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**Rep. Adams Condemns the Killing of Alex Pretti at the Hands of Federal ICE Law Enforcement**



January 27, 2026  
Press Release  
WASHINGTON, DC—Today, Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (D-NC-12) released a statement calling for an end to federal overreach in Minneapolis following the fatal shooting of 37-year-old ICU nurse Alex Pretti by a Customs and Border Patrol agent.

“The killing of Alex Pretti at the hands of federal law enforcement should shock every American. This ongoing assault and terrorizing of the American people must stop

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## North Carolina/Guilford County 2026 Primary Elections



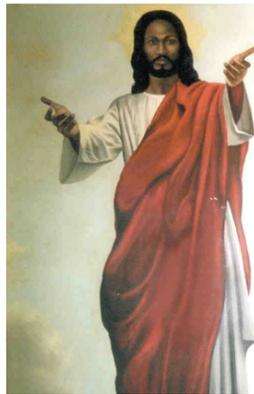
In 2026, North Carolina and Guilford County will hold its primary election on March 3, 2026, and general election on Nov. 3, 2026. Early voting is February 12, 2026.

Here are voter dates and deadlines for the 2026 primary election in North Carolina:

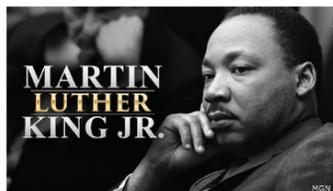
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## 2026 Marks The 100th Anniversary Of Black History - A Brief History

by Doug Melville



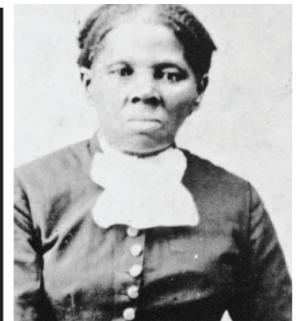
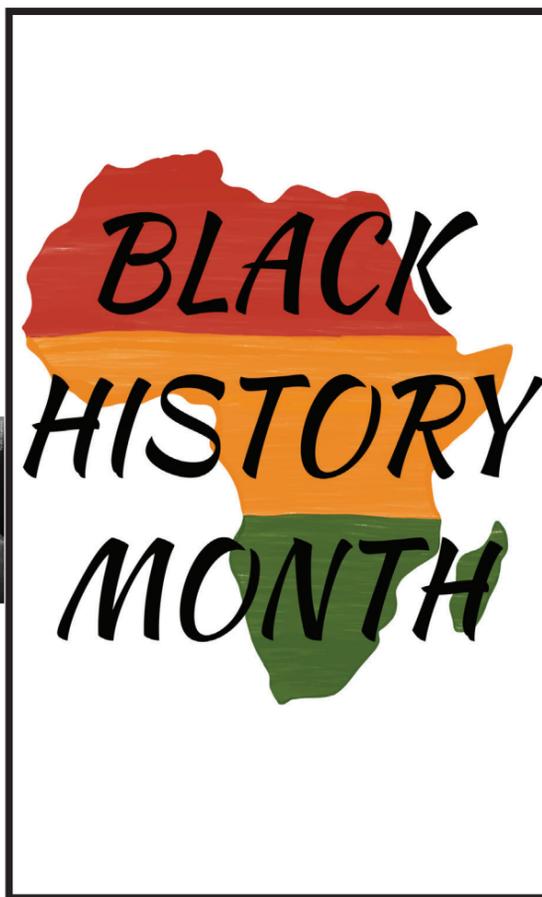
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Martin Luther King Jr.



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Harriet Tubman



Nelson Mandella



Queen Nefertiti

Happy 100th Birthday!

2026 marks a milestone of both progress and persistence in the United States, the 100th

anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. What began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in

1926 has grown into an overall cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February.

The architect of this

# NEWS NOTES

## NC college students sue over lack of campus early voting

NC A&T State University tried unsuccessfully on Jan. 13, 2026 to have the NC Board of Elections approve a voting site on the Greensboro HBCU's campus. (Photo: Lynn Bonner/NC Newsline)

by Lynn Bonner



NC Newsline-College Democrats of North Carolina and students from three universities are suing the North Carolina State Board of Elections over early voting sites for the 2026 primary.

In the federal lawsuit, the plaintiffs — students from N.C. A&T State University, UNC-Greensboro, and Western Carolina University — allege the board is unconstitutionally restricting their right to vote based on age.

Local elections board members in Guilford and Jackson counties are also named as defendants.

N.C. A&T is the nation's largest HBCU. The lawsuit also says the Western Carolina polling site served more Black voters in 2024 than any other polling place in Jackson County.

"State and county officials brushed aside urgent warnings that

their decisions would disproportionately burden young and Black voters and denigrated students who advocated for their rights," the lawsuit says. "Our policy is not to comment on pending litigation," state board spokesman Pat Gannon said in an email.

At a January 2025 meeting setting early voting plans, the state board's Republican majority voted to eliminate voting sites at Western Carolina University and Elon University, and refused to consider plans that would add polling places at N.C. A&T and UNC-G. A contingent of A&T students protested at the meeting, though they were not allowed to comment.

