

- 24 1811 - Rev. Daniel A. Payne, first black to become a college president.
- 25 Kenneth Spencer, bassoonist and opera singer, died in 1964. Hiram Revels, black Mississippi United States Senator, took office on this day in 1870.
- 27 Charlotte Ray, first black female lawyer in America, graduated from Howard University, 1872. Marian Anderson, singer, born on this day 1902 in Philadelphia. John W. Menard, first black elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1868.
- 28 Phyllis Wheatley c. 1753-1784, a young African girl, captured in Senegal and brought to America as a slave, became a highly acclaimed poet and was honored by George Washington and other leaders on this day.

MARCH

- 1 Blanche Kelso Bruce, an ex-slave, became the first black man to serve a full term in the U.S. Senate in 1941.
- 2 Black Swan Record Company, the first black owned and operated record company in America, organized in 1921.
- 3 Congress established the Freedman's Bureau on this day in 1865 to assist freed slaves with basic educational and health services and their resettlement on abandoned lands in the South.
- 4 (Zensli) Miriam Makeba, internationally known South African singer, of the Xhosa tribe, was born this day in Prospect Township, Johannesburg in 1932.
- 5 Initial casualties in the Revolutionary War saw Crispus Attucks fall among the first Americans killed in the 1770 Boston massacre.
- 6 1857 - Dred Scott decision by the Supreme Court denied Blacks the right of citizenship. Ghana gained independence from the British Commonwealth in 1957.
- 8 Marcus B. Christian, author and poet, born 1900.
- 9 1841 - Joseph Cinque, african prince, and 38 slaves were freed by the U.S. Supreme Court and allowed to return to Africa after their successful mutiny on the Spanish slave ship Amistad.
- 10 Harriet Tubman, organizer and leader of the "underground railroad", died in 1913.
- 11 1959 - Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry, opened on Broadway and won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award.
- 12 Charlie Parker, founder of the modern jazz movement, died in 1955. Charles Young (1864-1922) was born in Mayslick, Kentucky; West-point graduate, 1889; military hero and commander of the 10th calvary.
- 13 1773 - Jean Baptiste Point DuSables (c. 1750-1818) black pioneer founded the settlement that is now Chicago, Illinois.
- 14 Jazz trumpeteer, Richard A. "Blue" Mitchell born in 1930.

- 16 Freedom's Journal, first Black American newspaper released its first publication on this day in 1827 in New York - publishers: Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwurm. Nat Turner led slave revolt in North Carolina in 1831.
- 17 Nat "King" Cole, (1919-1965) legendary singer and jazz pianist, was born on this day in Montgomery, Alabama.
- 18 Norbert Rillieux, inventor of sugar refining, was born in Louisiana in 1806.
- 19 1941 - the 99th Pursuit Squadron first black air unit, was activated on this day at Tuskegee Army air field in Alabama.



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- 20 Ethiopians defeated Italians in the battle of Adowa in 1896 enabling the country to remain as one of few African nations never colonized by foreign powers. 1883 - Jan Matzeliger patents shoe lasting machine.
- 22 The historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to secure voting rights for blacks began on this day in 1965 led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders.
- 24 1837 - Canada gave Blacks the right to vote.
- 25 1931 - "Scottsboro Boys" arrested at Point Rock, Alabama, the civil rights case that received worldwide attention. Aretha Franklin, prominent songstress, born 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee.

- Viola Liuzzo left her home in Detroit on this day in 1965 to drive to Selma, Alabama to join other civil rights workers. She was shot to death by KKK on highway 80 near Selma.
- 26 William Hastie was appointed on this day in 1937 as the first black to serve as a Federal Judge in U.S. or its territories - (U.S. Virgin Islands). Richard Allen (1760-1831) born in Philadelphia, former slave, organized the Free African Society, first black church in America now AME. Diana Ross, actress, singer and entertainer, born on this day in Detroit 1944.
- 27 1969 - The Black Academy of Arts and Letters founded in Boston. Sarah Vaughn, singer born on this day in Neward, N.J. 1924. Cleveland Luca, composer of Liberian national anthem, died on this day in 1872.
- 28 Ella Fitzgerald, singer born on this day in 1918. Lauren Cardinal Rugambwa, first African Cardinal, 1960.
- 29 Duke Ellington, musician-entertainer died on this day in 1974. Pearl Bailey, singer-entertainer, born in Virginia on this day in 1918.
- 30 1870 - 15th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified on this day giving freed men the right to vote - Black Suffrage Day.



In Special Observance of
Black History Month
(February)
Women's History Month
(March)
The Afro-American Heritage Bicentennial Commemorative Quilt
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We take pride in the positive accomplishments of our students. Beverly Cook, now a full-time PCC employee at Cascade Campus, could not have attended college classes without financial aid in the form of loans and a work-study opportunity. A single parent and mother of two, Bev is planning for the day when she can start a four-year degree program in sociology or juvenile counseling. We at PCC are concerned about President Reagan's plan for cutting such assistance and hope you will help watch the budget so people like Bev will continue to have a chance to succeed. Call now for information about financial aid that could give YOU a chance to succeed. Phone 244-6111, Extension 4934.

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PCC President Dan Moriarty has proclaimed February as a time to pay tribute to the many contributions of Afro-Americans to the development of our area and the nation. Added Dr. Moriarty: "The celebration highlights the necessity for continued attention to the scholarship of this important group in our society."


Daniel J. Moriarty



Dr. Darrell Millner
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In 1969, one of the first Black Studies programs in the United States was started at Portland State University. The program quickly established its academic credibility and now offers 78 hours of undergraduate course work plus graduate study. The permanent faculty of the Black Studies program all hold Doctorate degrees in their respective fields. Dr. Darrell Millner, who has been associated with the program since 1974, is an outstanding example of a dedicated educator who also has a strong commitment to community service. In addition to his teaching, he has served as chairman of the Recruitment and Selection Committee for the Black Studies Center, as a director of the National Council of Black Studies Center, and a director of the Oregon Black History Corporation. He has a comprehensive personal collection of memorabilia of Black history in the State of Oregon. Dr. Millner has published many articles on Black history and the Black experience. He has served as a resource to many area organizations as a consultant or speaker on Afro-American history topics. These include the New Rose Theatre, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, YWCA, Red Cross, NAACP, and many radio and television stations.

We salute Dr. Millner, his associates and the students of Portland State University's Black Studies Program.



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