

Heritage & Awareness Events

Alma College strives to recognize and bring awareness to all minoritized cultures and identities throughout the year. We also show special recognition and celebrate awareness weeks and months in honor of cultural history and traditions across many identity groups.

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage

Hispanic Heritage month begins on Sept. 15 with the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. During this month Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. This month is to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.



Hispanic Heritage Month 2022
September 15th - October 15th

[Lotería Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off](#)
Thursday Sept 15
4-5 PM
DI Office, TVD Rotunda
Host: DI Office (Alejandro Salais)

[Hall of Fame](#)
Sept 19 - October 15 (Self Guided)
Rotunda
Host: Hispanic Coalition & DI Office

[HHM Painting with a Twist](#)
Thursday, Sept 29
6-8 PM
Heather Room
Host: DI Office, Featuring Omar Cruz
Limited to 25 spots! Register by scanning the QR or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/hhmpainting22>

[HHM Food & Dance](#)
Friday, Oct 7
5:30 - 7 PM
Chapel
Host: DI Office & Ballet Folclorico del Luz

[East LA Walkouts Showing & Dialogue](#)
Wednesday, Oct 12
6 - 8 PM
Chapel Basement
Host: DI Office & History Club

[Latinx Voices in STEM](#)
Tuesday, Oct 18
6 :30- 8 PM
SAC 113
Host: HisCo & iGEM

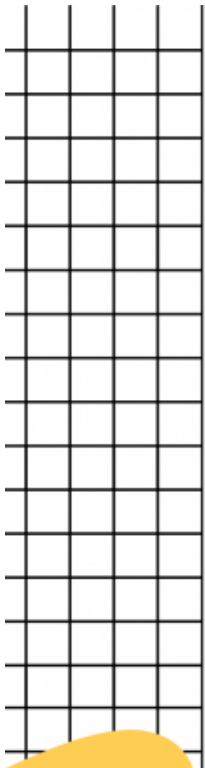
Scan the QR code for more information about these events and/or register or use the following link
<https://tinyurl.com/almahhm22>


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LGBTQ+ Awareness

In the 2021-2022 school year, we will be highlighting LGBTQIA+ Awareness, Pride, and Visibility in March. Please visit the Women's History/Disability Awareness/LGBTQIA+ Awareness drop-down menu for our list of events!

While LGBTQ+ Pride Month is in June, LGBTQ+ Awareness month is in October. LGBTQ Awareness month began its celebration in 1994. It has since expanded to LGBTQ+ Awareness month to be more inclusive of all genders and sexualities. In October there are three major LGBTQ+ Holidays. On October 11 we observe National Coming Out Day. October 20 is Spirit Day when people wear purple to show support for LGBTQ+ teens who are/were victims of bullying. October 26 - November 1 (Varies by year) is Asexual Awareness Week. Overall this month is a time to celebrate LGBTQ+ identified individuals and to give a chance for non-LGBTQ+ identified individuals to learn. There is a training called Safe Zone to help students become more aware of the diversity in the LGBTQ+ community and also to make the students an available resource to talk to judgment-free. All individuals that have completed the session receive a "Safe Zone" sticker.



LGBTQIA+ History Month 2022

October

Making Change Locally Workshop: Discovering Ethical Resources

Tuesday, October 4th

7-8 PM

SAC 110

Host: DI Office & Americorps

Queer Ecojustice Project's Founder Keynote

Thursday, October 13th

7:15 - 9 PM

Heather Room

Host: DI Office & Americorps

Mask Making with DI: The Masks We Wear as Queer. Neurodiverse People

Monday, October 24th

7-8:30pm

Location TBD

Host: GSD, PAGE, DI Office

Masquerade Ball

Saturday, November 5

7:30 - 10:30pm

Opera House

Host: GSD & PAGE, DI Office



Register here or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/acqueer-ecojustice22>

Disability Awareness

In the 2021-2022 school year, we will be highlighting Disability Awareness in March. Please visit the Women's History/Disability Awareness/LGBTQIA+ Awareness drop-down menu for our list of events!