Western Carolina students without transportation will have to walk nearly two miles to get to the nearest polling place. Some of that distance is along a four-lane highway.

But Jackson County Elections Board Chairman Bill Thompson, arguing against the Western Carolina polling place site, told the board parking on campus is a hassle and it didn't make sense to have two early voting sites so close together.

A statement from Guilford County Elections Board members to the state board supporting the plan without the campus sites said it was largely consistent with plans for midterm primaries from 2010 through 2022. The early voting plan for the primary added two more locations, though they are not on college campuses.

State Board Chairman Francis De Luca told NC Newsline that he doesn't like campus voting locations because it's hard to find parking.

Early voting starts Feb. 12 and ends Feb. 28. <https://ncnewsline.com/>

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now.

I am calling on President Trump, Secretary Noem to immediately put an end to their reckless actions that are causing such great harm to communities in Minnesota and all across the country. Right

here in Charlotte, we have seen the random targeting of American citizens and non-citizens alike by their own federal government. It is not right and we must speak up and speak out until it ends.

We must do better and I want to hear

my Republican colleagues call for an end to this madness. Imagine if Alex or Renee Good were a member of your family, think of the outrage you would feel to know that your government could do this to you. We can and must do better."

### Black History Month 100th Anniversary from page -1>

movement was Dr. Carter G. Woodson. A historian and educator, he also holds the distinction of being the second African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University, following W.E.B. Du Bois. As the son of formerly enslaved parents, Dr. Woodson understood that denying people of their history denies them

of their humanity. "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history," he wrote.

To combat that, he launched Negro History Week (NHW) to coincide with the February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass,

the two figures whom he felt were symbolically tied to African American freedom.

His goal was simple but ambitious: to integrate Black history into the educational curriculum, public libraries, local churches, and communities at large across the nation. He did not design the week to be



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# NC/Guilford County 2026 Primary Elections from page - 1

Jan. 12, 2026: County boards of elections begin mailing absentee ballots to eligible voters who submitted an absentee ballot request form.

Feb. 6, 2026: Voter registration deadline (5 p.m.).\*

Feb. 12, 2026: In-person early voting begins.

Feb. 17, 2026: Absentee ballot request deadline (5 p.m.).\*

Feb. 28, 2026: In-person early voting ends (3 p.m.).

March 3, 2026: Primary Election Day.

March 3, 2026: Absentee ballot return deadline (7:30 p.m.).\*

\*Voter registration and absentee voting deadlines are different for military and overseas citizen voters.

### Who Can Vote in the Primary?

Voters affiliated with any political party may vote the ballot of candidates for their party only. For example, a registered Republican may vote the Republican primary ballot only. Some recognized political parties in North Carolina may not have primary ballots.

Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote any one political party's ballot

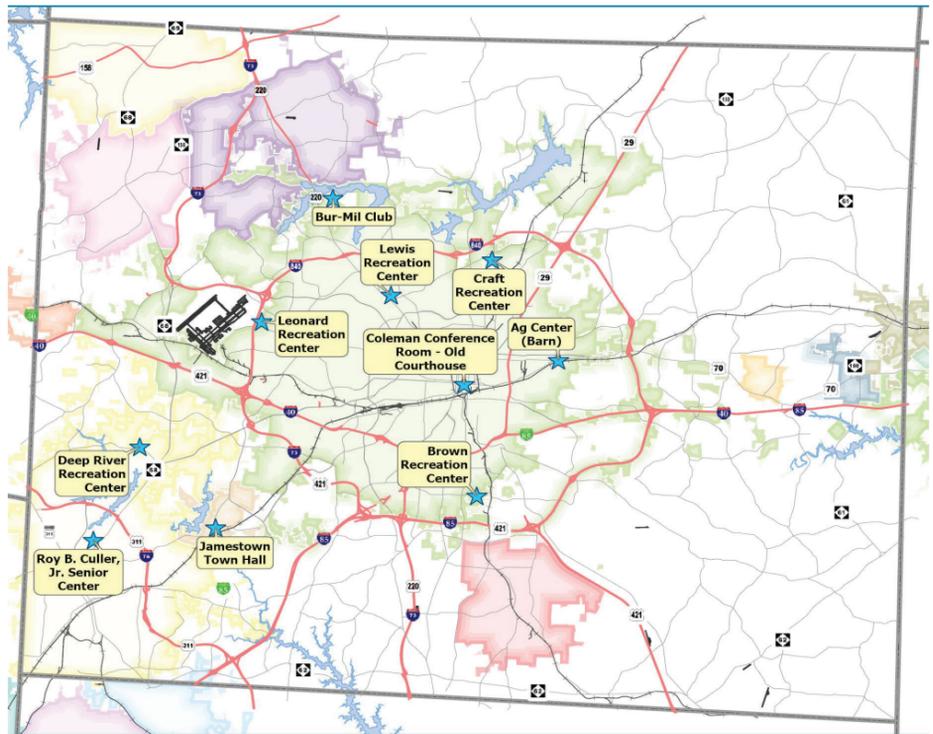
or a nonpartisan ballot (if available). A voter cannot vote in more than one party's primary.

