As I was contemplating what I could put in this month’s issue, I had opportunity to reflect on a number of things. One of those “things” was actually in response to a question that we’ve all heard over time, and that is; “Why is Black History month only in February, and is the shortest month?” Well after mulling it over for a minute or two, I clearly knew that, (short of an “I don’t know” answer), Black History is everyday, of every month. So, here we go with just a tad bit of information I’d like to share on Black History in August!

August 1, 1879 - Mary Eliza Mahoney graduates from the New England Hospital for Women and Children, becoming the first black professional nurse in America


August 3, 1800 - Gabriel Prosser leads slave revolt in Richmond, Va,

August 4, 1810 - Abolitionist Robert Purvis born.

August 5, 1962 - Nelson Mandela, South African freedom fighter, imprisoned. He was not released until 1990.

August 6, 1865 - Polar explorer Matthew Henson born.

August 7, 1894 - Joseph Lee patents kneading machine.

August 8, 1865 - Granville T. Woods patents electromechanical brake.

August 9, 1862 - Jesse Owens wins fourth gold medal at Summer Olympics in Berlin.

August 10, 1989 - General Colin Powell is nominated chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the African American to hold the post.

August 11, 1921 - Alex Haley, author of Roots, born.

August 12, 1977 - Steven Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, arrested.

August 13, 1981 - The Reagan Administration undertakes its review of 30 federal regulations, including rules of civil rights to prevent job discrimination.

August 14, 1889 - The North Carolina Black Repertory Company hosts the first National Black Theater Festival in Winston-Salem, NC.

Spotlight: Genice Sarcedo

Genice Sarcedo has been a member of the Anteater family since 2007 when she began as the Program Coordinator for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center. In this role, she is responsible for campus wide social, educational, developmental, and academic programming to support the needs of LGBTQ students. Genice also provides numerous trainings and presentations including Safe Zone to educate the campus community on the needs of LGBTQ students and ways to be an ally at UC Irvine.

Genice fell into student affairs work as an over involved undergraduate at UC Riverside where she completed her Bachelor’s degree in English and minor in LGBTQI Studies in 2005. She was the first in her family to graduate from college, followed a year later by her identical twin sister, Geneva. Genice then went on to complete a Master’s in Education at the University of Southern California (USC) in 2007.

As a high school senior in 2001, Genice was offered admission to UC Irvine but ultimately chose Riverside. During a campus tour around Ring Road, Genice did not see many black or brown faces and felt Irvine was not the place for her. Now 11 years later as a staff member at UCI, Genice is pleased to see the increase of African American and Latino/a students being admitted to UCI every year. As a queer Black, Hawaiian, and Puerto Rican women, Genice is also an active member of the Chicano/Latino Staff Association in addition to her involvement in BFSA.

Currently, Genice is a doctoral student studying educational leadership at California State University, Long Beach. Her research stems from her experience during that Irvine campus tour and navigating college as a first generation student. Recently Genice completed a project exploring the factors that contribute to success in higher education for first generation black and brown men. She intends to complete her dissertation on this topic as well.

One of the major findings of her research was that much of the literature focused on students of color deficits in educational attainment rather than successes. While the number of African American and Latino/a students enrolling in college continues to grow, so does the number of these students who do not graduate. Guided by the work of scholar Shaun Harper (keynote speaker at the Black Male Student Success in College Symposium hosted by Student affairs in May 2012), Genice wanted to focus on students who made it instead of looking at the students who are not successful.

Another finding pointed to the need of African American and Latino/a staff and faculty to help students thrive in higher education through formal and informal mentorship roles. Genice encourages all members of the BFSA to engage in mentorship with UC Irvine students to help promote the success of African American and Latino/a students through the educational pipeline.
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### Special Events:

For additional events or specific event information please click the link of the event or visit the calendar page on our website at [http://sites.uci.edu/bfsa/calendar/](http://sites.uci.edu/bfsa/calendar/).

[http://www.meetup.com/Black-In-Orange-County/events/73879372/](http://www.meetup.com/Black-In-Orange-County/events/73879372/)
Campus and Community Resources

Campus
Ombudsman: http://www.ombuds.uci.edu/
Employee Assistance: http://www.cascadecenters.com
Teaching, Learning, Technology Center: http://www.tltc.uci.edu/
Black Faculty and Staff Association: http://sites.uci.edu/bfsa
http://www.facebook.com/uci.bfsa?ref=tn_tnmn
Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity: http://www.oeod.uci.edu/

Community
NAACP: http://naacp.org
OC Black Chamber: http://ocblackchamber.com
100 Black Men of Orange County: http://www.100bmoc.com
THE Greenlining Institute www.greenlining.org/academy
National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Orange County
http://www.nc100bwoc.org
Christ Our Redeemer http://www.corchurch.org/
Black In OC http://www.blackinoc.com/Home_Page.php
The Black Market http://www.theblackmarket.com/index.htm
Did you know? Black History in August… (cont’d)

August 16, 1922 - Author Louis E. Lomax born.

August 17, 1849 - Lawyer-activist Archibald Henry Grimké, who challenged the segregation policies of President Woodrow Wilson, born.

August 18, 1859 - Harriet Wilson's Our Nig is first novel published by a black writer.


August 20, 1993 - Dr. David Satcher named director of the Centers for Disease Control.

August 21, 1831 - Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Virginia.

August 22, 1843 - Henry Highland Garnett calls for a general strike by slaves.

August 23, 1926 - Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurated Negro History Week and later produced the Negro History Bulletin.


August 26, 1920 - 19th Amendment to the Constitution ratified, giving women the right to vote.

August 27, 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune founds the National Council of Negro Women.

August 28, 1888 - Granville T. Woods patents railway telegraphy.

August 28, 1849 - Saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker born.


August 31, 1836 - Henry Blair patents cotton planter.

Clearly the events posted here are but a small part of what truly is Black History. While we may only celebrate with the rest of the country, in February, it is important to know, recognize and remember the people, the contributions and the impact that we as a people, and part of the Diaspora that is African, have had and will continue to have on and in making history. Celebrate it EVERYDAY!

Hotep, (Peace)

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