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Santa Clara County Board of Education resolution; school activities commemorate National African American History Month

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Board of Education will formally recognize February as National African American History Month by adopting a resolution during its meeting on Wednesday. Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) schools and programs will also host a variety of activities and events throughout the month to mark the observance.

The SCCOE “recognizes the significant contributions and considerable advances that African Americans have made, and continue to make in our community, state and the world, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economics and development, politics and human rights,” states the [resolution](#), scheduled for adoption on February 3. This year's theme is “Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories.”

At the SCCOE Ridder Park office, Khristel Johnson, Principal of Osborne School at Juvenile Hall, will display some of [her quilted wall tapestries](#) that explore events and individuals from African American history. A collection will also be hung at the San Francisco Federal Building this month.

In addition, the African American College Readiness Summit will bring 400 African American middle school students from all over Santa Clara County to San Jose State University to experience a college campus and learn what going to college can do for them. This event will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, February 12.

SCCOE is also a proud co-sponsor of [Lula Washington Dance Theatre's nationally acclaimed and award-winning show, "Search for Humanism,"](#) which focuses on the history of Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Movement. There will be a special performance for local high school students on Friday, February 26 starting at 10 a.m. at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose. Public performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. that same night and Saturday, February 27.

The SCCOE will provide updates on activities and events marking National African American History Month as they occur throughout February. Check our [Facebook page](#) for more information.

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