



THE THEME FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2026

"A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS"

2026 MARKS A CENTURY OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS, ROOTED IN THE FOUNDING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1915. LED BY DR. CARTER G. WOODSON AND FELLOW SCHOLARS AND ACTIVISTS, THIS MOMENT INSTITUTIONALIZED THE STUDY AND COMMEMORATION OF BLACK HISTORY—ESTABLISHING A LEGACY THAT CONTINUES TODAY.

[ASALH-Founders of BHM](#)



2026 BHM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2-8

Schools Display Black History Posters and utilize toolkits provided by AASSD.

February 2-20 Black History Contest

Celebrating 100 Years of Commemoration of Black History

This year, we invite YOU to be part of a special celebration honoring 100 years of commemorating Black History. For a century, stories of strength, creativity, leadership, and resilience have been shared, and now it's your turn to add your voice!

Choose the option that matches your grade level and show what this theme means to you through art, words, music, or movement:

Grades K-5



Create a drawing that celebrates Black history, culture, or leaders. This must be created by the student.

Grades 6-8



Write a poem inspired by the theme. It must be an original.

- Submit a written copy of your poem
- Submit a video of you reciting your poem

Grades 9-12



Create a song, rap, dance, or creative expression that reflects the theme.

- Submit a video of your performance

Important Video Reminder

All videos must begin with a short introduction stating your name, grade, and school, and last no longer than 3 minutes.

Deadline- All submissions must be received by midnight on Friday, February 20.

How to Submit- Please submit your work using the provided link. Click the Grade Level to link your entry. Winners will be notified

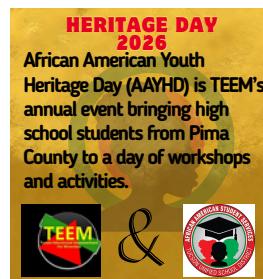
We can't wait to see how you honor the past, celebrate the present, and imagine the future. Your voice matters—let it shine! ✨



February 4, 5-7pm
Merchant and Mission
Marketplace
Dunbar Pavilion



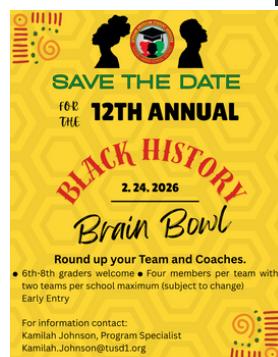
February 13, 8am-2pm
Youth Day At the Capitol. Phoenix
AZ (Invitation Only)



February 13, African American Heritage Day at Pima Community College.
9-12 grade



February 16-18
African American Read-In
Sign Up to have AASSD
Staff and Community
Members read to Students



February 24, 9am-2pm
12th Annual Brain Bowl Competition
Utterback Middle School

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