Dine at a black-owned business
Grab a meal or snack at a black-owned business. View a list of suggested Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri black-owned restaurants (PDF). View a list of Wichita, Kansas black-owned restaurants (PDF).

Biographical Posters of Faculty, Staff, Residents, and Students
February 1 – February 28
Learn about the background and careers of Black and African American Faculty, Staff, Residents, and Students, as well as their journey to KUMC. Digital posters may be viewed online and will also be featured on the KU Medical Center – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion social media channels.

Breaking Barriers: Our First African American Graduates
February 1 – February 28
Summer 1938: Desegregation at the University of Kansas School of Medicine
Stories of the first African American students to graduate from the Schools of Nursing and Health Professions

Jayhawk Coffee Break
February 3, 8:00-9:00 a.m., Zoom (https://kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/92313753660)
As we kick-off Black History Month, join us during a special Jayhawk Coffee Break for the opportunity to connect with your colleagues. Our coffee break will highlight the faculty, staff, and students featured on the Black History Month biographical posters.

Community Conversation – Turning the Page: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? By Beverly Daniel Tatum
February 9, Noon – 12:50 p.m., Zoom (https://kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/92818581340?pwd=OG8zcGNjMkM2cFB0ckI1NUdIzjVTQT09
Passcode: 605908)
Systemic racism has a major impact on health disparities in America. Join us for discussion on the Introduction, Chapter 1, and Chapter 2 on the book, Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?, by Beverly Daniel Tatum.
The discussions are led by Kristina Bridges, Ph.D., senior research associate in family medicine and community health research division.

Student National Medical Association -Student of Color Panel: Sharing our Stories
February 12, 3:30 p.m., Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/97724930998)
KU Medical Center students of color will share their educational journeys to entering the School of Health Professions, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing. Participants will have the ability to engage in a meaningful discussion on how to navigate the admittance into a professional school.

History of Desegregation at KU Medical Center Panel
February 16, noon, Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/99147196212?pwd=OFUreld4dXBuRDJFblh4SVRXbC9UZz09)
Dr. Jason Glenn, Associate Professor in History and Philosophy of Medicine, will moderate a panel who will be discussing, “The History of Black and African American Students at KU Medical Center.” Our panel members will be invited to share with us their experiences in those early years and perspectives that will help our audience appreciate our history and the work ahead.

KU Health System – Black History Month Virtual Prayer Breakfast
February 17, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m., Zoom
(https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594514207?pwd=ZjYwK3BEcW9hVkJEMEJTWW1MSU0QT09)
Passcode: Celebrate

Healing and Unity Event
February 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Register through the KUMC Event Calendar
Dr. Rodney Smith and Stephenie Smith will deliver a keynote address addressing how the Black and African American community can heal from the harm caused by society, harm caused among one another within the Black and African American community, and how we can unite as a community to heal. Participants will engage in a healing and unifying community activity.

Clinical Culture and Diversity Series- Legacies of ‘The Venus Hottentot”: Black Women’s Bodies in Culture & Medicine
February 19, noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom: https://kumc-ois.zoom.us/j/9535375859?pwd=MWR5Ti9OM01qcG1xNITYVE03RFA2dz09 passcode: 950665
The Clinical Culture and Diversity Series explores issues related to inter-cultural communication in the clinical setting. University of Kansas Professor and President of the Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars, Dr. Anatol will be our featured presenter.

Faculty of Color Panel: Sharing our Stories
February 23, Noon- 1:00 p.m., Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/99089069063)
KU Medical Center faculty of color will share their educational journey, professional, and personal experiences that relate to their development as faculty. Participants will have the ability to engage in a meaningful discussion on how to navigate as future leaders in the healthcare industry and broaden their mentor network.

Black History Month Research Day
February 24, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/96358599286)
Learn about the research conducted by KU’s Black and African American Faculty, Staff, Residents, and Students. Digital Posters and Presentations followed by a luncheon and The Dr. Patricia A. Thomas Keynote Address by Dr. Consuelo Wilkins, Professor of Medicine, Vice President for Health Equity, and Associate Dean for Health Equity at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Student National Medical Association- Behind COVID panel: Medical Distrust in the Black Community
February 24, 5:00 p.m., Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/92904801319)
Join the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) as they host a panelist of experts who will address COVID-19 and the medical distrust in the Black Community.

Student National Medical Association and Socially Responsible Surgeons – MAPS Panel: A Day in the Life of a Surgeon
February 25, 6:00 p.m., Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/83728353834), password: 232540
Join the Socially Responsible Surgeons (SRS) and Student National Medical Association (SNMA) will host a panel of surgeons who will provide insight into their everyday lives.