

# The Center NEWSLETTER



## Hello T-Birds!

Welcome back! We're excited to bring you this week's newsletter, packed with updates, ideas, and a few highlights along the way. As the year rolls on, we hope there's something here that makes you smile or sparks an idea. Thanks for being part of our community—let's dive in!

### Location:

Building 8: 3rd Floor

### Hours:

Mon: 8 AM - 4 PM

Tue - Thu: 8 AM - 5 PM

Fri: 8 AM - 2 PM

## Celebrating Black History Month

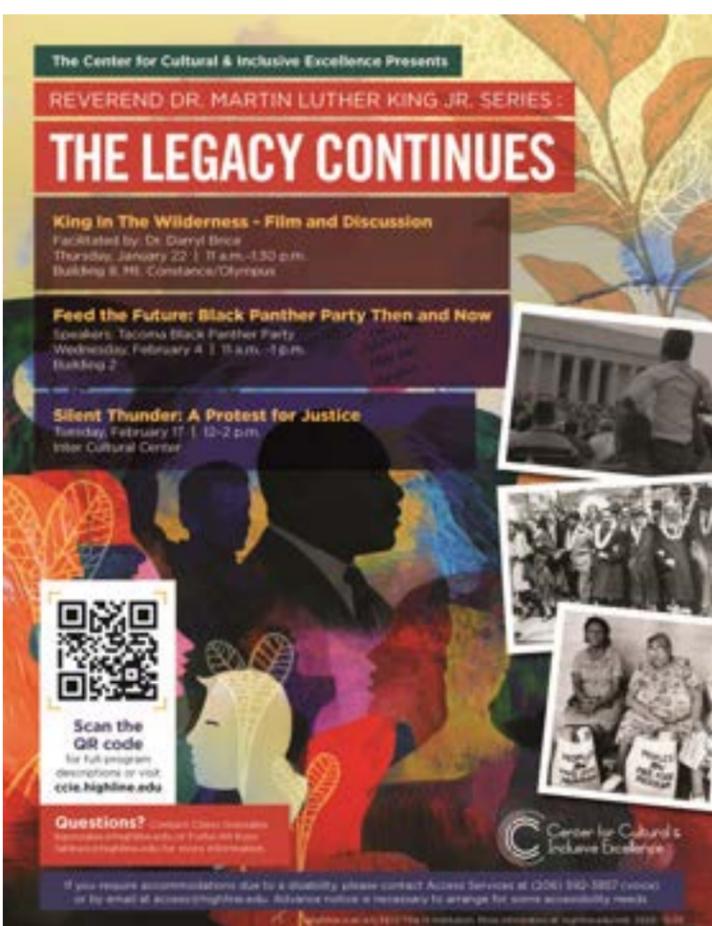
Every year in February the United States recognizes Black History Month, a time to honor and reflect on the contributions, history, and culture of Black Americans. February 2026 marks the 100-year anniversary of the first national observance of Black history in the U.S., and the official theme for this year's Black History Month is "A Century of Black History Commemorations," highlighting a century of honoring Black history and its enduring impact.

The roots of Black History Month go back to 1926, when historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) established Negro History Week to encourage the study and celebration of Black history. February was chosen because it included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, dates already celebrated within Black communities. Over the following decades, the observance grew in popularity. By the late 1960s and early 1970s, Black educators and student groups began expanding the week into a month-long celebration, and in 1976, President Gerald Ford formally recognized Black History Month as an annual observance, urging Americans to honor the "too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans."

Black History Month exists to elevate the stories and achievements of Black Americans that have often been overlooked or marginalized in mainstream history. In addition to learning about historical contributions, this month is a great opportunity to support Black-owned businesses, visit Black history museums, explore African American literature, and engage in events that celebrate Black culture and community. Black history is not just something of the past; it continues to be written every day and deserves recognition and reflection.

Sources: [Black History Month \(National Geographic\)](#) | [Black History Month \(History\)](#) | [Things to Do This Black History Month](#)

*Written by Moira Barrington*



### Silent Thunder: A Protest for Justice

**Building 8: Room 204**

**Feb. 17 | 12 PM—2 PM**

This program explores the legacy and power of student-led movements and the unique rights students hold to use their voices. Through a brief historical overview of protests during the Civil Rights Movement, students will learn how collective action, accessibility, and intentional organizing have shaped social change. Participants will then engage in a poster-making activity designed to spark dialogue and exercise freedom of speech through a silent protest, with completed posters displayed prominently and accessibly as a visual banner on campus.

## Stay Connected!



# Upcoming Center Events & Programs

Service and Mentorship Engagement Consultants invites you to

**An afternoon of Storytelling**

## OPEN MIC

Come share a short poem, favorite quote, journal reflection, or just come listen and connect with others!

