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U-46 Celebrates Black History Month

Schools, District host special programs

ELGIN - While School District U-46 aims to celebrate Black history throughout the school year, our schools and District have been recognizing contributions of Black Americans throughout the month of February.

The District is hosting a virtual Black History Month celebration at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, open to all members of the U-46 community. During the program, U-46 will be honoring about 70 African-American students who are excelling in 6th, 8th, and 12th grades. These outstanding students have been invited to attend with their families.

Educator and community leader Brittany Barber, the 2019 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award in the City of Elgin, will offer a keynote address entitled "Seizing the Moment: Embracing Black Excellence and Recognizing Black U-46 Scholars" as part of the event. Those interested in attending can watch as the event is streamed via the [U-46 YouTube channel](#).

In addition, U-46 and the Alignment Collaborative for Education are hosting a college admissions panel with representatives and alumni from four Historically Black Colleges and Universities — Howard University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Tuskegee University. High schoolers and their family members who want to attend the panel, being held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, should register [here](#).

Teachers and school leaders across the District have also created special activities and events while acknowledging that we cannot limit Black history



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lessons and celebrations to the month of February. Some of the remaining events are listed below.

| School | Activity | Date |
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| Bartlett High School | MAC Talent Show - a Celebration of Black Excellence | Late February |
| Fox Meadow Elementary School | Classroom Projects, shared on school's Facebook page | All Month |
| Heritage Elementary School | Black History Month Speech Assembly and Black History Laser Show | Feb. 23 / Feb. 24 |
| Parkwood Elementary School | "One Classroom, One Quote" building-wide project | All Month |
| Ridge Circle Elementary School | Students share how an African-American has impacted their life during morning announcements | All Month |
| Spring Trail Elementary School | Quotes from famous African-Americans read during morning announcements | All Month |
| Streamwood High School | "Amplifying Our Voices" programs around the school, including music, a game night, a movie night, and themed dress days. | All Month |

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West



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