Event: Bakersfield College Celebrates African American History Month
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Various Events Held On Campus Throughout Month

Bakersfield College celebrates African American History Month with numerous events on campus and participation in events in the community. In particular, this year Bakersfield College welcomes Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author of "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America." This month is dedicated to the celebration of Black history and promotion of awareness of African American Heritage. The following events will be held throughout the week:

### African American History Month Events at Bakersfield College

#### Thursday, February 1st
- Black History Month Kick-off - Join Bakersfield College to kick-off Black History month at the Bakersfield College Campus Center Main Stage from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

#### Thursday, February 8th
- "Tears We Cannot Stop" Open Discussion Forums - Two Open discussion forums with Dr. Michael Eric Dyson about his book *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* will be held at 10 AM and 2 PM in the Fireside Room.
- "African-American Initiative Presentation" - Presentation by the African-American Initiative group at 11:15 AM in the Fireside Room will also be attended by special guest Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. For more information, visit the [Tears We Cannot Stop: African American Initiatives Presentation Event](#).
- "Distinguished Speaker Series" - The fourth speaker of the series, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, will demonstrate his program on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Edward Simonsen Indoor Theatre. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, a Sociology Professor at Georgetown University, will be speaking about Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His presentation is titled “Martin Luther King Jr. & (African-) American Leadership in the 21st Century.” The event is open to the public. For more information about this event, visit the [Distinguished Speaker Series: Michael Eric Dyson Event](#).

#### Monday, February 12th
- HBCU Caravan - From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, representatives from over 25 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) will be in the Campus Center and Renegade Crossroads giving information and offering transfer guarantees to qualified students.
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Tuesday, February 20th
  ❖ Transformational Policing: Bridging the Racial Divide - From 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, in
  the Fireside Room. BC Professor Tommy Tunson, Criminal Justice, will moderate a
discussion with:
  • Lyle Martin, Bakersfield Police Department Chief
  • Scott Kimble, McFarland Police Department Chief
  • Ron Seldon, California Highway Patrol Commander
  • Jose Moreno FBI Resident Agent in Charge
  • Scott Spielman, Assistant District Attorney

Saturday, February 24th
  ❖ Black American History Parade - 10:00 AM at 21 st. and V st. Enjoy the parade and watch
  for Bakersfield College!

Tuesday, February 27th
  ❖ Brown Bag Discussion with Dr. Horace Mitchell – Bring your lunch and join Bakersfield
  College for a discussion with Dr. Horace Mitchell, 4th President of California State University,
  Bakersfield (CSUB) from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Bakersfield College encourages students and the public to celebrate African American History
Month in February, and to help promote the awareness of African American Heritage and History.

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critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their
communities and the world, while simultaneously contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the
communities it serves.

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