on the farm are dairy and beef cattle, poultry, swine, horses, meat goats, and sheep. Students and faculty use the farm to educate students about agriculture, but they also use the farms to conduct various research projects. They then can take what they have learned and teach the state’s farming community.

# XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA



"I love that Xavier is known for graduating the most African Americans into the medical field. As an aspiring veterinary medicine student, I felt confident in my decision to attend Xavier University of Louisiana, knowing I would have a strong science background which is essential for my future career."

- **Asia Fernandes, Class of 2021**

**Xavier University of Louisiana** is America's only historically black and Catholic university. Xavier's conception goes back to 1915 when Mother Katharine Drexel devoted her life to African Americans and Native Americans' education. Two years later, a Normal School offering a few career options opened for Blacks, and then ten years later, in 1925, Xavier University of Louisiana became a reality. Today, although still on a mission to educate black students, Xavier has its doors open to all people.

# NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY



"Attending North Carolina A&T State University was the best choice I could've made. I made life-long friends and family, built a diverse network, and gained many opportunities. My favorite part about being a student in Aggie Land was football season. It wasn't until I began attending NC A&T that I enjoyed watching football. That's what happens when your school has a winning team! I especially enjoyed watching the Blue and Gold Marching Machine during halftime and throughout the games. Beyond sports, I loved the community and the challenge that I was given, not only as a student but as an individual. Having the opportunity to be surrounded by creative, intelligent, driven, and beautiful individuals who looked like me allowed me to blossom into who I am and desire to be. Being in a community with a strong foundation in identity gave me the tools I never knew I needed. People often say that HBCU's are not diverse, but attending NC A&T proved that to be wrong. Black people are not monolithic; all come from different walks of life, which is something special. North Carolina A&T State University prepared me for my future and shaped me into the person I am today. "And that's on my 1891". "

- **Malaycia Goldsmith, Class of 2023.**

**North Carolina A&T State University** is the largest historically black university in the country and the largest agricultural HBCU. It was the first HBCU established in North Carolina. Dr. Alfreda J. Webb, one of the first black female veterinarians, was a professor here from 1959 until her retirement. Over the years, their animal science program has continued to develop. The department of Animal Sciences provides an environment for students to think critically, and it promotes creative investigation. The school is home to many livestock farms, and students can get hands-on experience from the very beginning.



## **SPELMAN COLLEGE**

**Spelman College** was founded in 1881 and is located in Atlanta, Georgia. Originally it was named Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary by Sophia Packard and Harriet Giles. In 1884, it changed to Spelman Seminary in honor of Mrs. Laura Spelman Rockefeller and her parents, who were longtime activists in the antislavery movement. Spelman is America's oldest private historically black liberal arts college for women. Spelman boasts many accolades for their educational success in many categories, including a top school for study abroad opportunities and top 10 for social mobility and innovation!

"What I enjoyed most about attending Spelman College, a Historically Black College, was that I thrived within a sisterhood of solace, solidarity, and Blackness for four years. Within those years, I explored and expanded on my identity as a Black woman, which has become the foundation of who I am today."

- **Zenobya Clarke, Class of 2023.**

## **LINCOLN UNIVERSITY**

"I am a proud graduate of Lincoln University of Missouri. There I was able to build lasting relationships with professors, meet peers from a variety of backgrounds, and increased my knowledge at a university full of people who are like family. Every day was a celebration of black intellect and success. As students, we were taught race, class, and gender should not be obstacles to success but as symbols of pride as you complete your journey. Lincoln University, similar to other HBCU's, provides a cultural experience that cannot be duplicated due to the rich history and traditions that are unique to the university. I'm glad I made the choice to attend an HBCU and I am grateful I have the honor of saying I am an HBCU alumnus."

