



## 2021 Black History Month Celebration

### *Black Faculty Staff Association Presents: #IAmBlackHistoryMonth*

#### Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

*Black History Month Opening Ceremony | 5:00 – 6:30 PM | ZOOM LINK:*  
(<https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/3528656129>)

Black History Month plays an integral role in highlighting the achievements, success and overcomings that have been present in the Black community since the beginning of time. Join the many Black identified organizations at Sonoma State University, as we launch the month with music, poems, interactive conversations, capped off with our keynote speaker Tria Stallings ([https://www.instagram.com/triserenity\\_/](https://www.instagram.com/triserenity_/)).

#### Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

*Movie Screening - 93 Til Infinity: The Souls of Mischief | 6:30 – 7:45 PM | ZOOM LINK:*  
(<https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/3528656129>)

Join us for a screening of the documentary 93 Til Infinity, where the members of the Souls of Mischief share childhood stories and examine their early creative process while making their first demo tape.

#### Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

*Black History Month Presents, “Power of Your Voice” w/ Author & Speaker Modi G | 7:00 PM | Zoom Link: <https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/86398073720>*

Modi G’s keynote discussion will explore her book, “Some Women Prefer Hell” and will focus on self-esteem, healthy relationships, and eliminating the stigma of seeking help for mental health challenges. Modi will offer adaptive strategies for students to apply in all learning environments. Participants in this interactive workshop will discuss personal, familial, and historical perspectives on therapy. Discussion will explore real & imagined concepts about mental health; when and why to seek help; suitable resources; and approaching therapy as an investment in self.

Modi is an Author, blogger, and writer for men and women of all ages. She blogs about controversial topics based on love, life and relationships. A graduate of Fisk University, degreed in English, Modi fell in love with literature. Her passion for writing keeps her depression and anxiety at bay.

Following in the footsteps of her celebrity mom, Tamera Fair, an actress, on-air personality and founder of Chicago’s distinguished Premier Child Care Centers. Carrying on her mother’s legacy, she has held reigns as the CEO of the Premier Child Care Centers since the age of 23. As the author of the release, “Some Women Prefer Hell,” Modi, now 26, is carving out her own path and claiming her own personal legend.

#### Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

*Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Informational | 7:20 PM | ZOOM LINK:*  
(<https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/85995727023>)



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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. is a historically black sorority and part of the national Panhellenic council. This meeting is open to all collegiate women interested in learning more information about this organization.

### **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Music and the Black Culture* | 11:00 - 12:00 PM | ZOOM LINK:  
(<https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/3528656129>)

Join us as Dr. Patrick Johnson facilitates a conversation with the director of the documentary 93 Til Infinity: The Souls of Mischief, Shomari Smith This plans to be a great conversation around the topic of music in the black culture and how we can use it as a tool to know where we come from and most importantly, where we are going.

### **Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Gospel Extravaganza* | 7:00 PM | ZOOM LINK: (TBA)

Join us in what plans to be a spirit filled night! Under the direction of the Emmy-winning Terrance Kelly, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir brings together over fifty-five singers and four instrumentalists who embody a community of diverse races, cultures, and faiths. This is a FREE show. Join us for a spectacular and joy-filled evening of gospel music!

### **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

*The Black Student Athlete Experience* | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | ZOOM LINK:  
(<https://SonomaState.zoom.us/j/3528656129>)

Join us as we invite Monica McNutt ([https://www.instagram.com/mcnuttmonica\\_/](https://www.instagram.com/mcnuttmonica_/)) to facilitate a conversation around being a Black athlete in professional spaces we find ourselves in. What drives us to be who we are everyday? As black athletes, we have so many chips on our shoulders, but we overcome daily, through grit, courage, and passion; We also stand on the backs of those that inspire us to keep going. It plans to be exciting to hear from the perspectives of the professional and the student. This space is going to provide the platform to elevate Black voices and thoughts.

### **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Unmute Black Voices* | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | ZOOM LINK: (TBA)

Unmute Black Voices is a solution-based discussion around understanding and coping with black trauma. This program is a safe space for young adults to express how they are coping mentally and emotionally in spite of the social/racial tension present in America's history leading up to today. Feel free to join in to listen, share your perspective, and dialogue **UNAPOLOGETICALLY** on this necessary topic.

### **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Black History Month Closing Ceremony* | 5:00 – 6:30 PM | ZOOM LINK:  
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We will close out Black History Month highlighting the achievements, success and overcomings that have been present in the Black community since the beginning of time. Join the many Black identified organizations at Sonoma State University as we close out the month with an interactive dialogue on the topic of “What does it mean to be black in America?”