



ALBANY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
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# OFFICE OF DEI FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

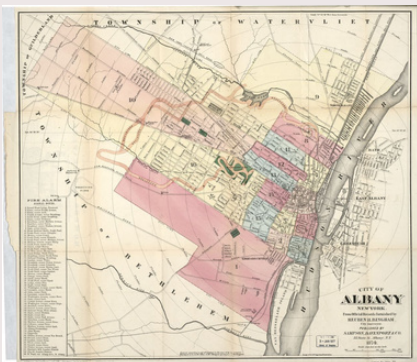
FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**PHOTO OF JAMES GARDNER**

For more information about James Gardner visit:

[James Gardner: The first African American Graduate of the Albany College of Pharmacy](#)



**MAP OF 1874 MAP SHOWING  
11TH WARD GARDNER LIVED IN**

## FIRST BLACK ACPHS GRADUATE: JAMES GARDNER

James Gardner was born in Albany, NY, in 1864 to William and his wife Elizabeth Gardiner. James' father was a barber and very active in fighting for the equal rights of Black Americans. He was a member of the Black Republicans after the war and part of the group of men that influenced the school board to desegregate the schools of Albany in the early 1870s. He also attended several New York State Colored Conventions. By the 1850s, he became the vice president of the Albany Vigilance Committee, where he financed Albany's Underground Railroad, which helped fugitive slaves escape from the South. Elizabeth was a member of the Female Lundy Society, a charitable organization formed in the 1830s by the Black women in Albany that survived until at least the early 1900s. Their family lived on Second Street in Arbor Hill for several decades.

James graduated vice president of his class in 1888. Gardner wrote his graduation thesis about "Percolation" where he won \$20 for best thesis. He got married that same year to Caroline Deyo. After graduation, James and his wife lived in the 11th ward in Albany per the 1892 Census. Additionally in the Census he was listed with a "b" signifying he was Black, and his profession was labeled as "Druggist."

Gardner worked for the drugstore owned by Clement & Rice at the corner of State and Eagle Streets, as well as for Thomas Pennington at his drugstore in Saratoga Springs, being the only Black druggist in the city at that time.

# ALBANY LAW DEI

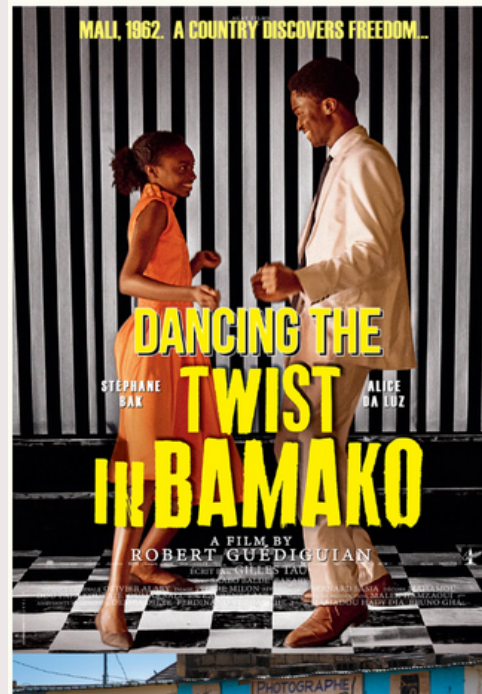
Our DEI Office met with Albany Law colleagues back in December and we are excited to announce that there will now be collaboration between these offices.

Save the Date: Friday, March 22nd from 6-10 PM Albany Law DEI will be hosting their annual Multicultural Cabaret as a close to their Diversity Week. All students are invited. Look out for more information about this event in our March newsletter!



## LINK TO THE ACPHS BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIBRARY GUIDE:

[Black History Month 2024 Library Guide](#)



## 19TH ANNUAL AFRICANA FILM FESTIVAL

On the 6th, 13th, and 20th of February, beginning at 7:00 PM in SC201, ACPHS will host the 19th year of its annual Africana Film Series. This year's theme is: Independence and Justice - Africa and Its Diaspora. These events will be hosted by Kevin Hickey, Associate Professor of Africana Studies.

Feb 6th: The first film, *Twist à Bamako* (*Dancing the Twist in Bamako*), is a colorful, invigorating, multi-layered film that looks at the complex currents flowing through the country of Mali soon after its 1960 independence from France.

