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month

Happy New Month!

It's the month of Black History!

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY FOR YOU:

The creator of Black History Month was historian **Carter G. Woodson**. Often referred to as the "Father of Black History", he started the first Negro History Week in 1926 to ensure students would learn Black history. It grew into Black History Month starting in 1976.



Educator and abolitionist

Lucy Stanton was the first Black woman to graduate from college. She completed a ladies' literary program and graduated from Oberlin College in 1850. Her commencement speech was an appeal for anti-slavery.



Willie O'Ree will always be remembered as the National Hockey League's first Black player, and he continues to fight for more diversity in the sport.





After becoming the very first African American and the first woman to graduate with a master's degree from the University of Hawaii, **Alice Ball** went on to invent the first successful treatment for Hansen's disease (otherwise known as leprosy) in 1916. It wasn't until years after her tragic death at the young age of 24 that Ball even got proper credit for her work.

Ethel Waters became the first Black performer to appear on TV after her one-night variety special, *The Ethel Waters Show*, which was aired on NBC in 1939.



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AFRICA MONTH SUMMIT



SAVE THE DATE

23rd-27th, MAY 2023

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KIGALI, RWANDA

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We are going ahead full throttle on the Africa Soft Power Summit in May which will again be held in the beautiful city of Kigali. We are intent on a powerful and impactful gathering and we are fully prepared for all the great things we can accomplish together!



DAVOS 2023

AFRICA SOFT POWER JOINS AFRICA HOUSE
AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM 2023

In January, we partnered with [Africa House](#), the premier platform for Africa's engagement at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Featuring great panels and keynotes "Our partnership with Africa House is built on the belief that advancing Africa is a global imperative."

[Davos 2023: Africa Soft Power joins Africa House in spotlighting the continent's role in global affairs](#)



We also collaborated with the [Africa Prosperity Network \(APN\)](#) to host the maiden edition of the Kwahu Summit. The exciting 3-day conference was launched under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, and H.E Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). The event brought together political, business, and social sector leaders to think, plan and collaborate toward building a strong and powerful single market of Africa's 1.4 billion people.

[Single market project to take centre stage at Africa Prosperity Dialogues](#)

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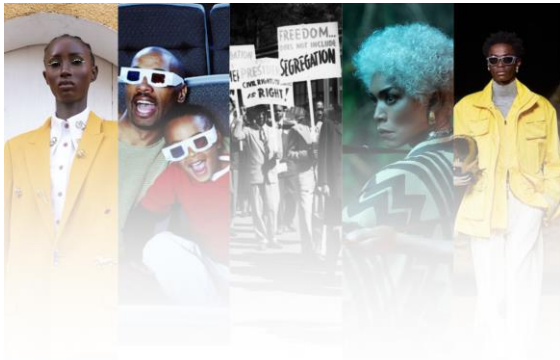


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—focus on—

Fashion, Film & Black History Month U.S

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From the clothes we wear, to the characters we adore, hate or pine for, fashion and film both shape and defy attitudes and culture. This month, against the backdrop of Black History Month U.S., we explore these mediums and the power they hold as vehicles of expression. Follow our conversations across our social media platforms!