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup> | 12 - 2pm**  
**Inter Cultural Center**

Want to share?  
Scan QR code or  
drop by at the event



- ◆ Open to all
- ◆ Share openly
- ◆ Free food provided

Questions? Contact us at [same@highline.edu](mailto:same@highline.edu)

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## SAME-C Open Mic

Building 8: Room 204

Feb. 10 | 12 PM—2 PM

All are welcome to participate! You can share a poem, journal reflection, favorite book quote, short story, or anything meaningful, in English or your own language. You can also simply come to listen and enjoy the space. Those who share will get a **chance to win a price!**

**Sign Up Now:** <https://forms.gle/DoUYugBtmhFrwE3B7>

For questions, reach out to [same@highline.edu](mailto:same@highline.edu)

Highline College  
Q Center

## CARE COLLECTIVE

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Building 8, Mt. Constance  
12pm - 2pm

The winter months can be difficult, and sometimes it can be difficult to access contraception, hygiene products, educational resources, and other small boosts to get us through this time. That's why the Q Center is hosting Care Collective!



Enjoy arts & crafts, sewing, creating care packages, and browsing our Q Boutique clothing racks with some pizza, cookies, and refreshments!

Create your own care package with items that include hand warmers, contraceptives, hand sanitizer, oral hygiene, self care products, and free clothing.

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## Q Care Collective

Building 8: Mt. Constance

Feb. 11 | 12 PM - 2 PM

Winter can be tough, and access to essentials isn't always easy—that's why the Q Center is hosting Care Collective. Enjoy crafts, care-package making, free clothing, and pizza while you build a bundle with hand warmers, contraceptives, hygiene, and self-care items.

For questions, reach out to [qcenter@highline.edu](mailto:qcenter@highline.edu)

The Inter-Cultural Center and College Success Foundation presents

## Valentine's Day

Celebrate love by creating  
crafts and cards for your  
friends, family, and loved ones!

**Create:**  
Keychains, Valentine's  
Day cards, fuse beads,  
and clay figures



**Join us at**  
Bldg 8, Room 204  
(Inter-Cultural Center)

**When?**  
February 12th  
10:00am-11:30am

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## Valentine's Day

Building 8: Room 204

Feb. 12 | 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Celebrate love by creating crafts and cards for your friends, family, and loved ones!

For questions, reach out to [icc@highline.edu](mailto:icc@highline.edu)

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# Upcoming Center Events & Programs

THE INTER-CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS:

## ARE YOU A Red Flag?

- Learn how to spot red flags and recognize **healthy** relationships
- Feel empowered to set boundaries and make **safe** choices
- A **brave** space to talk about relationships

Light snacks & refreshments provided

February 12th, 1:00PM - 2:30PM  
Inter-Cultural Center  
Building 8, 2nd Floor, Room 204

Questions? Email: [rllyodevans@highline.edu](mailto:rllyodevans@highline.edu)

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GSA THE GLOBAL STUDENT AMBASSADORS INTRODUCE...

## LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

### YEAR OF THE HORSE

ENJOY EXCITING ACTIVITIES

- LION DANCE OPENING
- TRADITIONAL GAMES
- DELICIOUS FOOD

Thursday, 19 February 2026  
At 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Building 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Questions?  
Email [gsa@highline.edu](mailto:gsa@highline.edu)

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## Lunar New Year Festival

Building 8: 1st Floor

February 19 | 1 PM - 3 PM

A festival to celebrate the Asian cultural holiday of Lunar New Year where students and staff at Highline can experience an authentic and exciting connection to deeply-rooted tradition.

For questions, reach out to [gsa@highline.edu](mailto:gsa@highline.edu)

## Campus to Cocoa (Chocolate Factory Trip)

We are organizing a special trip to **Maeve Chocolate Factory in Tukwila** where we will be spending time learning about the world of Chocolate and how it is made.

### Trip Details:

Meeting location: Highline College Library

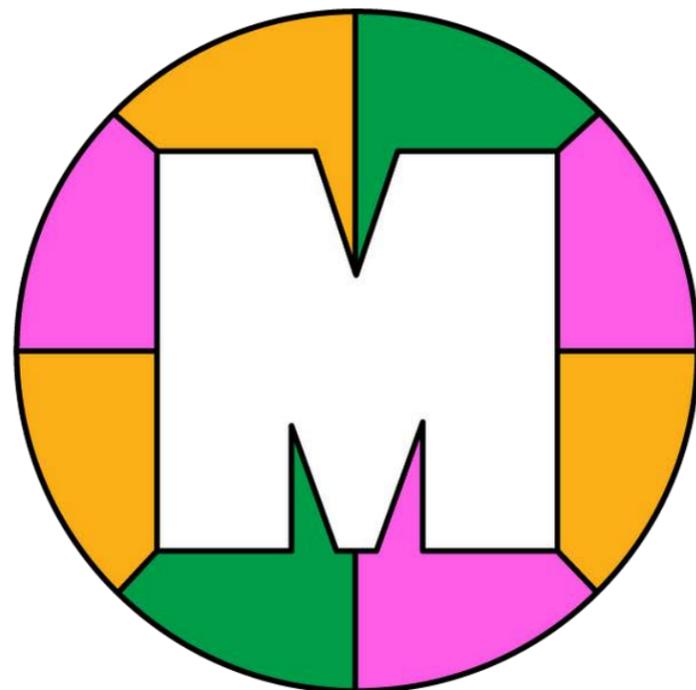
Where we will go: Maeve Chocolate Factory in Tukwila