- **Aaron Lewis, Class of 2024**



During the Civil War, the 62nd Colored Infantry regiment of the U.S. Army, largely recruited in Missouri, set up educational programs for its soldiers. At the end of the war, it raised \$6,300 to set up a black school, headed by a white abolitionist officer, Richard Foster. Foster opened the Lincoln Institute in Jefferson City in 1866. Lincoln had a black student body, both black and white teachers, and outside support from religious groups. Under the Morrill Act of 1890, Missouri designated the school a land-grant university, emphasizing agriculture, mechanics, and teaching. By 1921, the college had expanded to offer graduate programs and was officially designated a university by the state of Missouri. It changed its name to **Lincoln University of Missouri.**



# TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

"What I love most about my HBCU is its rich history and how immediately fell in love with it the moment I stepped foot on campus. If given the opportunity to attend a Tuskegee University football game, Open House, Homecoming, or Fried Chicken Wednesday on the Yard you will understand the love and black excellence that pours out from all around the campus. Tuskegee is a place that truly reminds me of home. My HBCU experience is one I'll never forget, it was my mother on days when I needed comfort, my father on days when I needed encouragement, my siblings when I needed to be reminded of who's boss, my best friend on days when I just wanted to relax and have a good time but still needed to get to 8 am classes after staying out all night.

"Tuskegee University provided me with strong and successful role models who persevered in the face of many obstacles. They provide me with unwavering support, encouragement, and the belief that with hard work and determination, I could achieve my dream of becoming a veterinarian. For that, I am forever grateful. "

- **Dean Willie Reed**

Tuskegee played many roles in my life but most of all Tuskegee was my greatest teacher, it taught me to always be true to myself, to accept life's challenges because they often build character and resilience, to always be grateful for my experiences, and to never forget where I've come from and how important it is to keep going. Tuskegee laid the bricks from which my foundation is made, and I will always be grateful for my HBCU experience."

- **Akila Bryant, Class of 2023**



Most people only know about Tuskegee because of the Tuskegee Airmen or the fact that it graduates 75% of all African American veterinarians as the only HBCU with a veterinary school. But Tuskegee is truly so much more than that. **Tuskegee University** was founded by Booker T. Washington on the principle of wanting to lift the veil of ignorance. Lifting the veil of ignorance was about lifting his people out of mental bondage and pointing the way to progress through education and industry. Tuskegee is a pioneer in medical research as Tuskegee University's Carver Foundation was one of the sites used to mass-produce (Henrietta Lacks) HeLa cells and distribute them to laboratories for polio vaccine testing and other research projects. George Washington Carver taught at Tuskegee and was known for his inventions and for being an agriculture scientist who revolutionized the way we use peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and a variety of other plants.

# PRAIRIE-VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

“Prairie View A&M University produces productive Panthers! I love my HBCU because it’s where I found my voice. PV taught me that a “Chain is as strong as its weakest link” and reminded me daily of the toil my ancestors endured to remove many barriers designed to keep me out of the very classrooms I attend today. I’m so thankful to have spent 4 years cultivating knowledge, community, and self-respect at this incredible institution. I am a proud PVAMU Panther Alumnus and I can’t wait to give back!”

- **Floyd Williams, Class of 2022**



Prairie-View A&M University was established in 1876 and is located in Prairie View, TX. It’s one of the two Texas land grant universities and the second oldest public institution in the state. The university was established by Article VII of the Texas Constitution of 1876, near the end of the Reconstruction Era. That year, State Senator Matthew Gaines and State Representative William Holland, both former slaves, became leading political figures and drafted legislation for the creation of the school. That legislation made PV the 1st state-supported institution for African Americans in Texas.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT



### **Fredrick Douglass Patterson DVM, PhD (1901 - 1988)**

Life was far from easy for Fredrick Douglass Patterson, who was orphaned at the age of 2 when his parents passed away from tuberculosis. Yet, Dr. Patterson grew to become one of the most influential African American veterinarians in history. Achieving multiple advanced degrees within 9 years, becoming head of the agriculture department in what is now known as Tuskegee University and funding the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Today, UNCF is the nation's largest and most effective organization for minority education.

"I learned a lesson with regard to race that I never forgot: how people feel about you reflects the way you permit yourself to be treated. If you permit yourself to be treated differently, you are condemned to an unequal relationship."

- FREDRICK D. PATTERSON DVM

