

Black History Month

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1. **Presidential Proclamation – National African American History Month, 2012**

The story of African Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance. It traces a people who refused to accept the circumstances under which they arrived on these shores, and it chronicles the generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. It is the narrative of slaves who shepherded others along the path to freedom and preachers who organized against the rules of Jim Crow, of young people who sat-in at lunch counters and ordinary men and women who took extraordinary risks to change our Nation for the better. During National African American History Month, we celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans and honor the remarkable contributions they have made to perfecting our Union.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/01/31/presidential-proclamation-national-african-american-history-month-2012>

2. **Celebrating 28 African Americans - One for each day of February**

For Black History Month 2012, the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education website celebrates 28 individuals - one for each day of February, the shortest month of the year. The lives of these Americans are worthy of celebration and further study, which our short profiles hope to encourage. The women and men included are writers, editors, journalists, publishers, trailblazers and change makers. They remind us of the rich contributions African-Americans make and have made in the world of words.

<http://mije.org/features/black-history-month-2012?gclid=CK7w2MrNoq4CFWITNAodHGFJpg>

3. **National Association of Black Journalists: Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford**

NABJ awards more than \$60,000 in scholarships annually to deserving students interested in pursuing careers in journalism. Scholarships are worth up to \$2,500. Scholarships are open to any foreign or American born student, currently attending or entering an accredited four-year college/university in the U.S. or those who are candidates for graduate school.

Note: The application deadline is coming up soon: March 2nd, 2012. Please note that a variety of professional associations like NABJ offer similar support to mentor the next generation of professional journalists, including foreign students studying in the U.S.

<http://www.nabj.org/?page=SEEDscholarships>

4. National Museum of African Art: Teacher Resources

Curricular Consultations for educators. The website include Artist Interviews, listening to Radio Africa, Video Loans etc. To include African art in your curriculum, consult with museum staff about the possibilities and available resources. Please visit the site:

<http://africa.si.edu/exhibits/resources.html>

5. League of Black Women: Who are we?

League of Black Women provides access to strategic support for developing and sustaining leadership values and joyful living for Black women. Our goal is to assure that our members emerge within their families, communities, workplaces and various constituencies as exceptional leaders who contribute distinctive, substantial and lasting improvements to the decisions that shape our world.

<http://events.leagueofblackwomen.org/who-are-we/>