When: Thursday, 2/26/26

Time Commitment: 1:30 PM - 4 PM

### What we will Do:

- Learn about sustainable and ethical cocoa production
- Tour the factory to see how it is made
- Enjoy a chocolate tasting



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**HEARTS IN ACTION**

**VOLUNTEER WITH GSA AND SAME-C NOW!**

Volunteer this Women's History Month to help clean, organize and create a welcoming environment for the women's shelter!

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**MARCH 3RD**  
1:00 - 5:30 PM

**SEATTLE ELIZABETH GREGORY HOME**

**TRANSPORTATION & FREE SNACKS PROVIDED!**

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## Hearts In Action (Women's History Month)

Mar. 3rd | 1 - 5:30 PM

Volunteer with GSA & SAME-C at Elizabeth Gregory Home during Women's History Month to help clean, organize and create a welcoming environment for the women's shelter.

**Sign Up by Feb. 20:** <https://forms.gle/Gs2v25YXkwUr4G1L8>

For questions, reach out to [same@highline.edu](mailto:same@highline.edu)

# LPT Invites You to Burke Museum

## Classroom in the City at Burke Museum

Mar. 13 | 8:45 AM - 5 PM (includes travel time)

The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Washington invites visitors to explore science, culture, and the natural world through its vast collections and inclusive, research-driven exhibits.

Now on view: **Woven in Wool: Resilience in Coast Salish Weaving**, a special exhibition featuring historical and contemporary woven works that highlight the artistry, cultural knowledge, and resilience of Coast Salish weaving traditions.

**SPOTS LIMITED! Sign Up by Feb. 20th!**

<https://forms.gle/u12ccR1fdExqYZzq5>

For questions, please email [CLS@highline.edu](mailto:CLS@highline.edu)!



**THE CENTER**  
Center for Gender & Equity Studies

The Leadership Programming Team invites you to

**BURKE MUSEUM**  
classroom in the city

**WOVEN IN WOOL**  
Special Exhibition now open!  
Woven in Wool: Resilience in Coast Salish

Join us for our first Classroom in the City! As we visit the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle, located on the University of Washington campus, the Burke features fascinating exhibits—from fossils and wildlife specimens to Northwest Native art and global cultural collections—waiting visitors to explore!

(includes travel time)  
**8:45AM - 5PM**  
**03.13.2026**

FREE Food and Transportation

[sign up by Feb. 20th]

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# Volunteer Opportunities

**JAN 27**  
10 AM TO 3 PM  
**SUPPORT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR**  
EARN UP TO 5 VOLUNTEERING HOURS  
(OFF CAMPUS VOLUNTEERING OPPURTUNITY)  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/HEALTHFAIR26](https://tinyurl.com/healthfair26)

**FEB 5**  
9:30 AM - 4 PM  
**RUNNING START: GOTTA CATCH EM ALL**  
EARN UP TO 6 VOLUNTEERING HOURS  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VOLUNTEERGCEA](https://tinyurl.com/volunteergcea)

**FEB 12**  
10 AM TO 1 PM  
**CAREER AND TRANSFER SERVICES TRANSFER FAIR**  
EARN UP TO 3 VOLUNTEERING HOURS  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CTTFAIRV](https://tinyurl.com/cttffairv)

**FEB 19**  
1 PM TO 3 PM  
**GSA LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**  
EARN UP TO 2 VOLUNTEERING HOURS  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GSALUNAR](https://tinyurl.com/gsalunar)

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The Service and Mentorship Engagement Consultant (SAME-C) Team would like to invite you to volunteer opportunities on and off campus!

**Feb. 12 | 10 AM - 1 PM**

**Career & Transfer Services Fair**  
(earn up to 3 volunteering hours)

**Feb. 19 | 1 PM - 3 PM**

**GSA Lunar New Year Festival**  
(earn up to 3 volunteering hours)

For questions, email [SAME@highline.edu](mailto:SAME@highline.edu)

## HC Student Led Clubs & Org Highlights

**NEW CLUB ALERT!**

### A<sup>2</sup>MEND

A<sup>2</sup>MEND is open to all Highline College students and is committed to advocating for the academic, psychological and spiritual development of Black and other diaspora male students, faculty, staff and administrators at Highline College.

**Club Advisor:** Erich Elwin

[Contact Club Leaders](#)



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