BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Week 1- Feel Our Vibe: African Americans who attended Community College
~ Television and Movie Stars, Authors, Black Business Owners ~
CELEBRITIES, AUTHORS, AND ENTREPRENEURS
Morgan Freeman

- World Famous Actor, Director, and Narrator
- Served as a Mechanic in the US Air Force (1955-1959)
- Has appeared in over 25 films, 8 TV shows, and won 3 awards.
- Famous movies: Driving Miss Daisy, The Shawshank Redemption, Seven, Deep Impact, Bruce Almighty, Evan Almighty, and Million Dollar Baby
- Received the National Medal of Arts from President Obama
- Net worth $150 million

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Eddie Murphy

• World Famous Actor
• Regular on Saturday Night Live in the 1980s
• Major Movies: 48 Hours, Trading Places, Beverly Hills Cop, Beverly Hills Cop II, Coming to America, Golden Child, Dreamgirls, Meet Dave, Imagine That, Tower Heist, A Thousand Words, and The Nutty Professor
• Voice of Donkey in the Shrek movies
• Net worth $85 million
Halle Berry

- World Famous Actress- one of the highest paid actresses in the 2000s
- First African American woman to win the Academy Award for best actress for “Monster’s Ball”
- Major movie appearances: Swordfish, Die Another Day, Gothika, and the X-Men movies
- Net worth $80 million
Queen Latifah

- World Famous Actress, Rapper, Singer, Songwriter, and Producer
- Won a Grammy Award and Entertainer of the Year for her single “U.N.I.T.Y”
- Received a Golden Globe Award, Screen Actors Guild Award, and Emmy nomination for her role in “Life Support”
- Net worth: $60 million
Rodney Allen Rippy

- Former American Child Actor with numerous roles in TV and movies
- Appeared in TV commercials for Jack in the Box in the early 1970s
- Transferred to CSUDH, majoring in Marketing
- In 2000, he opened his own marketing firm named Ripped Marketing Group

CERRITOS COLLEGE
Eric Draper

- American News Photographer
- Worked as the White House Photo Director and personal photographer for US President, George W. Bush.
- Transferred to CSULB
- Other major works: 1996 and 2000 presidential campaigns, 2000 Summer Olympics, the Kosovo conflict, and the 1999 and 1998 FIFA World Cup
Winifred Hervey

- American television producer and screenwriter
- Won Emmy Award for The Golden Girls
- Nominated for BET Comedy Award for Half & Half

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE
Meagan Tandy

• Actress and Model

• Former Miss California USA; placed 3rd runner up for Miss USA 2007

• Has acted in many shows, including *Jane by Design*, *Teen Wolf*, *Survivor’s Remorse*, and *Batwoman*
Danny Glover

- American Actor, Film Director, and Political Activist
- Has appeared in many movies including: *The Color Purple*, *Lethal Weapon*, *Predator 2*, *Dirty Grandpa*, *Shooter*, and *Saw*
- Stays politically active, supporting multiple causes and politicians
Vivica A. Fox

• American Actress, Producer, and TV Host

• Received the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actress

• Has appeared in: Independence Day, Set It Off, Soul Food, Why Do Fools Fall In Love, Kill Bill, The Good, the Bad, and the Dead, and many TV show appearances

GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE
Carl Weathers

- American actor and former professional football player

- Has appeared in: *Starsky and Hutch*, *Happy Gilmore*, *In the Heat of the Night*, * Arrested Development*, *The Mandalorian*, and *Chicago Justice*
Tom Lister Jr.