### Second Primary?

If no candidate reaches the vote percentage necessary to become the nominee in a contest on the ballot, a runner-up can request a second primary to be held on May 12, 2026. Voters can revisit this page after the primary to see if any contests will have second primaries. Don't forget your photo ID: North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. Learn more: Voter ID.

## Guilford County Board of Elections Early Voting Schedule March 3, 2026 Primary Elections

1. **Coleman Conference Room—Old Courthouse**  
First Floor — Room #108  
301 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27401
2. **Ag Center (Barn)**  
3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro, NC 27405
3. **Brown Recreation Center**  
302 E. Vandalia Rd., Greensboro, NC 27406
4. **Bur-Mil Club**  
5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
5. **Craft Recreation Center**  
3911 Yanceyville St., Greensboro, NC 27405
6. **Deep River Recreation Center**  
1529 Skeet Club Rd., High Point, NC 27265
7. **Jamestown Town Hall**  
301 E. Main St., Jamestown, NC 27282
8. **Leonard Recreation Center**  
6324 Ballinger Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
9. **Lewis Recreation Center**  
3110 Forest Lawn Dr., Greensboro, NC 27455
10. **Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center**  
921 Eastchester Dr., Suite 1230, High Point, NC 27262



Thursday Feb 12	Friday Feb 13	Saturday Feb 14
All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	<b>CLOSED</b> No Early Voting

Sunday Feb 15	Monday Feb 16	Tuesday Feb 17	Wednesday Feb 18	Thursday Feb 19	Friday Feb 20	Saturday Feb 21
<b>CLOSED</b> No Early Voting	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am - 5 pm				
Sunday Feb 22	Monday Feb 23	Tuesday Feb 24	Wednesday Feb 25	Thursday Feb 26	Friday Feb 27	Saturday Feb 28
All Locations 8 am - 5 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	All Locations 8 am - 3 pm

Sunday March 1	Monday March 2	Tuesday March 3
<b>CLOSED</b> No Early Voting	<b>CLOSED</b> No Early Voting	Election Day  Voting at your assigned precinct 6:30am - 7:30pm



For further election related information visit our website at [www.guilfordelections.org](http://www.guilfordelections.org) or call:  
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Tuesday, March 2, 2026

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# The Shout-Out Line

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Last week, NCA&T students attended the North Carolina Board of Elections' meeting in Raleigh to make the case that A&T should be one of the voting sites for the 2026 Primary and General elections. The students had written a letter to the board asking for the campus polling site to ensure voting is easy and accessible to their fellow A&T students. By a 3 to 2 vote, along party lines, the three Republicans on the board voted against the request for a voting to be located at A&T. True to form, the North Carolina Republican Party's pattern of voter suppression was consistent with voting gerrymandering and other voter suppression efforts. However, believe it or not, oddly, this may be a blessing in disguise. As a result of this unfair and unjust slap down, A&T students have become more politically conscience and engaged and are fired up and mad as hell. Organizing voter registration drives and getting out the vote and working on increasing voter turnout has become a conversation interest among students haven't been seen since the years of the Jesse Jackson and Barrack Obama campaigns. The North Carolina Republican controlled Board of Elections may have awoken a sleeping giant in Greensboro. The November 2026 General Elections will tell....

## Shout-Out

What-up, G-Times, notice how ICE isn't operating in Texas and Florida, states with more undocumented immigrants than Minnesota and Maine. It's not really about immigration. They want retribution, escalation and spreading racism, fear, and fomenting violence. You, know, Miami/South Florida area was one of the most active hotspots for pandemic-related fraud, another fabricated excuse to go to Minnesota. Practically every state has recorded and identified millions of dollars of fraud of government Covid relief funds. Trump selectively targets for punishment and scrutiny those he perceives as his enemies. Crime was another made up excuse of a lie to occupy Minnesota. According to data, it is much more likely that an ICE agent has an arrest record more than a immigrant. Ice is killing innocent American citizens and behaving like gestapo, a secret organization employing underhanded and terrorist methods against people suspected of disloyalty. That's why they are wearing mask. If it wasn't obvious that ICE is Trump's private public funded militia, then it should be now.

## Shout-Out

Hello, just a little advice to my young blood brothers out there about being sensitive to your woman. Hey, tell her she's beautiful! Despite the many compliments she gets from other men. If you are with her, if she is your woman, she needs to hear it from you. Your compliment is the only one that matters to her. Remember that...

