



## **Black American Awareness Committee (BAAC) Events 2025**

### **February Black History Month Events 2025: African Americans and Labor**

**Event:** Celina Campus Library Display: African Americans & Labor on Display

**Date:** Feb. 3-Feb 28, 2025 (**lunch served on Feb. 3, Monday**)

**Location:** Celina Campus in Atrium

**Time:** Display All Day

**Time:** Lunch (11:30 a.m.-12:30 pm) on Feb. 3 (Monday)

**Description:** Join us for “Lunch” to celebrate the History of African Americans and Labor with a display of posters throughout campus. Lunch will be served on Feb. 3 only

#### **Event: “20th Century African American Labor History”**

**Date:** Feb. 5, 2025

**Location:** Frisco Campus F249

**Time:** 4:00 –5:30 pm

**Description:** Join the faculty of the Frisco Campus for several presentations on African American Labor in the Mid-Twentieth Century. Panelists will present on such topics as African American labor and the New Deal and Share Cropping in the American South.

**Event:** "Getting Something to Eat in Jackson: The Labor of Feeding the Family" by Dr. Joseph Ewoodzie

**Date:** Feb. 11, 2025

**Location:** McKinney Conference Center (in-person)

**Streaming Locations:** Frisco Campus Conference Center, Wylie Campus Conference Center, Plano Campus, **C103**.

**Time:** 11:30 am-12:45 pm

**Description:** "Feeding oneself is labor. It is quotidian labor, and that labor is racialized and gendered--food scholars have long established this. My work adds to this conversation by exploring the socioeconomic

circumstances under which differently classed contemporary Black Southerners take on this labor. Dr. Ewoodzie will share stories and insights of my time in kitchens, grocery stores, soup kitchens, and fine dining restaurants with Mississippians as they feed themselves." Lunch will be served.

**Event:** "Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: The Birth of Jazz in New Orleans" presented by Dr. Monica Gallamore

**Date:** Feb. 25, 2025

**Location:** Frisco Campus Conference Center, C105E

**Time:** 4:00-5:30 pm

**Description:** Jazz music emerged in New Orleans, LA from a unique city and a vibrant community of African Americans. The foundations of the music were firmly established in antebellum New Orleans, growing from a complicated mixture of both free as well as enslaved populations. Making music provided work for musicians but also provided an outlet for those who labored in various sectors of the southern economy, including both working class as well as middle class populations. Through Jazz, the African American community, in a post-Civil War environment, found meaning and escape from the tedious and fragile balance of Jim Crow south.

**Event:** Panel Discussion: Journey- Life, Labor, and Perseverance

**Moderator:** Professor Denzel Oliver

**Panelists:** *Dr. Marc Azard, Dr. Michelle Buggs, Dr. Jason Snyder, Associate Dean Melinda Tingle, Dr. Brian White*

**Date:** Feb. 27, 2025

**Location:** McKinney Campus Welcome Center (W105)

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

**Description:** Please come and join your esteemed colleagues and campus leadership as the panelists reflect on their personal journeys. The National theme for Black History Month is African Americans and Labor.

**Event: Douglass Visions' African American Campus Museum:** This event is a collaboration with the Collin College Office of Student Engagement, the Collin College Black American Awareness Committee, the Credit Union of Texas, and the Douglass Visions' Committee, Inc.

**Dates & Locations:**

Feb. 10, 2025 (Monday): Plano Campus

Feb. 11, 2025 (Tuesday): Technical Campus

Feb. 12, 2025 (Wednesday): Wylie Campus

Feb. 13, 2025 (Thursday): Farmersville Campus

Feb. 17, 2025 (Monday): Frisco Campus

Feb. 18, 2025 (Tuesday): Celina Campus

Feb. 20, 2025 (Thursday): McKinney Campus

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Description:**

Join us as we honor Black History Month by exclusively bringing the Douglass Visions' African American Campus Museum to the Collin College campuses. The Credit Union of Texas Community Grill food truck will attend, serving complimentary meals from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy a fantastic experience celebrating Black History.

**Black American Awareness Committee (BAAC) March Event 2025**

**Event:** Annual Heart & Soul Food Luncheon

**Date:** March 14, 2025

**Location:** Frisco Campus Conference Center

**Time:** Noon-2:00 p.m.

**Description:** This annual event is open to Collin College students, faculty, and staff. Lunch will be provided while supplies last. Featuring: Chef Ronald Reczek and Collin College Culinary Arts students.