



18th Annual **Black History Month** *Celebration Gala*

**PRESERVING OUR HISTORY, EDUCATING OUR PEOPLE;
ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER AND INSPIRE**

2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Black History Committee of Orange County (BHCOC Inc.), would like to invite you to join us in commemorating and celebrating Black History Month February 2020. The Organization has planned some exciting and educational events. The events will reflect the Organization's mission and our contributions to the Community. The BHCOC will award scholarships to students graduating from an Orange County Public High School, and who wish to continue their education at a college or university in the State of Florida.

Tuesday, January 28, 9:00 AM

Black History Month Proclamation from Orange County Government proclaiming February 2020 as Black History Month. The Proclamation will be held in the Board of County Commissioners' Chambers at the Orange County Administration Center, 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL. 32801.

Friday, January 31 – Sunday, March 1:

African American Inventors and Historical Exhibit: A new exhibit on African American Inventors their inventions, and an overview of some of our most influential and powerful African Americans will be on display this year. This new exhibit is called "Preserving our History, Educating our People; Encourage, Empower and Inspire. African American History is a vital part of American History. Please come out and be educated and inspired. The exhibit will be displayed in the Orange County Administration Center, 201 South Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL. 32801.

Thursday, February 6, 5:30 P.M.

Historical Art Exhibit and Educational Series Reception: Please Join the Black History Committee of Orange County, Inc., For our Educational and Historical Art Unveiling Reception featuring some of our amazing Inventors and Influential African Americans. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, February 11, 9:00 AM:

Storytelling Hour - The Black History Committee of Orange County, Inc., Presents A Storytelling Hour. Head Start Students at the Callahan Neighborhood Center will be treated to a Story about African American Inventors. Educational Goodie bags will be given to all students. Additional quest readers will be in attendance.

Saturday, February 15, 6:00 PM:

Black History Month Celebration Gala: Ms. USA and Soldier DeShauna Barber will be our 2020 Keynote Speaker. Our theme is "Preserving our History, Educating our People, Encourage, Empower and Inspire – A Soldiers Story." Entertainment by Cece Teneal and Soul Kamotion, and Comedian Rod Z. Awards will be presented to individuals in the areas of Community Service, Humanitarianism, Excellence in Education, and a Life Time Service Achievement Award. Scholarships will be presented to various Colleges and Universities. The Gala will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Junior Ballroom, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL. 32819. Individual and Corporate Tickets are available for Purchase. Ticket Price includes Reception, Gala, Live Entertainment, Door Prizes and more! Reception starts at 6:00 pm: Gala starts at 7 pm. For Additional Information, Sponsorships, and Tickets please contact Valerie Curgil at 321-438-3274 and / or Vernard Batson at (407) 668-1865. Parking is \$5 per car.

Friday, February 28, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM:

Black History Month Festival On The Lawn Celebration. Please join the Black History Committee Members, the Employees of Orange County Government, the Citizens of Orlando & Orange County for our 26th Annual Festival and Lunch on the Lawn at the Orange County Administration Center. A variety of food, books, clothing vendors will sell their goods. Festival includes Live entertainment, vendors, an informational health fair, door prizes and so much more! Admission is Free! For additional information please contact Carolyn McFadden at (407) 590-4719.

Friday, March 13, 6:00 - 9:00 PM:

Black History Town Hall Meeting - The Black History Committee of Orange County, Inc., Presents A Discussion on The History of African Americans, our accomplishments and voting rights.. There will be Live Entertainment, African American Speakers, Refreshments and Spirits. Event is Free! You must register to attend! Please call Gloria Barber at 407-877-3508. Location will be determined.

The mission of the Black History Committee of Orange County, Inc., (BHCOC) is to educate the citizens of Orlando/Orange County and America about Black History, which is a vital part of American History. BHCOC Inc. in conjunction with our corporate sponsorships, governmental partners and various other entities and companies throughout America are committed to improving dialogue as it pertains to the contributions that African-Americans have made to society. BHCOC Inc. is further committed to improving the literacy in our community by donating funds to students who wish to continue their education by obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree, and to help the disadvantaged community.