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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. 5 to Feb. 22 to recognize and honor the achievements, contributions, and importance of African Americans to our nation's history. The month will include a sequence of events including speakers, lunches, and community service events.

Palo Alto College's Black History Month events will kick off with a celebration in the Student Center Annex on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m. with a celebration of live music led by Dr. James Polk, world-renowned jazz artist and two-time GRAMMY nominee.

Palo Alto College will celebrate Black History Month from Feb. 5 to Feb. 22 with the following events:

- Tuesday, Feb. 5: Live musical performances from Dr. James Polk and Dr. Armin Marmolejo
- Wednesday, Feb. 13: Lunch and Learn with Marlon Smith, a San Antonio-native and former UTSA linebacker and former professional athlete
- Thursday, Feb. 21: An Evening with Morgan Jerkins, award-winning author of *This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America*
- Friday, Feb. 22: PAC Gives Back, a volunteer opportunity with the San Antonio Food Bank, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, and the Texas Diaper Bank

All 2019 Black History Month events are free and open to the public. All events are sponsored by several Palo Alto College programs including the Office of Student Life, Working Writers Series Committee, and the Student Activities Fee.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. 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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