










# 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/COST/CONTACT	SPONSOR
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016</b>			
6-9 p.m.	<b>Financial Seminar: The Investment Series</b> Social media investment; the ROI on investing in self; access to capital investment; building wealth investment; and protecting your assets: legal and tax investment. Open to all business owners.	Entrepreneur Collaborative Center, 2101 East Palm Avenue, Tampa (Ybor City), Corner of 21st Street & Palm Avenue <b>FREE</b> Contact: Bill Trotman, 813.507.1014, www.tampablackheritage.org	
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016</b>			
6-8 p.m.	<b>I Am Not My Hair – But how do employers see me?</b> Natural hair discussion. Cornrows or dreadlocks?; Are men immune to this hairy situation?; Is the texture or style of your hair preventing you from being hired?; Is a ban on wearing your hair in a natural texture discriminatory?	Robert W. Sanders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, FL <b>FREE</b> Contact: NAAHR Tampa Bay, new.naahtampabay.org/events/ RSVP by January 12th	National Association of African Americans in Human Resources
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016</b>			
7:30 a.m. – Registration 8:30 a.m. – Walk	<b>5K Walk/Run for Health</b> In Memory of Felecia Ann Wintons Lead by: Black Girls Run Pre-register online or onsite in the park.	Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa <b>FREE</b> Parking fees vary, depending on location. Contact: 1.888.224.1733 ext.3143, www.tampablackheritage.org	
10 a.m.–7 p.m. Beer and wine available at 11 a.m.	<b>Music Fest – R&amp;B/Hip Hop/Jazz Saturday</b> Headliner: Jonathan Butler Drum Circle, African dancers, live entertainment (local and regional); arts, crafts and food; free health screenings. Villages: Artists, authors, children's, technology, health, and corporate.	Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa <b>FREE. Preferred and VIP seating available online.</b> Parking fees vary, depending on location Contact: 1.888.224.1733 ext.3143, www.tampablackheritage.org	
8 a.m.–Noon	<b>THAP's Youth Leadership Development Summit</b> There will be lots of food, fun and giveaways. <i>Open to All Youth</i>	Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan, 5508 N. 50th Street, Tampa, FL 33610 <b>FREE</b> Contact: Steve Marshall, 727.244.8119	Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan (THAP)
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016</b>			
Noon–7 p.m. Beer and wine available at Noon	<b>Music Fest – Gospel/Urban/ R&amp;B Sunday</b> Headliner: Angie Stone Drum Circle, African dancers, live entertainment (local and regional); arts, crafts and food; free health screenings. Villages: Artists, authors, children's, technology, health, and corporate.	Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa <b>FREE. Preferred and VIP seating available online.</b> Parking fees vary, depending on location Contact: 1.888.224.1733 ext.3143, www.tampablackheritage.org	
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016</b>			
6:45 a.m.	<b>TOBA 36th Annual Dr. MLK Leadership Breakfast</b> "Remembering the Dream/Delivering the Promise" Guest speaker: Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. Elected and consecrated the 115th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky.	Hilton Hotel – Downtown, 211 N. Tampa Street, Tampa \$35 individual / \$500 corporate tables (seats 10) Tickets will not be sold at the door. Contact: 813.874.TOBA (8622), www.toba-network.org	Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (TOBA)
10:30 a.m. – Registration Noon – Shotgun start	<b>Heritage Golf Classic Fundraiser</b> Portion of proceeds supports First Tee of Tampa Bay In support of the 10-day Celebration and Cultural Enrichment event.	Rogers Park Golf Course, 7911 N. 30th Street, Tampa, FL \$95 Individual / \$380 Foursome / \$15 Lunch only Contact: Benita Maynor, 813.629.1945, golf@tampablackheritage.org	
11 a.m.	<b>31st Annual National MLK, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Parade</b> St. Petersburg, FL	St. Petersburg parade route: Begins at Dr. MLK St. and 3rd Ave., North to Central Ave., East to Bayshore Dr., North to 5th Ave., proceeding East to Vinoy Park. <b>FREE</b> Contact: 727.388.9494, mlkholidaylegacy@gmail.com	City of St. Petersburg
Noon	<b>27th Annual MLK, Jr. Day Parade: "Making the Dream a Reality"</b> Tampa, FL	Tampa parade route: Begins at 15th St. and 21st Ave., North to MLK Blvd., proceeding East to 15th and MLK Blvd. <b>FREE</b> Contact: Robert Scott, 813.690.6840 or Howard Harris, 813.404.3039	Hillsborough County City of Tampa
4:30 p.m. Ethnic Fest immediately following service	<b>Hillsborough County Dr. MLK, Jr. Interfaith Service</b> Guest speaker: Reverend Xavier L. Johnson, 12th pastor of the historic Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Dayton, OH. He is a graduate of University of South Florida, and graduated cum laude at the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA.	Allen Temple AME Church 2101 Lowe Street, Tampa <b>FREE</b> Contact: Dr. Roy Kaplan, hrkaplan@live.com	Dr. MLK Hillsborough County Interfaith Service Committee
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016</b>			
7 p.m.	<b>The Forum of the 4th Estate</b> An independent spinoff of the Sunday forum of WMNF 88.5. Created by the 4th Estate and Hosted by Walter L. Smith, II. Guest speaker: Dr. Desmond Meade – <i>The Flight for Automatic Rights Restoration.</i>	Robert W. Sanders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave., Tampa <b>FREE</b> Contact: Robert Sanders Library, 813.273.3652	Walter L. Smith, II
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016</b>			
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m.	<b>Heritage Leadership Luncheon</b> Guest speaker: Richard "Dick" Gregory, American civil rights activist, social critic, writer, entrepreneur and comedian. Dick is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.	University Area Community Center Complex, 14013 North 22nd Street, Tampa \$20 Individual / \$200 Reserved Table of 8 Contact: 1.888.224.1733 ext. 3143, www.tampablackheritage.org	 University Area Community Development Complex