## Shout-Out

Good morning, Gboro-times, I don't get it that so many people in the sports world are upset that Bill Belichick was not selected earlier this week to the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame. He didn't deserve to be in the NFL Hall of Fame. The New England Patriots' cheating was the reason they won two Superbowl titles. Spygate and deflategate cheating scandals should delay or bar him from being a Hall of Famer. Cheating should be punished and not rewarded. One of the scandals, Spygate, costs the Carolina Panthers the Superbowl title in 2007. Eventually, the NFL fined coach Bill Belichick \$500,00.00 for his role in the incident. You, know, he did not learn his lesson and probably didn't care. Seven years later in 2014, the Deflategate scandal was an NFL issue involving the allegation that the Patriots' Tom Brady, Belichick's starting quarterback, ordered the deliberate deflation of footballs that were used in the Patriots victory against the Indianapolis Colts during the January 2014 AFC championship game in 2015. Mr. Golden Boy, Tom Brady, was suspended for the first four games of the 2016 NFL season, while the Patriots were fined \$1 million and forfeited two draft selections in 2016. Belichick's rejection by the NFL Committee for entrance into the NFL Hall of Fame was justified. Cheaters in sports and in life shouldn't be rewarded for their misdeeds.

## Shout-Out

Hello, good afternoon, well liar, liar house on fire. Your boy, liar in chief, Donald Trump promised to lower grocery prices on day one. Well, now it's 365 and something or so days since the lie, and groceries are higher than ever. He probably never been in a grocery store before to shop for food. He's a billionaire who is selfish and self-serving; he doesn't care about grocery prices. He just stated recently that grocery prices are going down. Even his die hard MAGA followers aren't dumb enough to believe that because they are hurting more than anyone else. Liar. Liar, our liar in chief. Who would have ever though that we would have a serial liar serving as President?

## Shout-Out

Hello, Why do some extremely attractive men think that every woman is suppose to lose her mind behind them. I look good too- Boo. Now, let me see how handsome you are on the inside...which is where it really counts.

## Publisher's View



**Earl Jones, Publisher  
The Greensboro Times**

On February 12th, Greensboro citizens and North Carolinians will begin to go to the polls to exercise their right to vote in the 2026 Primary elections. Early voting begins on February 12th for the March 3, 2026 Primary.

The 20th Century historic efforts and sacrifices to secure voting rights is Black History in America that should be remembered and never forgotten. During this period many voting rights activists shed their blood and died for the right for African Americans to vote. We feature the following six who paid the ultimate sacrifice:

(1) Lamar Smith (1892–1955)

Lamar Smith was a World War I veteran and Black farmer in Brookhaven, Mississippi, who organized Black citizens to vote in Democratic primaries. In August 1955, he was shot on the courthouse lawn in broad daylight after urging Black voters to register. Multiple witnesses identified the gunmen, yet no arrests were made. His murder was meant to terrorize the Black community into political silence. Local authorities refused justice, signaling official tolerance of voter suppression by violence. Smith's death exposed how democracy itself was enforced at gunpoint in the Jim Crow South.

(2) George Lee (1903–1955)

George Lee was a NAACP leader in Belzoni, Mississippi, who challenged poll taxes and voter intimidation. He worked relentlessly to expand Black voter registration in the Delta. In May 1955, Lee was shot while driving, and police falsely ruled his death an accident. His family was

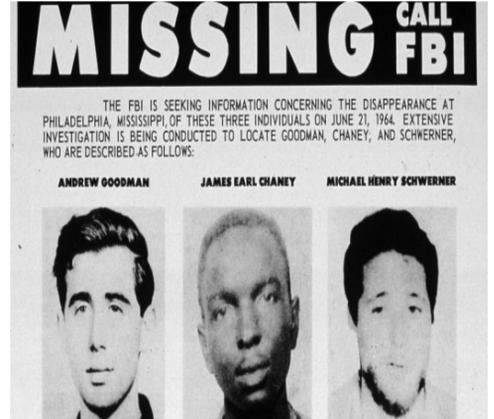
### Black History Month: We Recognize Those Who Were Murdered Working To Secure African Americans' Voting Rights



Harry T. Moore and his wife Harriette



Viola Liuzzo



Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, Michael Schwerner

pressured to accept the cover story. No one was ever held accountable. Lee's killing revealed how truth and justice were routinely sacrificed to preserve white political power.

(3) Harry T. Moore (1905–1951)

Harry T. Moore was a Florida educator and statewide NAACP leader who organized voter registration campaigns across the state. He also fought lynching and police brutality through legal challenges. On Christmas night 1951, a bomb planted beneath his home killed him; his wife Harriette later died from her injuries. Despite FBI investigations, no one was convicted. Moore's assassination shocked the nation and energized the emerging civil rights movement. His life linked voting rights directly to Black safety and dignity.

(4) James Chaney (1943–1964)

James Chaney was a young Black CORE activist working to register voters during Mississippi's Freedom Summer. In June 1964, he was kidnapped, brutally beaten, and murdered by the Ku Klux Klan along with Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. Local law enforcement collaborated in the crime. Chaney suffered the most severe violence because he was Black. The murders exposed the deadly alliance between white supremacists and the state. His death helped force passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(5) Medgar Evers (1925–1963)

Medgar Evers was the NAACP field secretary in Mississippi and a leading architect of Black voter registra-

tion efforts. He investigated racial terror and challenged segregation head-on. In June 1963, he was assassinated in his driveway in Jackson. His killer avoided justice for more than 30 years before being convicted. Evers' murder occurred at a critical moment in the civil rights struggle. His courage made voting rights a national moral issue.