Disability Employment Awareness month is also celebrated in October. It is used to recognize the important role that persons with disabilities play in the workforce and workplace diversity. Shortened to NDEAM, this month celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates others on the value of a diverse workforce inclusive of their skills and talents.

Alice Wong Women's History Month Keynote - Facebook Recording

Alice Wong

Women's History Month Keynote

Alice Wong (she/her) is a disabled activist, media maker, and consultant based in San Francisco. She is the Founder and Director of the Disability Visibility Project, an online community dedicated to creating, sharing and amplifying disability media and culture.



Moderators

Chapin Kartsounes '21

Marisa Romano '19

Live captioning and an ASL interpreter will be provided. Please contact diversity@alma.edu or blakeda@alma.edu by March 15th for accommodation requests.

Thursday, March 25th

7:00 PM-8:00 PM EST

Virtual Please register



<https://tinyurl.com/almawhm>



Native American Heritage

This month began as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution in 1990 designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month. This month recognizes the first people that inhabited what is now known as the United States. It also remembers the struggles of violence, discrimination, and alienation that the Natives had to endure. November not only celebrates the Native American Culture but also recognizes the history of this culture.



The poster features a blue border and a stylized illustration of a Native American profile in the top right corner. The text is arranged in three columns. The first column lists 'Drum + Dance Presentation' on Wednesday, November 9th, from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM in the Strosacker Room, hosted by the DI Office & Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The second column lists 'NAHM Craft Night' on Wednesday, November 30th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Heather Room, hosted by the DI Office & Hannah Bartol, with a QR code and a registration link. The third column lists 'The Real Thanksgiving' on Wednesday, November 16th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Heather Room, hosted by the DI Office & Hannah Bartol. The Alma College logo is in the bottom right corner.

Native American Heritage Month November 2022

Drum + Dance Presentation
Wednesday, November 9th
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Strosacker Room
Hosted By: DI Office & Saginaw
Chippewa Indian Tribe

NAHM Craft Night
Wednesday, November 30th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Heather Room
Hosted by: DI Office & Hannah Bartol
Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/acnahmcrafts>

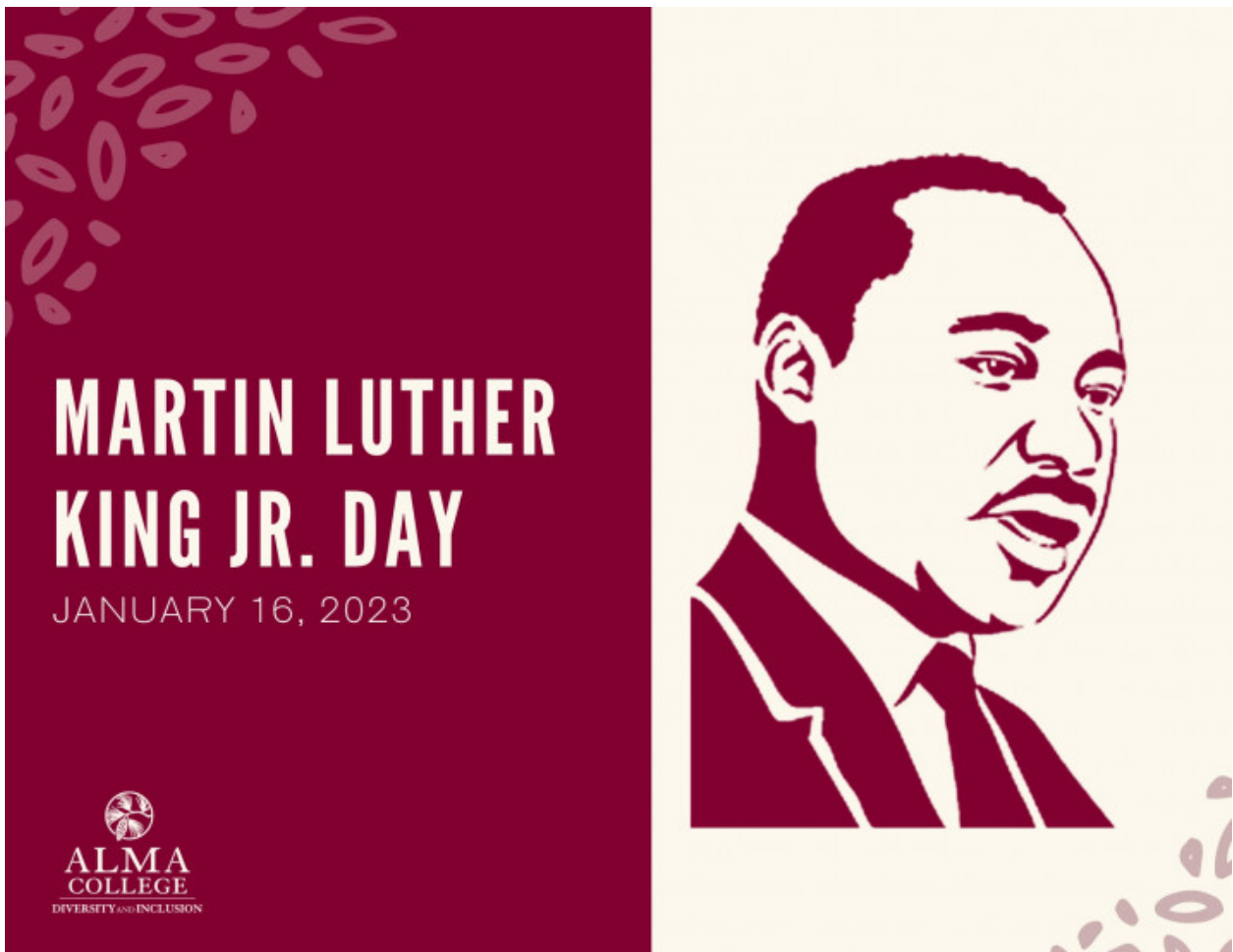
The Real Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 16th
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Heather Room
Hosted by: DI Office & Hannah Bartol


