

## FEBRUARY 2021

### February is Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance to celebrate the achievements and experiences of Black people within the United States. Black History Month focuses on Blackness and recognizes what it means to be Black in America, reminding us of the contributions and pivotal roles Black Americans have held within the history of the United States. In 1915, the 50th anniversary of the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery, a three week celebration was held that included research into and promotion of achievements by Black Americans and people of African descent. The first Negro History and Literature Week was celebrated in 1924. Black History Month began in 1970 at Kent State. Black History Month was institutionalized as a national observance starting in 1976, and since every U.S. president has designated February as Black History Month. While one month will never be enough to honor, celebrate and learn about the generations of Black people who were forced into slavery, and who have had to fight for rights every moment of their lives; we ask you to take some time to educate yourself this month. We believe this is a good place to begin building your understanding and learn a new perspective which can offer you an opportunity to be a better ancestor, better ally and better community member *Learn more about Black History Month [here](#) and [here](#).*

We have found a few COVID-friendly ways to celebrate Black History Month, listed below.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History is holding the 2021 Black History Month Virtual Festival. This year's theme is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" ([Link](#)), with virtual events throughout the month.

Chicago Children's Choir is hosting a "Black History Month Virtual Concert: Preserving and Persevering" ([Link](#)) on February 25.

The Smithsonian is hosting Black History Month events throughout February ([Link](#)).

PBS is celebrating Black History Month with a variety of programming ([Link](#)).

### Recommended Reads

↗ [Pixar's Got 'Soul' and it's Superbad](#)

↗ [Social Inequality, As Seen From the Sky](#)

↗ ["There Can Only Be One" syndrome and how people of color can also uphold white supremacy and injustice](#)

### History of Black Student Union (BSU)



In 2006 Menomonee Cares, Marion Lang, wrote a two part series about the history of the Black Student Union at UW-Stout. These stories were updated in 2011, and we share them again with you today: [Part One](#); [Part Two](#).

Black Student Union continues to be an active student organization. BSU's mission is to create a safe space for Black students, and anyone interested in learning about the African American community. You can find more information about BSU and meeting details on [Connect](#).

### Blaque/OUT Magazine

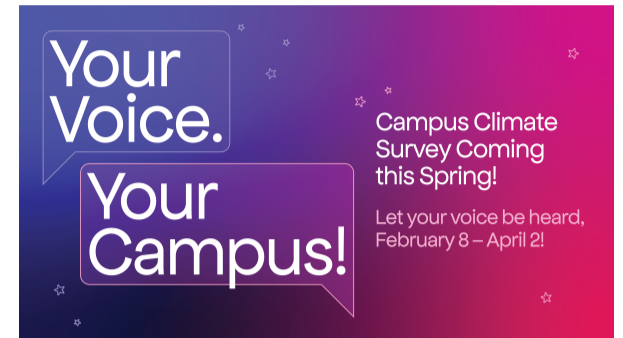


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### EDI Resource Guide Available Now!

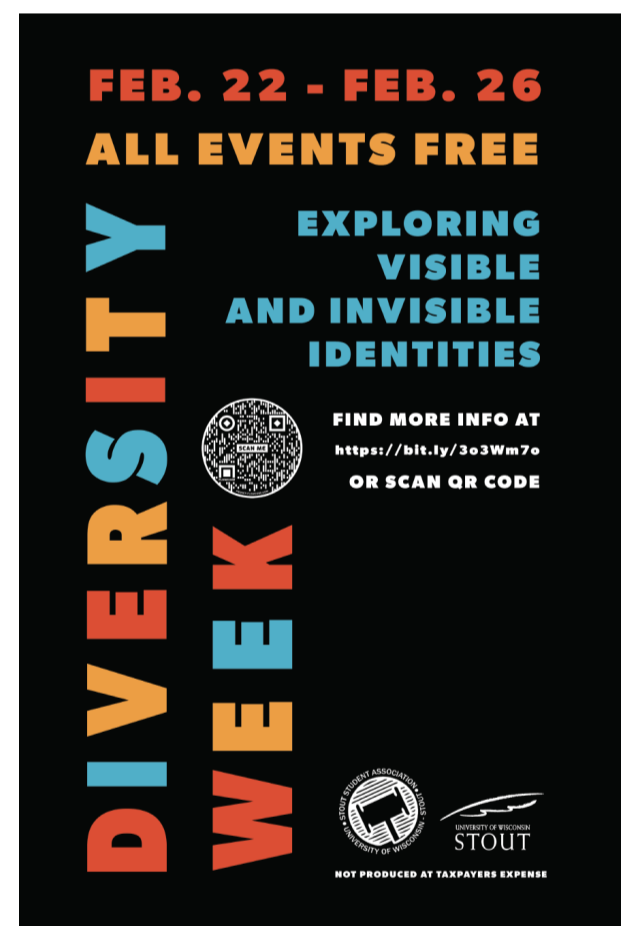
UW-Stout faculty and staff have created our first ever equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) based library guide. This first EDI guide focuses on race, racism and anti-racism. The hope for this guide is to allow each of us a place to start as we begin or continue our journeys in making UW-Stout and our communities more inclusive and equitable. If you are looking for resources we have a variety for you to choose from. If you know of resources not included, we welcome recommendations. Check out [the race, racism and anti-racism library guide](#). Coming soon, additional EDI library guides focusing on LGBTQIA+ identities and disability/accessibility.

### Campus Climate Survey February 8 - April 2



Complete for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon pre-paid card. All undergraduate students will receive an email invitation to complete our campus climate survey. This survey is your opportunity to use your voice and impact change at UW-Stout. Completing the survey enters you for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon pre-paid card. 130 winners will be selected between February 8-April 2.

### SAVE THE DATE Diversity Week February 22 - 26



UW-Stout's 3rd Annual Diversity Week is February 22-26. Events will take place throughout the week. There will be storytelling, presentations, panel discussions, a film screening and trivia. The majority of events will take place virtually with a couple of in person opportunities. Check out the Stout Student Association's [Connect](#) for more details!

Before Diversity Week, we recommend you watch the documentary *Crip Camp*, which is available on Netflix and YouTube.

Then join us for a panel discussion on Monday, February 22 at 6:00pm on [Teams](#).