

# BLACK LOVE: HEALTH, WELLNESS, RELATIONSHIPS



# 2025 TN BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## FEATURED EVENTS

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### Black History Month (BHM) Kickoff

Tuesday, February 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Student Union Building, Room 330, Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Center

The MTSU Black History Month Committee will be cutting a cake today to begin the month of celebration. Come out to mingle, grab a slice of cake, and learn about the events planned for the month!

### Reading the Black Experience

Wednesday, February 2, 6–8 p.m., COE 164

Thursday, February 10, 6–8 p.m., STU 330

Wednesday, February 16, 6–8 p.m., COE 164

Friday, February 25, 6–8 p.m., COE 164

The BHM Committee invites you to join our monthlong community reading project. The committee has selected four books and will send specific excerpts out via email each week. Read the excerpts, then join the discussions at the designated locations and times above.

### BHM Movie Night Series “RESPECT”

Thursday, February 3, 6–11:30 p.m.

Friday, February 4, 6–11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 5, 6–11:30 p.m.

Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, Movie Theater

Sponsors: SPARE and MTSU Films Council

### MTSU Black History Month Health Expo

Monday, February 7, 5–6 p.m.

Student Union Building, 1st Floor, Atrium

Join us for an exciting expo promoting Black health and wellness. Community businesses will provide promotional information, offer samples, and engage participants. This event prohibits the selling of items.

### Panel Discussion: Black Health and Wellness “Racial Health Disparities in the Age of COVID-19”

Monday, February 7, 6–8 p.m.

Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, Parliamentary Room

Join us for a keynote panel with expert medical professionals who will answer questions on important health topics, including disparities that exist within the Black community.

### Beauty Shop and Barbershop Talks

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Tom Jackson Building

Barbershop Talk will consist of things that typically happen in barbershops, such as haircuts, music, some food, and conversations. Beauty Shop Talk will consist of hair, nails, makeup, and skin talk, as well as food and music. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

### 26th Annual Unity Luncheon featuring Dr. Sekou Franklin

Thursday, February 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, Ballroom

Join us for our 26th Annual Unity Luncheon. Established in 1996, the Unity Luncheon pays homage to “unsung heroes” in the community. Dr. Sekou Franklin is a professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations and an expert on Black politics and voting rights. For more information, contact Daniel Green, director of the Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Center, at 615-898-2831 or [daniel.green@mtsu.edu](mailto:daniel.green@mtsu.edu).

### MTSU Symphonic Band and MTSU Wind Ensemble

Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.

T. Earl Hinton Music Hall, Wright Music Building

The MTSU Symphonic Band and MTSU Wind Ensemble present their first concert of the semester. This event is co-sponsored by the MTSU Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Center and will feature works by living African American composers who are leading voices throughout various genres of music.

### Color the Runway Fashion Show

Friday, February 11, 7–9 p.m.

Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, Ballroom

This show began in 2017 as a campuswide event to showcase Black culture, fashion, and music and has become bigger and better! Students from all over campus participate as models. For more information, contact Deven Salazar at [deven.salazar@mtsu.edu](mailto:deven.salazar@mtsu.edu).

### BHM Movie Night Series “Judas and the Black Messiah”

Thursday, February 17, 6–11:30 p.m.

Friday, February 18, 6–11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 19, 6–11:30 p.m.

Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, Movie Theater

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### BHM Sneaker Ball

Thursday, February 17, 7–10 p.m., James Union Building

Join us for a night of elegance, fun, and laughter all while comfortable in your favorite kicks! The Sneaker Ball promises to be an evening to remember, so put on your sneakers, suits and/or dresses and come out and have a Ball

### “Why Do Men \_\_\_\_? Why Do Women \_\_\_\_?”

Monday, February 21, 7–9 p.m., James Union Building

Ever wondered “Why Do Men \_\_\_\_? Why Do Women \_\_\_\_?” (you fill in the blank)? Well here’s your chance to discuss the complicated issues that occur throughout dating and relationships. Join us as we talk about love, healthy relationships, and more!

### John Pleas Faculty Award Ceremony

Wednesday, February 23, 5–6:30 p.m., James Union Building

The award is presented annually to a Black faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service. The award was established in 1997 to honor Dr. John Pleas, MTSU professor emeritus of Psychology.

### “Showtime at the Apollo”

Thursday, February 24, 5–6:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre

Join us for a night of talented acts and entertainment as we re-create the hit TV show *Showtime at the Apollo*.

### Patterson Park Community Center Presents

Created Equal: TN Legacy Film Series

Saturday, February 12, noon–3 p.m.

Saturday, February 26, noon–3 p.m.

Patterson Park Community Center, Washington Family Theater, 521 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

February 12: *The Green Book* film and moderated discussion

February 26: *Freedom Riders* documentary and moderated discussion

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### Keynote: “Dr. Jackie” Walters

Cast member of Bravo’s  
“Married to Medicine”

Monday, Feb. 28, 7–9 p.m.

Student Union Building,  
2nd Floor Ballroom

Dr. Jacqueline Walters is a philanthropist, health expert, women’s advocate, award-winning OB-GYN and cast member on the hit TV show *Married to Medicine*.

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