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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Alma College

This day began with the signing of legislation in 1983, which officially marked the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a federal holiday. In 1994 Congress designated this federal holiday as a national day of service. This day takes place annually on the 3rd Monday in January. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a

“Beloved Community.” Although nationally this is a day of service, here at Alma College we spend the entire week celebrating the legacy of Dr. King and his work. [Learn more.](#)



2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Overview Flyer



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Alma College remembers the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a slate of events over the week of Jan. 16 celebrating and reflecting on his visions for civil rights and social justice, including a community engagement fair, poetry night, poverty simulation, art exhibit and more.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00-9:55 a.m. Campus and Community Branch
Hogan Center, Art Smith Arena
Keynote Speaker: Bishop Travis Hall, Life Church Internacional
Join the campus and community to reflect on Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision for civil rights and social justice. Share a meal while discussing dreams for diversity, equity and inclusion at Alma College.

11:00-4:45 p.m. Blood Drive
Stone Recreation Center
Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.

11:00-1:15 p.m. Community Engagement Fair
Hogan Center, Lobby
Students have the opportunity to learn about various ways to engage with local partners and serve their communities.

12:30-4:00 p.m. MLK Program Series
Various Locations Across Campus
Numerous staff and faculty members will host a series of programs, including "Poetry Simulation," "Illustrating the Dreams," "Gender-Affirming Closer" and "MLK Gallery Walk."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00-7:30 p.m. Hilson Poetry Slam
Gelston Hall Lobby
Open to the Public
Poets of all skill and experience levels perform works centered on King's legacy, including activism, resistance, oppression, liberation, revolution and justice.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00-8:00 p.m. MLK Unity Celebration
Tyler-Van Dusen Campus Center
Open to the Public
Celebrate the achievements of the past week, while enjoying live entertainment, dinner and community.

For more information:
Diversity & Inclusion Office
diversity@almacollege.edu
989-461-7247



Black History Month

The month of February pays tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. This event began as a week-long celebration in 1925 and expanded to a month-long event in 1976.


BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

BHM KICKOFF
Wednesday, February 1
6 - 7:15 PM
TVD Rotunda
Host: D&I Office

BHM CHAPEL WITH PASTOR LORENZO
Sunday, February 5
7 PM
Alma College Chapel
Host: D&I Office

BHM DOCUMENTARY & SNACKS
Thursday, February 9
6 -7:30PM
Heather Room
Host: D&I Office

THE REPARATIONS PROJECT
Thursday, February 23
5:30 - 7PM
Alma College Chapel
Host: D&I Office



**BHM SPIRIT WEEK
FEBRUARY 13TH - 17TH**

MOTHERLAND MONDAY	TREAT TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY WE ARE STILL HERE	THROWBACK 90'S SITCOMS	A NIGHT IN BLACK CULTURE
Monday, 2/13 6-7PM Heather Room	Tuesday, 2/14 6-7:15PM CSO	Wednesday, 2/15 6-7PM TBD	Thursday, 2/16 6-7:15 PM Heather Room	Friday, 2/17 5:30 - 7:30 PM TBD

Women's History/Disability Awareness/LGBTQIA+ Awareness

The origins of Women's History Month as a celebration began in 1981 when the President proclaimed the week beginning March 7, 1982, as Women's History Week. In 1987 Congress declared the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month. This month recognizes the changes that women have made throughout history to improve the environment, the laws for women in the U.S. (and other oppressed groups), as well as other improvements to the world.

Disability Awareness Month was declared as a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 as a call to provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help people with disabilities.

LGBTQIA+ History Month is normally celebrated in October, and Pride month is celebrated in June. Alma College is celebrating in March because classes would not be in session in June for students to celebrate LGBTQIA+ History and pride.



Women's History Month/Disability History Month/LGBTQIA+ History Month

Transform the World: Supporting Diverse Forms of Care

March 2022



Wednesday, March 2nd

5:00 PM - **Safe Zone 202: Trans* Awareness**
 7:30 PM - Thistle Room/Online
 Hosted by Diversity and Inclusion - Em Wolfe

Tuesday, March 8th

TBD **International Tea Event**
 SAC ground floor by Provost Office
 Hosted by MacCurdy House & International Club

Wednesday, March 16th

7:30 PM - **Women with Disabilities Workshop (2nd year experience)**
 8:30 PM - Upper level Newberry lobby
 Hosted by Angela Mish

Wednesday, March 23rd

TBD **Safe Zone 201: Race, Gender, and Sexuality**
 TBD
 Hosted by Diversity and Inclusion - Dr. Donnesha Blake

Wednesday, March 23rd

6:00 PM - **Identities Round Table**
 7:30 PM - Chapel Basement
 Hosted by Diversity and Inclusion

Saturday, March 26th

6:00 PM - **Vagina Monologues**
 8:00 PM - Chapel Sanctuary
 Hosted by MacCurdy House

Thursday, March 29th

TBD **Self-Care Workshop**
 Dance Studio
 Hosted by Rosely Conz

Thursday, March 31st

TBD **Trans* Awareness**
 TBD
 Hosted by Diversity and Inclusion



Scan the QR code for more information about these events and/or register or use the following link

<https://tinyurl.com/almamarchheritage22>



Asian-Pacific American Awareness

This month is about celebrating Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This month began in 1977 with the proclamation of the first 10 days of May being known as Asian - Pacific Heritage Week. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration a month-long celebration. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Month

Transform the world: Supporting AAPI Communities

Tuesday, April 5th

5:00 PM - **The Sampler Platter of Racism: A**

6:30 PM **"Very Asian" Student Panel**

Virtual event (Zoom)

Hosted by Diversity and Inclusion &
Asian Student Union



Scan the QR code or use
the link below to register!
<https://tinyurl.com/almaapi22>

Friday, April 15th

All day **Noodle Giveaway & Video Tutorial**

while Hosted by Asian Student Union
supplies Pick up in front of the Diversity &
last Inclusion Office!

Saturday, April 16th

2:00 PM - **Turning Red (On This Controversy)**

4:00 PM SAC 113

Hosted by Asian Student Union



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following link
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