8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.	<b>MLK Convocation with Michael Render, a.k.a. Killer Mike</b> <i>Presented by the USF University Lecture Series</i> A socially conscious and politically engaged rapper, he made his music debut on OutKast's 2000 album Stankonia. Render's noted activism on issues such as social equality and systemic racism has led to interviews on numerous media platforms.	University of South Florida Marshall Center – Oval Theatre 4202 East Fowler Ave., Tampa <b>FREE</b> For more information: http://uls.usf.edu/about.htm	University of South Florida University Lecture Series
5:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.	<b>Heritage Youth Night</b> Guest speaker: Ric Mathis, an independent filmmaker and creator of the film <i>Black Friday</i> . The film heightens the economic awareness and financial responsibility in the African-American community, and address financial literacy and the importance of leaving a financial and ethical legacy for the next generation.	Howard W. Blake High School of Arts 1701 N. Boulevard Ave., Tampa <b>FREE</b> Contact: 813.974.1001, http://uls.usf.edu/	
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016</b>			
9:30 a.m.	<b>AWD – Financial Literacy Workshop &amp; Luncheon</b> This event is open to Brewster students and their families.	Brewster Technical College, 2222 North Tampa St., Tampa Contact: Varnese Tramel, 813.416.9561	Adults with Disability
Noon–1:30 p.m.	<b>Genealogy Brown Bag Luncheon</b> Guest speaker: Walter Smith, II Afro-Cuban Cultural Ybor & Tampa Bay	Robert W. Sanders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave., Tampa <b>FREE</b> Contact: Robert Wimbley, cw5bobw@verizon.net	Afro American Historical and Genealogy Society
6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.	<b>Heritage Gala</b> Join us for an evening of elegance, featuring Avery*Sunshine for an invigorating and combustible live performance. Plus, an hour of jaw-breaking comedy, featuring Jamming Jay Laymont, Cecil "Shuckey Duckey" Armstrong and Laughing Lenny.	TPepin's Hospitality Centre, 4121 North 50th St., Tampa Tickets: \$55 Individual / \$100 Couple / \$480 Table of 8 Purchase tickets online or contact: Connie Hicks at 813.507.1362, sponsorship@tampablackheritage.org	
7 p.m.–9 p.m. January 19 – March 3	<b>Living History Exhibit Reception</b> Featuring: Kara Walker Harpers Pictorial History of the Civil War (Annotated), https://www.hcfl.edu/dm/gallery-221.aspx	Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, Gallery 221 <b>FREE</b> Contact: Patricia Sririm, Art Gallery Director, 813.253.7386	Hillsborough Community College
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016</b>			
7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.	<b>Heritage Gospel Night</b> M.C. – L. Lynette Brown, City of Restoration Church. This event celebrates the heritage of Gospel music by continuing African traditions of harmony and call-and-response. Gospel music is renowned to all cultures across the world. Festival celebrates this diversity by presenting different genres of gospel performances and praise, with an array of local and regional artists.	Hillsborough Community College – Ybor Campus Main Stage Theatre, 2001 N. 14th St., Tampa <b>FREE</b> Contact: 1.888.224.1733 ext. 3143, www.tampablackheritage.org	
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016</b>			
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>FEARLESS &amp; FLAWLESS</b> Boys & Girls Club EMPOWERment Workshop. For girls and boys ages 13–18 Free transportation will be provided by Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) for volunteers and participants. To reserve your bus pass send email to event organizer at www.VoiceTheMovement.org.	George M. Steinbrenner Boys & Girls Club, 1301 North Boulevard, Tampa <b>FREE</b> For more information and to register go to FearlessFlawless.Eventbrite.com. Contact: Ivy Box, www.voicethemovement.org	Voice T.H.E. Movement, Inc.
January 20 – February 14	<b>Disney's The Lion King</b> Give the gift that roar's this season and save 15%. More than 80 million people have experienced the phenomenon of Disney's The Lion King, and so can you. Tampa's best-loved musical returns to the Straz Center. (Discount valid on all Tues., Wed. and Thurs. evening performances, and Sunday evening, Feb. 7)	<b>Straz Center for the Performing Arts</b> 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Place Use promo code <b>ROAR</b> to save 15% on tickets. Contact: Jennifer Gonzalez-Bohnert, 813.222.1018	Straz Center
<b>AFTER THE FESTIVAL</b>			
February 6 11 a.m. St. Petersburg, FL	<b>Legacy Luncheon</b> "Our History, Our Health and Our Hope" Guest speaker: Dr. Forrest Harris. Sr. Dr. Harris is an associate professor in the practice of ministry at Vanderbilt University and Director of Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies.	Empath Health, 3050 First Avenue South, St. Petersburg Tickets: \$20 per person For more information, call: 727.400.1020	Empath Health
February 12 6:30 p.m. Plant City, FL	<b>13th Annual Black Heritage Banquet</b> "Celebrating the Essence of the African American Spirit" Guest speaker: Otis Anthony, Anthony Community Consultant, Inc. Mistress of Ceremony: Tia Young, Tampa Etiquette Academy	Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus, Trinkle Center 1206 North Park Road, Plant City \$35 per person Contact: Sharon Moody, 813.453.7134, sharonmoody91@gmail.com, celebration2.homestead.com	Plant City Black Heritage Festival
February 13 & 14 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.	<b>Jazz and Gospel Festival</b>	Dr. MLK Recreation Center	Plant City Black Heritage Festival

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