

What's Happening

- In 2019, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the beginning of slavery in the United States, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones launched The 1619 Project in the pages of The New York Times Magazine. The ongoing initiative aims to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the center of the national narrative. The 1619 Project has since expanded into a highly anticipated limited six-part docuseries, now streaming on Hulu.
- National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is an annual day of observance held during the first week of February to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, recognize the influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honor the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in the sports community.

Let's Recognize

- Black History Month originated in 1926 as Negro History Week. Created by Carter G. Woodson, a Black historian and journalist, the week celebrated the achievements of Black Americans following their emancipation from slavery. Since 1928, the organization that Woodson founded, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, has selected an annual theme for the celebration. The theme for 2023, "Black Resistance," is intended to highlight how Black Americans have fought against racial inequality.
- National Freedom Day—observed on February 1st—honors the signing of a resolution that proposed the 13th Amendment of the nation's Constitution on February 1, 1865. Abraham Lincoln, who was the president at the time, signed the resolution to outlaw slavery.
- February 14th is the observed birthday of Frederick Douglass. Douglass was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement, becoming famous for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings.

Staff Spotlight: Lori Pridgen



Lori Pridgen, Executive Assistant & Account Coordinator with Eastman Radio NY, has been working at Katz for 23 years. She began her career in CIS, next moved on to a role in corporate, and finally landed at Eastman. A Queens, NY resident, Lori likes spending time with family, especially her son, Darius, and Freddy the dog. She also enjoys volunteering with the New York Junior League on the Cancer Awareness and Support committee, as well as helping with family history at church.

Content Club

- ▶ [Black History Month 2023, Black Resistance: A Journey to Equality](#)
- ▶ [Into the Depths Podcasts](#)
- ▶ [The 1619 Project, by Nikole Hannah-Jones from NPR](#)

DEI Toolkit

The diversity, equity and inclusion toolkit will serve as a resource corner for terms, definitions, training, and information.

Critical Race Theory • *noun*
A set of ideas holding that racial bias is inherent in many parts of western society, especially in its legal and social institutions, on the basis of their having been primarily designed for and implemented by white people.

Black Resistance • *noun*
An opposition to historically oppressive rhetoric and systemic injustice.