



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian [Carter G. Woodson](#) and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

February may be the month of love, but it has so much to offer beyond [Valentine’s Day](#). Super Bowl Sunday is February 11 for Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers fans (as well as fans of [Super Bowl snacks](#)). [Ash Wednesday](#) (February 14) kicks off the [start of Lent](#) and countdown to Easter. This year has a [Leap Day](#) (February 29), which only comes around every four years — an opportunity for leaping babies to claim a quarter of their age. Mark these dates on your calendar so you don’t miss any important **February holidays and observances in 2024**.



February 12 – Nancy Downs
February 21 – Eva Mae Henry



Note-worthy Dates

- Tuesday**—Conversation with Abigail McAlister-LSU AgCenter – Seasoning with Spices & Herbs 02/06/24
- Wednesday**—CPR Demonstration with Assistant Fire Chief Tim Turner, Jr. 02/07/24
- Thursday**—Super Bowl Celebration – Benton 49ers vs Benton Chiefs 02/08/24
- Tuesday**—Mardi Gras Celebration @ Bearkat – Benton Center closed 02/13/24
- Wednesday**—Valentine Day – Wear Red 02/14/24
- Tuesday & Thursday Walk with Ease starting 9:15**

National Days

- 2/6/24 – National Yogurt Day**
- 2/14/24-- Valentine Day**
- 02/19/24—President Day**
- 2/22/24—National Chili Day**
- 2/28/24—National Pancake Day**

- American Heart Month
- An Affair to Remember Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- Children’s Dental Health Month
- Creative Romance Month
- Grapefruit Month
- Great American Pie Month
- National Cherry Month
- Weddings Month