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What does it mean to be an activist today? At OU, we don't need to look far, because the Black Emergency Response Team, BERT, can help answer the question. They define themselves as:

"a collective comprised of Black student leaders whose mission is to confront racism, and various oppressive structures, that affect the Black community specifically, and marginalized communities at large, on campus."

So, when a racial incident occurs, BERT exposes it, denounces it, and condemns it. BERT acts as our community conscience.

By creating alertness about a wrong inflicted to a marginalized community, the collective encourages everyone to decide which side they want to take.

For BERT, action must replace indifference. Education should overcome resistance. And change should come also from those with the privilege of a voice.

Pressing people to reflect is deep-rooted for BERT. During their recruitment event on February 3rd, the collective invited attendees to reflect about their experience as activists and to articulate it.

They shared stories of difference: in being different, they made a difference.
At the OU International Pageant context, diversity was on stage. And not only among the contestants representing eight countries. It was among the audience, the judges, and the organizing committee.

Inclusion was in the contestants' platforms. For some of them, their appearance negatively affected others' perceptions. And that experience turned into a desire to share stories about diversity, struggle, and staying true to oneself.

For others, misperceptions turned into an opportunity to break barriers and to work in synergy with faculty and staff by acknowledging difference. Finally, inclusion embraced also the environment. A contestant advocated to increase environmental sensitivity via awareness and learning. All of them viewed diversity as a wealth and inclusion as the way to leverage it.
Happy Black History Month!
February affords us with the opportunity to celebrate African Americans' achievements and to recognize their vibrant and empowering culture. Some of them, like Dr. Pamela Allen, are contributing to the success of the Health Sciences Center. So, this week we decided to spotlight her.

Dr. Pamela Allen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Dermatology. Here are some of her accomplishments:

- Received her medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Southern California and completed her dermatology residency training at OU.
- OUHSC Dermatology faculty member since 2002.
- Serves as the Medical Director and Director of the Residency program and cosmetics.
- Named the Harold L. Boyer/Mark Allen Everett Chair in Dermatology, in 2015.
- Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology. Serves on many administrative boards for OU Physicians and the OU College of Medicine.
- Published many articles and has served as principal investigator on multiple clinical studies.
- Interviewed by T.V. and radio stations as well as newspapers giving expert skin advice.
- Enjoys giving presentations to church, school, community and medical organizations at the local and national levels.
On May 30 and 31, the OU School of Dance will host a dance festival honoring the Five Moons, five Native American ballerinas with a distinguished career.

**May 30:** Series of panel discussions and educational events

**May 31:** Performances from the OU School of Dance, Oklahoma City Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, and dancers from the Native American community

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**The Five Moons**

**Moscelyne Larkin,** member of the Shawnee-Peoria tribe, co-founded the Tulsa Ballet with her husband Roman Jasinski in 1956.

**Yvonne Chouteau,** of the Shawnee and Cherokee heritage, established the OU Department of Dance with her husband Miguel Terekhov, and the Oklahoma City Civic Ballet.

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**Maria Tallchief,** member of the Osage nation, was the first America's prima ballerina and danced with the New York City Ballet.

**Marjorie Tallchief,** her sister, was the first Native American dancer to become a *premier danseuse etoile* at the Paris Opera Ballet. With her sister, she founded the Chicago City Ballet in 1980.

The festival committee will provide a platform for female-identifying choreographers from historically underrepresented populations to present their work. The committee invites suggestions from the Osage Nation and other tribal nations for female Native American choreographers from Oklahoma to create new works to be performed by the OU School of Dance students at the festival.

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All Month: February
Book Drive
All month
Boxes to collect books for elementary and middle school children can be found in Copeland Hall, Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court, & Evans Hall.

Monday, February 17
Faculty Research Symposium
11a.m.-1p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Scholars Room
Faculty from a variety of areas will present their research and engage in conversation with a short Q&A session following each presentation.

Wednesday, February 19
Trap Cycle with Kayla Storrs
6p.m.-7p.m.
Cross Cycle Studio
Join the Black Student Association in a fun Trap Cycle class.