(6) Viola Gregg Liuzzo (1925–1965)

Viola Liuzzo was a white civil rights activist who traveled to Alabama to support Black voting rights after the Selma marches. While driving activists, she was murdered by Ku Klux Klan members. One of the killers was an FBI informant, raising serious questions about federal responsibility. Her death revealed that interracial solidarity was met with lethal resistance. Liuzzo's murder underscored that the fight for Black voting rights was a national crisis. She is remembered as an ally who paid the ultimate price.

These men and women were not murdered for symbolism—they were killed because African-Americans voting works. Voting suppression today is not a new strategy. It is the modern sanitized version of the same violence that took their lives for us to have the right to vote today. Honor them by voting in the March 3, 2026 Primary. Early voting begins February 12.

Black History Month should be a reminder of who we are and our centuries old resolve to not just survive but thrive. We will continue to move forward and meet the challenges we face today as we exercise our right to vote.

**Notice to Prequalified Bidders**  
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**Lindley Elementary School Rebuild – Early Site & All Remaining Scopes**  
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**Greensboro, NC 27403**

Sealed bids from prequalified trade contractors only for Early Site Package & All Remaining Scopes will be received by the Guilford County School System at 10am and 2pm Thursday, February 19, 2026, at GCS Central Office at 714 Green Valley Road, Room 2A on the second floor, Greensboro, NC, and immediately thereafter opened to furnish all materials and labor for the project listed above. Reference chart below for packages opening times:

**Packages Opening at 10 AM**

02	Sitework	20A	Doors, Frames, & Hardware
02A	Site Utilities	20B	Auto Door Operators
03	Aggregate Piers	20C	Casework
05	Site Concrete	20D	Overhead Coiling Doors
06	Paving	20E	Specialty Woodwork / Millwork
10	Structural Concrete	25A	Visual Displays
11	Masonry & Precast	25B	Toilet / Bath Accessories
12	Structural Steel	25C	Fire Extinguishers
13	Waterproofing & Joint Sealants	25D	Lockers, Wall Protection, & Kiln
14	Roofing	25E	Operable Partitions
15	Metal & Stone Panels	25K	Appliances
18	Glass & Glazing	30	Elevators
20	General Trades / Rough Carpentry		

**Packages Opening at 2 PM**

07	Fencing	25J	Window Treatments
08	Landscaping	26	Fire Protection
08A	Site Furnishings	27	Plumbing Systems
21	Drywall & Framing	27A	Mechanical (HVAC) Systems
21A	Acoustic Ceilings & Wall Pads	28	Electrical Systems
23	Carpet & Resilient Flooring	28A	Low Voltage Systems
23A	Resinous Flooring	29	Food Service Equipment
23B	Wood Flooring	31	Playgrounds
24	Painting	31A	Rubber Play Surfacing
24A	Supergraphics	32	General Cleaning
25	Signage	32A	Final Cleaning
25G	Stage Equipment	33	Spray Fireproofing
25H	Gym Equipment		

Plans, specifications, Bid Package Manual, CM Clarifications, and Addenda will be posted on Building Connected for prequalified trade contractors only. Interested lower tier trade contractors may contact D.A. Everett/Christman, a Joint Venture (Attn: Kim Neese, email: kim.neese@christmanco.com) to obtain contact information for the prequalified trade contractors.

Questions regarding the bid should be directed in writing to D.A. Everett/Christman, a Joint Venture (Attn: Kim Neese, email: kim.neese@christmanco.com)

A brief description of work in the project follows: a new 3-story, approximately 109,000 SF PK-5 elementary school with associated site improvements, site access, parking, and complete building systems. The existing school buildings were previously demolished for the construction of the new school building.

The work associated with this bid package BP2 & BP3 are the work packages noted above in the matrix for the Early Site Package and All Remaining Trades. All work assigned to each bid package shall be included in a single subcontract to the successful prequalified bidder for each bid package.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026, at GCS' CEC Facility located at 2703 E. Florida Street, Greensboro, NC in Room 216. Bidders are all encouraged to attend.

Bidders must be properly licensed for the work in accordance with Section 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

**E-Verify Requirements:** This project requires the awarded vendor to comply with the requirements of E-Verify. (U.S. law requiring companies to employ only individuals who may legally work in the United States – either U.S. citizens, or foreign citizens who have the necessary authorization.)

**NC Lunsford Act Requirements:** This project requires the awarded vendor to comply with the requirements of the NC Lunsford Act. (N.C. law requiring companies to conduct criminal background checks on each of its employees who engage in any service on school district property and not assign any employee to provide those services if the employee's background check fails to comply with the prescribed criteria.)

Minority businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this project. The appropriate forms from the section entitled "Participation by Women and Minority Owned Businesses" must be submitted with each bid to show good faith efforts to obtain Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise participation.

The Board of Education awards public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicapped condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids presented and to waive any informalities and irregularities.



