



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



2021 Theme:

Black Family: Representation, Identity & Diversity

Thur., February 25 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(a virtual event)

Hosted by the Walla Walla VA Medical Center

Join us for a day of reflection and celebration of Black history
(Drop in and participate for any or all of these presentations)

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- 8:00 a.m. — **PRAYER:** Jean Marie Perkins, BS, Peer Support Specialist, VA Puget Sound Health Care System (Seattle, WA)
- 8:05 a.m. — **OPENING/WELCOME:** Christopher R. Bjornberg, Medical Center Director, Walla Walla VA Medical Center
- 8:30 a.m. — **MUSICAL PRESENTATION:** Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Performed by Fred Triplett, MSW, Pierce County AIDS Foundation (Tacoma, WA)
- 9:00 a.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “Using Housing First to End Homelessness for Veterans”, Sam Tsemberis, PhD, Executive Director, VA-UCLA Center for Excellence for Training & Research and founder of the “Housing First Model”
- 10:00 a.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “The Challenges of Freedom for School Aged Students During a Pandemic”, Captain James Morris, Moscooee County School District (Columbus, GA)
- 10:30 a.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “Eyes Wide Open”, Tawn McQueen, U.S. Army Veteran
- 11:00 a.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “Self-Agency Essentials” (covering components of self-care, barriers to self-agency and self-agency in practice), Dalla Rae, Director of Oregon Women’s Health Network (WHN), self-agency advocate & author (Portland, OR)
- 11:30 a.m. — **MUSICAL PRESENTATION:** “His Eye is on the Sparrow”, Performed by Lester Neal
- 12:00 p.m. — **MUSICAL PRESENTATION:** Featuring “The Build Up Band” – Join us for some soulful sounds!
- 1:00 p.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “The Case for Reparations: A conversation about healing and reconciliation through restorative justice”, Mary Li, Director of Multnomah County Idea Lab (Portland, OR)
- 1:30 p.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “Mental Health & Wellness Among African American Youth”, Dinisha Mingo, MS, CEO & Director, M.H.S. Behavioral Services, Inc. (Las Vegas, NV)
- 2:00 p.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “Celebrating Beautiful Souls”, Chaplain Troy Parson, D.Min., BCC, Walla Walla VA Medical Center
- 2:30 p.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “God Turned My Mess into a Message”, Pastor Ruth J. Webb (author of 10 books)
- 3:00 p.m. — **PRESENTATION:** “The Importance of Community and Creating Allies”, Yvette Arey, MSW, LCSW, Assistant Chief of Social Work & Chaplain Services, VA Portland Health Care System (Portland, OR)
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