

DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER PRESENTS ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY TOUR

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On February 23rd, Dorothy Kirby Center and the Los Angeles County Office of Education hosted their annual Black History Tour. Music filled the courtyard as the youth and staff from various cottages took turns visiting several exhibit tables and learning about historical figures and organizations of African American heritage. Some of the historic figures included in the tour were the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, Poet Maya Angelou, and Astronaut Mae Jamison. Youth 16 and older were also encouraged to register to vote at a table next to voting activist Stacey Abram's exhibit. The tour also featured a black inventors table, a Hip Hop Nation table, a historically black college and university table, and a Divine Nine exhibit.

"We want to be able to show the youth that black people were great. Black history is great, and our future is great," shared LACOE Counselor Mr. Cox. "We want to show them that a lot of people that look just like them did a lot for this country."

"Today is important because it provides an opportunity to educate the youth about themselves and others on why culture and diversity are important when uplifting one another."

- DPO II T&C Harris



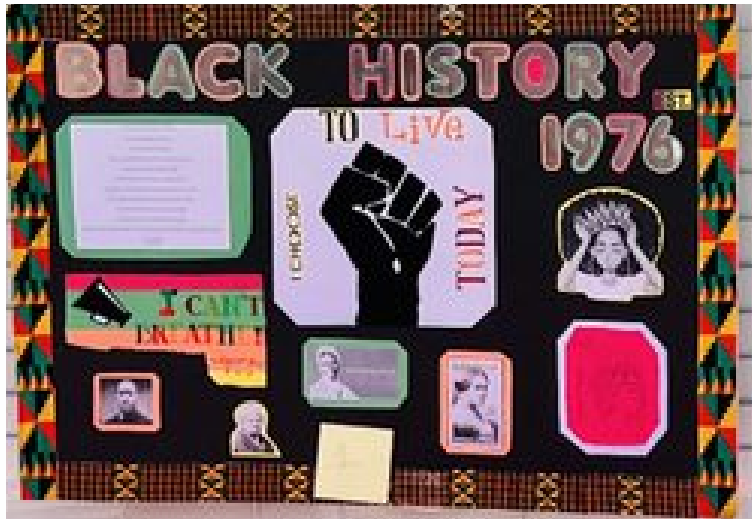
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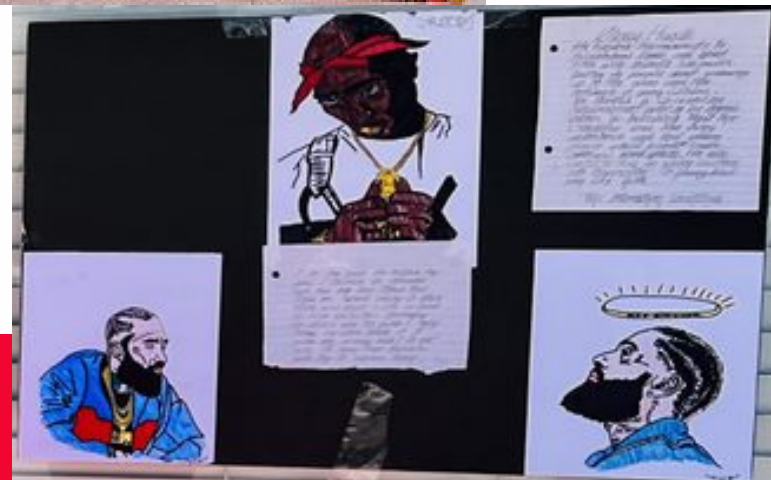
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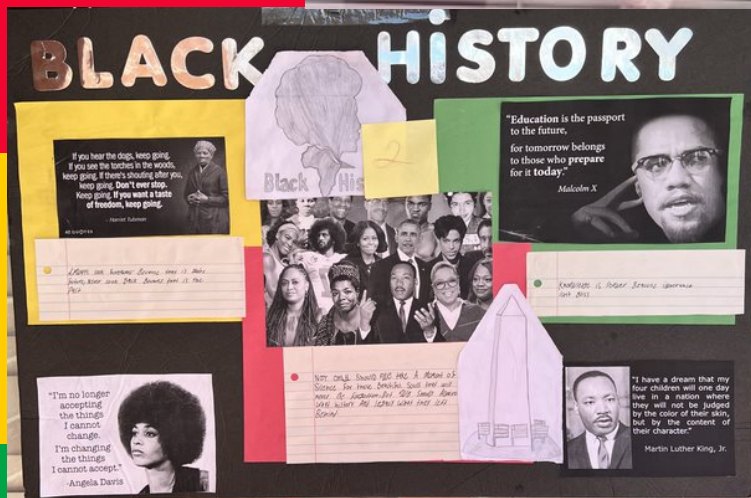
The youth from DKC cottages contributed to the celebration by submitting beautifully decorated posters on their favorite representation of African American culture. All event attendees were encouraged to vote on their favorite submission, and this year's winner was Topaz cottage. Congratulations Topaz!



The inventors table featured popular items created by black inventors.



LACOE Principal Dr. Michael Massa with Assistant Principal Dr. Donna Baker



DKC Youth participated in a poster contest

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"It feels good to learn about my history. I feel like they don't really talk about it with us, so I really like this event," said a DKC Youth.

The tour concluded with a delicious traditional soul food lunch served with southern sweet tea, crunch cake, and peach cobbler for dessert.

The youth and staff danced their way back to the cottages while listening to the tunes of Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson. Everyone left the tour with additional knowledge about black Americans and their significant contributions to the nation. It was a fun-filled and educational day at Dorothy Kirby Center.

Probation News



Community Health Workers Reyes & Arias ran the voter registration table



DKC Staff enjoying the Black History Month Luncheon



LACOE Behavioral Techs Martinez & Arredondo with DPO T&C Harris