

# CELEBRATE BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

Millersville University celebrates the historical, cultural, and professional contribution of people within the African Diaspora during Black Heritage Month. Nationally recognized in the United States as "Black History Month", this February, we center the culture, heritage, and experiences of Black people; acknowledging the rich history, excellence, and resilience of a people.



## Why February?

Black History Month started as "Negro History Week" by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History for the second week of February. Woodson chose this week because it included the birthdays of two prominent figures in African-American history, Abraham Lincoln on February 12th and Frederick Douglas on February 14th. The celebration was expanded to a month-long observance of African-American contributions to the U.S. in 1976.



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