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Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on March 5 2026, in DeHuguley Building Conference Room, 1601 East Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27411, for the Roof Replacement Project of Aggie Village Buildings 1, 2 and 3, North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, State ID #: 25-29565-01A, at which time and place bids will be opened and read. Bids are to be delivered to James Shell at the above address and time.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from Terracon Consultants, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina, Please contact Vicky Neal at [Vicky.Neal@Terracon.com](mailto:Vicky.Neal@Terracon.com), for a link to the Specifications and Drawing. They will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- National Institute of Minority Economic Development @ <https://theinstitutenc.org/calendar/category/bid-opportunities/>
- Electronic Plan Rooms of: McGraw Hill Dodge, ConstructConnect

A Prebid Meeting will be held in DeHuguley Building Conference Room, 1601 East Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27411, 10:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026.

Qualified Minority-Owned Contractors are encouraged to bid.

Plan Deposit of \$100.00 is required for hard copies. There is no charge for electronic copies.

The state reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals.

Signed By: James Shell  
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## Black History Month 100th Anniversary from page- 2

a symbolic gesture; instead, it was meant to be a permanent shift in how America viewed and understood itself.

For 40 years, educators embraced it, churches amplified it, and civic groups built programming around it. In the 1960s, as the Civil Rights Movement emerged, NHW became more reflective of the urgency of a nation grappling with its conscience.

By 1976, the United States formally expanded the week-long recognition into Black History Month with the essence of Woodson's vision remaining unchanged: Black history is not a sidebar to American history - it is part of it.

The 100-year anniversary prompts

reflection not only on what has been accomplished, but also on why this work continues to matter.

Black History Month is often associated with familiar icons - Martin Luther King, Jr, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Harriet Tubman - yet the deeper intention is about uncovering thousands of stories once ignored: scientists, entrepreneurs, artists, academics, inventors, policy leaders, soldiers, and everyday citizens who shaped the nation.

For students, leaders, and global citizens, engaging with Black history is not only about honoring resilience - it is about building cultural competency, learning from systemic injustice, and developing the leadership skills required in an increasing-

ly diverse world. Woodson warned: "If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition... it stands in danger of being exterminated."

This Black History Month is not simply a date on the calendar; it is a powerful reminder to recognize the generations who fought for inclusion in the historical record, even when the nation resisted acknowledging their humanity.

And as the world pauses in 2026 to honor a century of commemoration, the message remains as clear — and necessary — as ever:

Black history is American history (and world history). And remembering it strengthens us all.

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# Public Review Notice

The Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization welcomes public input on two transportation planning items:

**Developer requested changes to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan:** Requested changes under review include:

- **Sandy Ridge Road:** removal of a planned rail grade separation, interchange, and collector street extension at W. Market Street.
- **US 70:** removal of planned US 70 Bypass around the Town of Sedalia.

**Draft Congestion Management Process (CMP):** developed in conjunction with the recently adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the CMP evaluates congestion and overall performance across the region's multimodal transportation system.

Both items are available for public review and comment from February 6 through March 8 at [www.quampo.org](http://www.quampo.org). Comments may be submitted online during the review period.

For more information visit [quampo.org](http://quampo.org) or contact: [quampo@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:quampo@greensboro-nc.gov) or 336-337-4368.

The MPO manages the regional transportation planning process in compliance with federal and state requirements, including planning for highways, public transportation, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. For special accommodations call (336) 373-4368.



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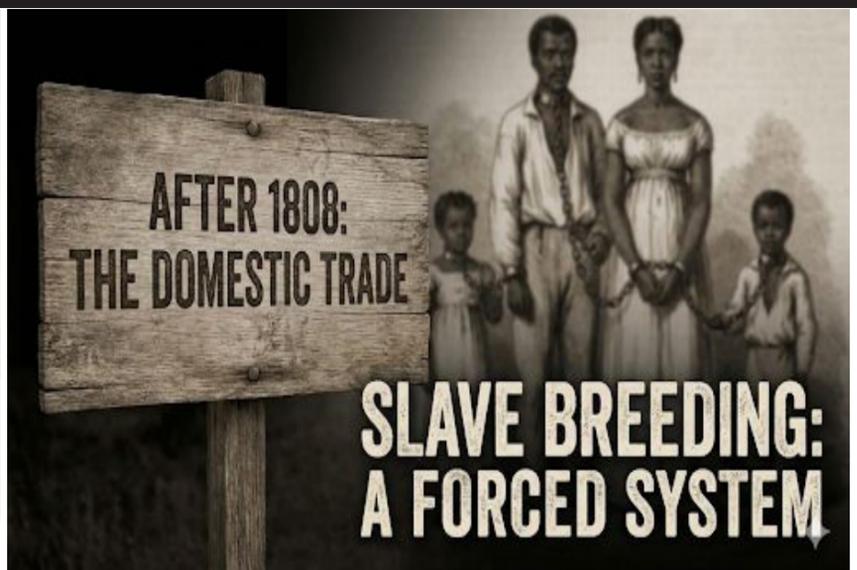
**REPARATIONS AREN'T CHARITY. THEY'RE JUSTICE LONG OVERDUE.**

Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz pictured with their daughters and Muhammad Ali, 1964.

