



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Palo Alto College to celebrate Black History Month with special guests**

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will celebrate Black History Month from Feb. 3 to Feb. 28 to recognize and honor the achievements, contributions, and importance of African Americans to our nation's history. The month will include a sequence of virtual events, including speakers, author readings, and performances.

A kickoff celebration will take place Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m., with Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson, San Antonio's Poet Laureate. Sanderson will be reading from her new book, *She Lives in Music*, and will discuss her journey as a poet and artist.

Palo Alto College will celebrate Black History Month from Feb. 3 to Feb. 28 with the following events:

- Monday, Feb. 3-28: virtual exhibit, *Chez Baldwin: An Exploration of James Baldwin's Life and Works Through the Powerful Lens of His House "Chez Baldwin" in St. Paul de Vence, France*
- Wednesday, Feb. 3: Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson, Poet Laureate of San Antonio
- Tuesday, Feb. 9: Dr. Colwyn Headley, Post-Doctoral Scientist for the Host-Pathogen Interaction Program at Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- Monday, Feb. 22: Saul Paul, Grammy award-nominated artist
- Wednesday, Feb. 24: Engineering Panel, comprised of local engineers, will share their experience in the field

All 2021 Black History Month events are free and open to the public. The events are sponsored by several Palo Alto College programs, including the Office of Student Life, Working Writers Series Committee, and the Student Activities Fee. Full event details are available at [alamo.edu/pac/bhm](http://alamo.edu/pac/bhm).

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, is a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, and is celebrating its 35-year anniversary. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at [alamo.edu/pac](http://alamo.edu/pac).

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