Wednesday, February 19
Presidential Speakers Series Dinner
6p.m. Reception; 6.30p.m. Dinner
Molly Shi Boren Ballroom
"Power in Numbers: The Rebel Women of Mathematics" featuring big data expert, math professor & host of NOVA Wolders, Talthia Williams. RSVP at ou.edu/twilliams

Thurs. - Sun., February 20 - 23
Big XII Conference on Black Student Government
Conference includes workshops, keynote speakers, and entertainment focusing on the theme "Generation Us: Unifying Blackness Through Social Change."
Purchase tickets at ou.edu/bigxiibsgq

Tuesday, February 25
Human Library
9a.m.-4p.m.
Bizzell Memorial Library, Learning Library
The Human Library creates a safe space for dialogue where topics are discussed openly between our human books and their readers.

Thursday, February 27
Holmes Leadership Symposium
Leadership for a Changing World
8.30a.m for Workshops; 12p.m. for Main Program
Oklahoma Memorial Union

Friday, February 28
Tunnel of Oppression
11a.m.-4p.m.
Bizzell Memorial Library, Learning Library
This interactive experience guides small groups through scenes that provide a deep awareness and education on issues of oppression.
Monday, February 17
Culture and Conversations with Marsha Beatty
12p.m.-1p.m.
Bird Library Faculty Atrium
Join Marsha Beatty in learning and discussing oral health disparities in the African American community.

Monday, February 17-28
Display "Celebrating Black History Month"
Student Union, First Floor

Tuesday, February 18
2020 Physician Associate Program Diversity Day
12p.m.
Student Union, Room 262
A day dedicated to first year students to discuss diversity in healthcare with guest speakers and panel discussions.

Tuesday, February 20
Diversity Celebration
4.30p.m.
Student Union, First Floor
All multicultural organizations on campus will participate.

Thursday, February 20
College of Medicine Module Renaming Celebration
5.15p.m.-6.15p.m.
BSEB East Lecture Hall
941 Stanton Young Blvd
The College of Medicine will host a recognition and module renaming after Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first African-American woman to become a physician.

Monday, February 24
Culture and Conversations with Dr. Marvin Williams
12p.m.-1p.m.
Bird Library Faculty Atrium
Join Dr. Williams in learning and discussing the disparities that African American women endure for gynecology services.

Tuesday, February 25
Lunch & Learn
12p.m.
Student Union, Room 260
Documentary and discussion about Black history.

Wednesday, February 26
BHM Celebration @ UVA
6p.m.
University Village Apartments
Multicultural event nights.

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Book Drive
All month
Boxes to collect books for elementary and middle school children can be found at the Student Union & at the Bird Library, circulation desk on the second floor.
Thursday, February 27
Pints for Premiers
5p.m.-7.30p.m.
Oklahoma Blood Institute Bldg., First Floor
901 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City

Click here to purchase your ticket or purchase the ticket at the door.

All Month: February
Black Hope, Black Dreams
All month
Founders Student Center
Traveling exhibit from the Oklahoma History Center.

All Month: February
Memories & Inspiration
All month
Gilcrease Museum
The Kerry and C. Betty Davis Collection of African American Art exhibit.

Saturday, February 15
1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: A Walking Tour
1p.m.-3p.m.
Meet at 3rd and Main
Thursday, February 17
OUr Voice
6p.m.-8p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Scholars Room
If you are interested in learning how to help end sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct register here

Tuesday, February 25
Unlearning Sexism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Tuesday, February 18
Unlearning Ableism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Tuesday, March 3
Unlearning Classism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Thursday, March 12
Unlearning Racism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Tuesday, March 24
Unlearning Ableism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Tuesday, March 31
Unlearning Sexism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

Tuesday, April 7
Unlearning Classism
9a.m.-12p.m.
Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

To register to the Unlearning Series visit the OU HR website
Thursday, February 13
Everyday Bias in Healthcare Professionals
8a.m.-10a.m.
Bird Library Faculty Atrium
3p.m.-4p.m.
Samis Center
Click here to register.

Wednesday, February 19
Unlearning Trans and Homo-Negativity
Bird Library Faculty Atrium
8a.m.-10a.m.
Click here to register.

Monday, February 17
HASA Spanish Lesson
5p.m.-6p.m.
HSC Student Union, Room 260

Monday, February 24
HASA Dance Lesson
5p.m.-6p.m.
HSC Student Union, First Floor
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Quote of the Week
"Black history is American history"
Morgan Freeman

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