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On January 16, 1941, the U.S. Army Air Corps activated the 99th Pursuit Squadron—the first all-Black flying unit in American history, later immortalized as the Tuskegee Airmen. Overcoming segregation and skepticism, these trailblazing pilots proved their excellence in combat during World War II, earning 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses and helping pave the way for desegregation of the U.S. military.

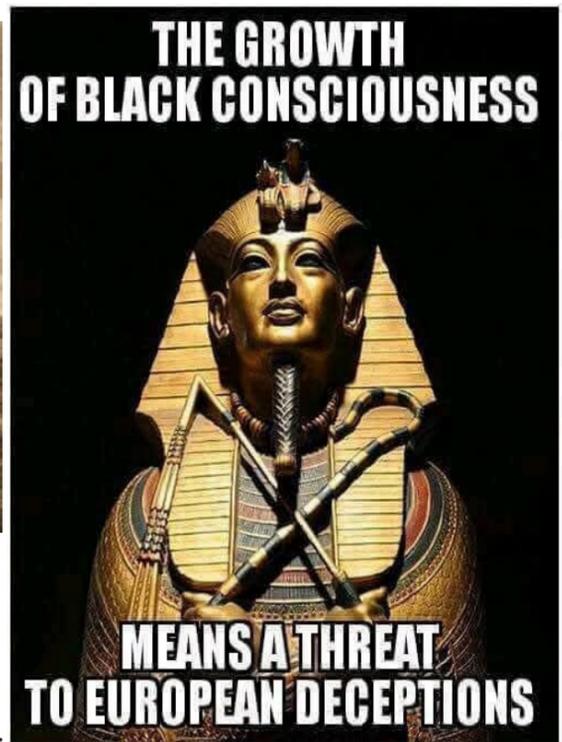


Slave breeding in the U.S. became widespread after the 1808 ban on importing enslaved Africans. Enslavers forced reproduction, and exploited women to produce children who would be born into slavery, ensuring a growing labor force without relying on the international slave trade.

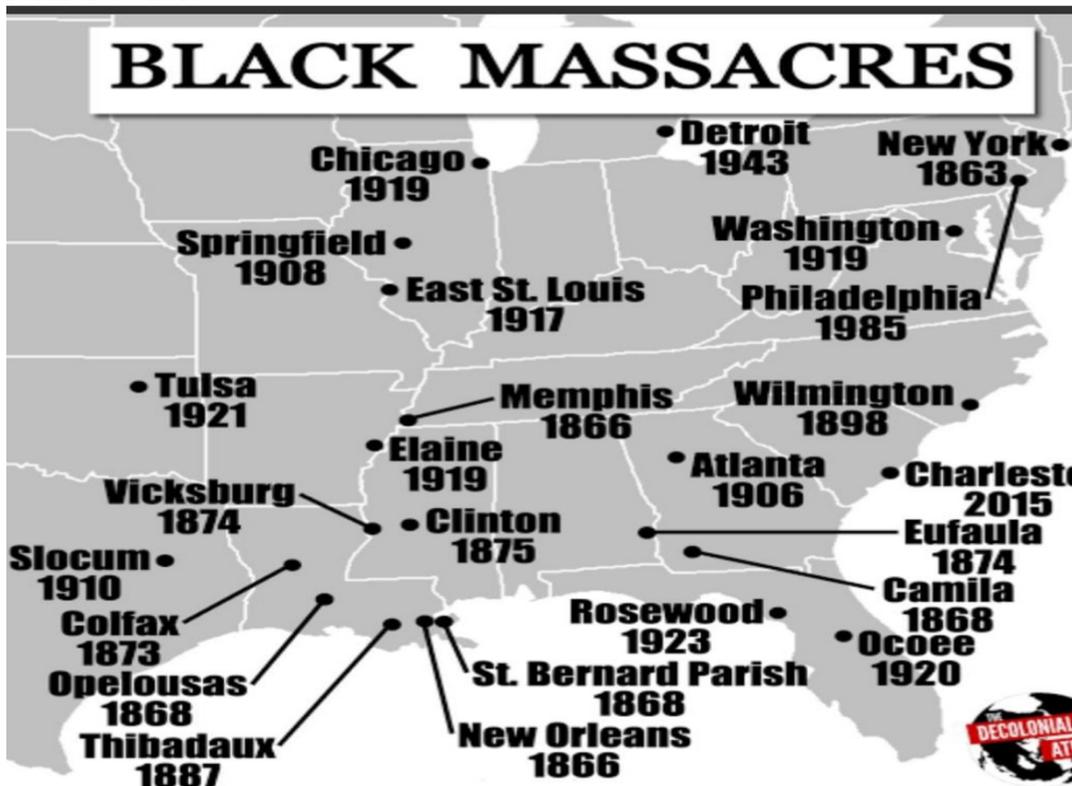


January 16, 1865 – Special Field Orders No. 15 (“40 Acres and a Mule”) One of the most impactful moments came during the Civil War’s final months. Union General William Tecumseh Sherman issued Special Field Orders No. 15 after meeting with Black community leaders in Savannah, Georgia. The order set aside approximately 400,000 acres of confiscated Confederate land along the coast (from Charleston to Florida, including the Sea Islands) to be divided into 40-acre plots for formerly enslaved families, with some army mules provided for farming.