Feb 13th: The second film, *Un Fils* (*A Son*), is a tense, emotionally complex film that also takes place in the aftermath of a political revolution: the summer after the 2011 Tunisian Uprising (aka the Jasmine Revolution) that ignited the Arab Spring.

The third and final film for 2024, *Marighella*, is about the Afro-Brazilian poet, politician, and (depending on whom you ask) freedom fighter or terrorist Carlos Marighella.

All three films look at aspirations to make the world a better place. Food and drinks will be provided at these events.



## FEATURED EVENTS FOR ACPHS CLUBS

On February 1st during common hour, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting a Black History Month Kick-Off Brunch. Wear things that represent your ethnicity or colors that represent your flag. There will be a variety of cultural foods, including jerk chicken, curry chicken stew, chicken, mac & cheese, potato salad, and more. This event will take place at the Rite Aid Lounge.

Additionally, for every event you attend, you will get a raffle ticket. There will be three winners at the end of the month that will win a basket.

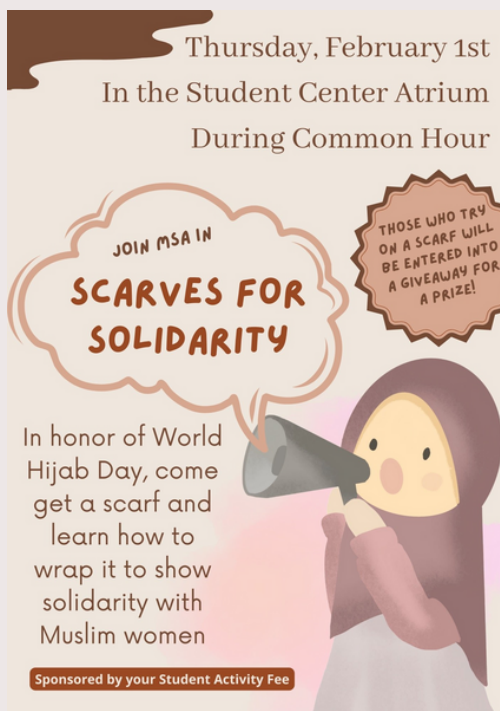
Register on Engage:

<https://cglink.me/2st/r379478>

On February 1st during common hour, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting a Scarves for Solidarity event in honor of World Hijab Day 2024. Stop by to try on a hijab, enter their World Hijab Day giveaway, and stand in solidarity with Muslim women! This event will take place in the SC atrium.

Register on Engage:

<https://cglink.me/2st/r379286>



On February 6th from 11 AM-1 PM, the Jewish Cultural Club (JCC) is hosting a Warm Up Your Winter - Matzah Ball Soup Grab and Go event. All are welcome to come and warm up with some homemade, delicious matzah ball soup! This event will take place in the SC Atrium.

Register on Engage:

<https://cglink.me/2st/r378247>

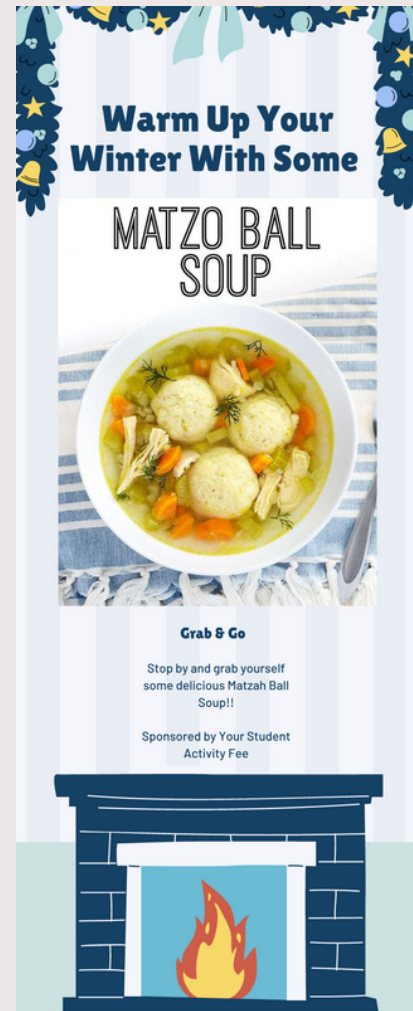
On February 8th, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting a Black History Month bingo night. Prizes include: gifts, hair care products, and gift cards. Be sure to look on Engage for more information about this event!

On February 14th, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting a Black romance movie night. Movies include: *Just Wright*, *Beyond the Lights*, *Poetic Justice*, *Brown Sugar*, and *Diary of Mad Black Women*. Be sure to look on Engage for more information about this event!

