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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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Black History Month Celebrations

During the month of February, communities world-wide celebrated Black History Month by hosting events catered to the African-American culture. The SC Human Affairs Commission's Community Relations Department has 20 active councils and partners that usually host events for their communities. We would like to highlight those councils who hosted an event for Black History Month.

Black History Month events were held in the following areas: Anderson County Human Relations Council, Beaufort County Community Relations Council, City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council, Hampton County Community Relations Council, Laurens County Community Relations Council, McCormick County Community Relations Council, Georgetown Community Relations Council, Columbia FBI and Ft. Jackson.

City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council

On Thursday, February 22, 2018, the council hosted a Black History Month Celebration at the City Hall Chambers. The event was entitled "The Soundtrack of Excellence: Rock Hill's Journey through African American Music." About 150 to 200 individuals attended the event. The council had much help from students, to performers such as the youth drummers, and members from the council who were readers and assisted with decorations. The event was even publicized through media release. There was an art and coloring contest in which participants had the opportunity to win small prizes.





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Anderson County Human Relations Council

On Sunday, February 25, 2018, the council hosted and presented "Two Hundred Years of Vision: Film & Discussion About the Baha'i Faith" at the Anderson Public Library.

Beaufort County Community Relations Council

Dr. Rodell Lawrence, Chairman of the Beaufort County CRC, was the keynote speaker at the May River High School Black History Month event. Approximately 1500 students were in attendance. Dr. Lawrence stated, "The major message to the students was a challenge for them to get involved in the gun violence issue in schools."

Georgetown County Community Relations Council

The Georgetown County CRC participated in the annual Black History Parade, which was held on February 24.

Hampton County Community Relations Council

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, council members attended the Black History Month Celebration at the "Old Colored School Museum" in Hampton, SC. The coordinator of the event was Elaine Dobson-Faison, a member of the Hampton County CRC.

Laurens County Community Relations Council

Members of the Laurens County CRC attended the City of Laurens District Two Black History Month Banquet at Springfield Baptist Church. The event was sponsored by Councilwoman Alicia Sullivan. The event focused on honoring black community history and the theme was "Rebuilding the Wall."

Ft. Jackson

Ft. Jackson held its Black History program on February 23 at noon at the NCO Club. The guest speaker was Columbia City Manager, Atty. Teresa Wilson. The event was attended by several SHAC members.

FBI

The 2018 Annual FBI Black History Program was held on Tuesday, February 27, at Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ish Major, board certified psychiatrist and co-host of WeTV's hit series "Marriage and Family Boot Camp Reality Stars." The event was attended by several SCHAC staff members.





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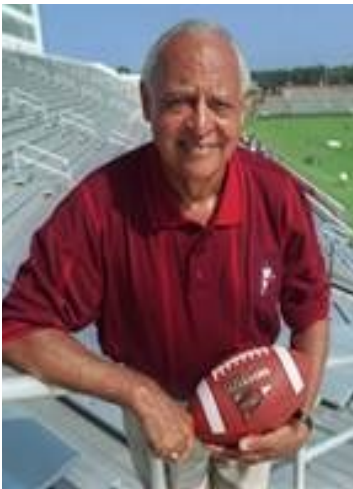
Current CRCs:

Columbia, West Columbia, Lee, Allendale, Hampton, Beaufort, Jasper, Berkeley, Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, Lancaster, Rock Hill, Greenwood, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, McCormick, Aiken

McCormick County Community Relations Council

The McCormick County CRC hosted its Black History Month event on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the McCormick Middle School gymnasium. The event was entitled “Building Bridges of

Hope in McCormick.” Former Head Football Coach of South Carolina State University Willie Jeffries was the guest speaker of the event. Jeffries is a legendary coach and was a recipient of the “Order of the Silver Crescent,” South Carolina’s highest award for outstanding community service. Jeffries was also a recipient for South Carolina’s highest civilian award, the “Order of the Palmetto.”



Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

January

MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February

African American History

March

Women’s History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/
Community Relations

June

Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation

July

Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/
Veterans’ Appreciation

December

Aging & Poverty Issues