This was a groundbreaking (though short-lived) step toward economic independence for freed people. The phrase “40 acres and a mule” became iconic, symbolizing unfulfilled promises of reparative justice during Reconstruction—President Andrew Johnson later revoked the order, returning much of the land to former owners



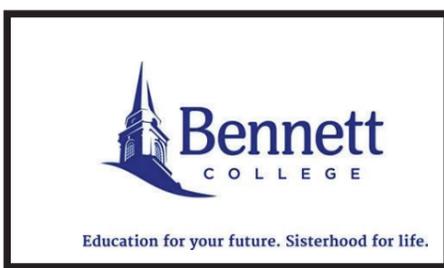
“To the same degree that your understanding of and attitude towards Africa becomes more positive, your understanding of and attitude towards yourself will also become more positive.”  
Brother Malcolm X



# Black students are the fastest growing group of college applicants

Black students are the fastest growing group of college applicants in America and many are applying to HBCU higher learning institutions

By Alvin Buyinza, Word In Black, January 25, 2026



At a time when higher education in the United States is under political and cultural siege, Black or African-American students are continuing to apply to college at rates faster than anyone else.

Indeed, the number of students who identified as Black or African American who applied to college in the United States in fall 2025 grew by 11% compared to the year before. That makes them the fastest-growing group of first-year applicants this admissions cycle, according to a new report from the Common Application. It's a hopeful surge in the wake of the Supreme Court ending affirmative action, and college tuition and fees rising.

Students who identified as two or more races were the second-fastest growing group of college applicants, with applications rising 8% year over year. Applications from Asian and Latino students also rose, each by 5%, according to the report.

Altogether, the Common App's findings are consistent with trends from previous admissions cycles, which show that the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 decision to end affir-

mative action isn't stopping students of color from applying to college. In fact, the share of applicants of color continues to outpace nonapplicants of color by 7%.

James Murphy, a senior fellow at Class Action, a higher education advocacy organization, says the trend "confounds or at least complicates, the expectation that we would see this chilling effect."

"Students thinking that they wouldn't have as strong a chance of getting in and just decide not to apply to these, especially to more selective institutions, it doesn't look like we saw that."

Bryan Crook, the director of higher education policy at the Urban Institute, says the Supreme Court's ruling on affirmative action wasn't really going to affect whether Black students apply to college but where they would apply.

"Roughly 80 percent of four-year institutions admit more than half of their applicants and are therefore less likely to have relied on race-conscious admissions practices in the first place," Crook wrote in an email to Word In Black. "Given the

continued economic value of a bachelor's degree, it is not surprising that college applications among Black students have continued to rise."

It's estimated that a Black person with a college degree will earn about \$1 million more over their lifetime than one with just a high school diploma, according to a study from Texas A&M University.

Applicant growth was fastest in the Southwest. The region grew at twice the rate of the next fastest region, the Mid-Atlantic, according to the report. Texas and Oklahoma both contributed to the large application gains in this region, with 9% and 14%, respectively. Mississippi was the state with the fastest-growing number of applications. Compared to last year, it saw a 31% jump.

But just as applications have increased in certain areas, they have also decreased in others, and the Trump administration's foreign policies and immigration crackdown may be a factor. Specifically, international student applications fell 7%. There were significant declines in applications from Asia and Africa, by 9% and 14%, respectively.



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A pre-bid conference will be held at the site at 2:00 PM EST on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Attendees shall meet at the commons area inside the front doors of High Point Central High School 801 Ferndale Boulevard High Point, NC 27262. Attendance at this conference is recommended for potential bidders to examine the existing conditions and to discuss details of the project. Bidders must be properly licensed for the work in accordance with Section 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents will be available free of charge for inspection in electronic format beginning Monday, February 9, 2026.

Please email Peter Freeman at [freeman@freemankennett.com](mailto:freeman@freemankennett.com) to request electronic PDF copies of the bid documents. Freeman Kennett Architects will email an electronic copy within 48 hours of the request.

Questions regarding the bid package should be directed in writing to Peter Freeman via email.

A brief description of work in the project as follows: Conversion of the existing basement level space below auxiliary gymnasium to an expanded woodworking shop and classroom space (approximately 8,100 SF). Renovated spaces include additional shop, storage, classroom, office and toilets.

Bidders must be properly licensed for the work in accordance with Section 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

A 5% Bid Bond and 100% Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds are required for this project. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 60 days.

E-Verify Requirements: This project requires the awarded vendor to comply with the requirements of E-Verify. (U.S. law requiring companies to employ only individuals who may legally work in the United States – either U.S. citizens, or foreign citizens who have the necessary authorization.)

Minority businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this project. The appropriate forms from the section entitled "Participation by Women and Minority Owned Businesses" must be submitted with each bid to show good faith efforts to obtain Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise participation.

The Guilford County Board of Education awards public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapped condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids presented and to waive any informalities and irregularities.

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