Celebrate 2022 Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time when we acknowledge the contributions of Black Americans and honor the significant role and impact they have made on all facets of life and society throughout U.S. history.

In 1926, historian and scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson, PhD, chose February because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, whom he felt had greatly influenced the lives of African Americans, had birthdays in February.

Since 1976, each American president has endorsed a specific theme for Black History Month. The Black History Month 2022 theme “Black Health and Wellness,” focuses on the importance of Black individuals’ health and wellness.

The University of Iowa’s theme for 2022 is UBUNTU: I Am Because You Are. Visit our BHM page for more information.

UI Health Care Black History Month Speaker Announced

Louis Hart, MD, associate professor of pediatrics and the inaugural medical director of Patient Experience at the Yale School of Medicine, is this year’s Black History Month speaker. Hart’s lecture will focus on efforts to ingrain an equity lens into clinical operations. This year’s lecture will take place at noon Wednesday, Feb. 16. Register for this event.

University of Iowa Black History Month Events

Want to get involved during Black History Month? Check out University of Iowa events happening all throughout the month. View all University of Iowa-sponsored events.

Iowa City Black History Month Events

The City will host or co-host numerous events throughout February to commemorate Black History Month. Book clubs, presentations, and lessons, are just a few of the scheduled events aimed at celebrating the impact Black Americans have had on our country and educating people on the barriers Black Americans have faced, and still face today. View all Iowa City-sponsored events.

Shout-outs!

Black Faculty Council Builds Community, Focuses On Recruitment and Retention

Reminders

Awards

Nominations are being accepted for individuals or groups for the 2023 Culturally Responsive Health Care Award and 2022 DEI Leadership Award. Nominations are due by noon Friday, Feb. 18. View all nominations.

Recap - 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week Events

View events from the 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week, including the UI Health Care Distinguished Lecture by Feranmi Okanlami, MD, MS, director of student accessibility and accommodation services at the University of Michigan.

Educational Opportunities

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion provides diversity educational programming and training on a number of topics, including implicit bias, bystander-to-upstander training, culturally responsive care, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) training, and fair search and hiring practices. Please use this service request form to schedule a training or speaking engagement sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Join The UI Health Care LGBTQ+ OutList!

The UI Health Care LGBTQ+ OutList is a public and voluntary listing of members of our health care community who identify as LGBTQ+. The OutList was created to foster an inclusive community and provide members of the LGBTQ+ community with informal networking and mentoring opportunities.

Sign-up For Your Pronoun Buttons Today!

Share your preferred pronouns with others! Visit our website to place a request.

Save The Date:

Culturally Responsive Health Care in Iowa Conference

June 2-3, 2022

The goal of this multidisciplinary, interprofessional conference is to improve the delivery of culturally sensitive and responsive health care to increasingly diverse patient populations. CME is offered.

Please view here to continue to receive the DEI email newsletter and more information about DEI initiatives, events and opportunities!