• American actor and professional wrestler

• Has been appeared in: *Fifth Element*, *Friday*, *Matlock*, *Beverly Hills Cop II*, *Jackie Brown*, and *Zootopia*
American actor, director, and educator

Appeared in: Malcolm X, Black Like Me, The Troublemaker, Down in the Delta, Once Upon a Time... When We Were Colored, and many more

First African American actor to earn the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor

First African American to direct a soap opera (One Life to Live)
Sufe Bradshaw

- Actress
- Filmography

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Michael T. "Mykelti" Williamson

- Actor
- Filmography
- Television
Michael Jonas Evans

- Author
- Filmography

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Laurence Fishburne

- Actor
- Playwright
- Producer
- Screenwriter
- Film director
- Film Awards: Academy, Saturn, BET, Black Film, Black Award, Black Reel, MTV, NAACP, Image Peck,
- Television Awards: Image and NAACP
- Theatre Awards Tony, NAACP and World
- Best Actor
- Best Supporting Actor

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Paul Edward Winfield

- Television
- Filmography
- Stage
- Awards: Academy, NAACP, Black Image, Daytime, Primetime, and St. Louis International Film
- A lifetime member of The Actors Studio

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Gary LeRoi Gray

- Actor
- Movies
- Television
- Animation

LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE
Dina Marie Fisher

• Professional known as Dina Eastwood
• Reporter
• TV news anchor
• Actress

OHLONE COLLEGE
Dr. Aaron N. Oforlea

- Associate Professor, English Department
- Affiliate Associate Professor, Dept. of Medical Education and Clinical Sciences
- Author and journal articles
- Award: Creative Scholarship Award from the College Language Association for his debut book, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison and the Rhetorics of Black Male Subjectivity (Ohio State University Press, 2017). The international honor recognizes excellence in literary criticism.
Michael Clinton Irby

- Actor
- Filmography
- Played in Europe as part of Team USA and forced to give it up due to injury
Gwendolyn Brooks

- Poet
- Authored more than 20 books
- Won the Pulitzer Prize 1949
- Professor at many Universities
- Poet Laureate of Illinois 1968
- Poet Laureate Consultant to the Library of Congress
Dr. Maulana Ndabezitha Karenga

• Previously known as Ron Karenga
• Professor and Chair Department of Africana Studies
• Author of 17 books and monographs and 4 co-edited books; 57 journal articles; 42 book chapters; over 650 columns and commentaries on critical issues; and numerous encyclopedia entries.
• Activist in the Black Power movement of the 1960s and 1970s
• Co-founded with Hakim Jamal the black nationalist group US Organization

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Kurt Boone

- Author
- Poet
- Filmography
- Known for his work documenting street culture, which includes graffiti, urban cycling, street photography, skateboarding, busking, and spoken word
Ed Bullins

- Playwright
- Literary movement
- Best known playwrights of the Black Arts Movement
- Guggenheim Fellowship
- Minister of Culture for the Black Panthers
- New York Drama Critics' Circle Award
Terry McMillian

- Author
- Achieved national attention in 1992 with her third novel, Waiting to Exhale
- Book, Waiting to Exhale remained on The New York Times bestseller list for many months
- Book, Waiting to Exhale by 1995 had sold over three million copies

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
Ernest J. Gains

- Author
- Works taught in college classrooms and translated in several languages
- Four of his works were made into television movies
- Won the National Book Critics Circle Award for his 1993 novel, A Lesson Before Dying

VALLEJO JUNIOR COLLEGE
(NOW SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
LaVar Ball

• Former professional football player and American businessman

• Co-founder and CEO of Big Baller Brand - a sports apparel company he launched in 2016

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE
An American actress, voice artist, activist, and author

Has more than 80 acting credits to her name

Writer of two books: A memoir, entitled *We're Going to Need More Wine* (2017), and a children's book, entitled *Welcome to the Party* (2020)

Outspoken advocate for issues involving social justice and violence against women.
Jackie Robinson

• Broke the baseball color line by becoming MLB’s first African American athlete in the modern era.

• Named Rookie of the Year (1947) and National League MVP (1949)

• In the 1960s, helped establish the Freedom National Bank, an African-American-owned financial institution based in New York.

• Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his achievements on and off the field.
Warren Moon

- Played professional football for 23 years in the NFL and CFL
- Became the first Black quarterback inducted into the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame (2006)
- Also, the only player to be inducted into both the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame
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