On February 20th during common hour, the Jewish Cultural Club (JCC) is hosting a Lunch and Learn with the local Rabbi event. This event will discuss the Jewish perspective on souls, pet souls, divine souls, etc. This event will take place in the Panther's Den.

Register on Engage:

<https://cglink.me/2st/r379069>





On February 23rd from 7-8 PM, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting a Paint & Sip event. At this event you can mix paints to match your skin tone. Enjoy a night of painting and crafting your own mocktails. This event will take place in HAB 122.

Register on Engage:

<https://cglink.me/2st/r379506>

On February 29th, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting a Hair Care Event. Wear things that represent your ethnicity, or colors that represent your flag. This event will feature Hair Care Lady "Learn about your crown." Be sure to look on Engage for more information about this event!

## FUN FACT:

Did you know the different meanings of the colors of the black liberation flag? Red is the blood that people shed in the ongoing struggle for Black liberation. Black is for the people of Black African ancestry. Green is a symbol of the growth and natural fertility of Africa.



# FEATURED EVENTS IN THE ALBANY AREA

The Center for Biopharmaceutical Education and Training (CBET) offered the Biotech Connect program back in December. The program introduced individuals to the rapidly growing biomanufacturing and life sciences sector and was a huge success.

For more information about the program visit:

<https://www.acphs.edu/acphs-in-the-news/building-biomanufacturing-pipeline>



2024 VIRTUAL  
**BIOPHARMA**  
INTERNSHIP, CO-OP,  
AND ENTRY LEVEL  
**CAREER FAIR**

**Booking opens January 18.**  
Book your appointment at:  
<https://cfplus.page.link/mF3G>

**FEBRUARY 1**  
8 AM – 7 PM ET

The NIIMBL Virtual Internship, Co-op, and Entry Level Career Fair connects companies and talent through 1-on-1 appointment and group meetings on a convenient, virtual platform.

Talk to recruiters and talent acquisition experts at leading companies to learn about exciting new opportunities in the rapidly growing biopharmaceutical industry.

 *Our virtual career fairs have generated **more than 3,200 one-on-one meetings for 1,000+ candidates and 30+ employers.***

[www.NIIMBL.org](http://www.NIIMBL.org)

**NIIMBL** The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

On February 1st, CBET is hosting in association with NIIMBL a Virtual Biopharma Internship, Co-op, and Entry Level Career Fair. Students will have the opportunity to talk to the experts at leading companies to learn about terrific new opportunities in the rapidly growing biopharmaceutical industry.

For more information about this and to sign up visit:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/a31fcf34-0299-4048-8d44-7e17a22aa6b6/websitePage:72eea112-d31c-49f3-aab5-0cd0c926070e>

VIDEO PRODUCTION TEAM MEMBER, KIRK DANIELS INVITES YOU TO

Celebrate and honor the work of 15 local civil rights activists and preview their oral history interviews.

**Saturday, February 3, 2024  
from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Siena College, Saracen Student Union - Maloney Great Room**

**This event is free and open to the public  
For more information, visit [siena.edu/mlk](http://siena.edu/mlk)**

Supported by the Office of the President and the Martin Luther King Jr. & Coretta Scott King Lecture Series.  
In the event of inclement weather, a snow day is planned for Saturday, February 10

On February 8th from 5 PM - 6:30 PM, the Albany NAACP is hosting a William Barber II Book signing. This event will take place at the Memorial Chapel at Union College.

For more information visit: <https://www.naacpalbanyny.org>

### FUN FACT:

Black History Month was first celebrated during the second week of February 1926. This was to correspond with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12th) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14th). In 1976, the week was expanded to a month.



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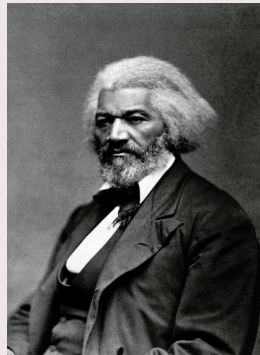


PHOTO OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS

On February 3rd from 3 PM - 4:30 PM, the Albany NAACP is hosting an event that will celebrate and honor the work of 15 local civil rights activists and preview their oral history interviews. This event will take place at Siena College, Saracen Student Union - Maloney Great Room.

For more information visit: [siena.edu/mlk](http://siena.edu/mlk)

**William Barber II**

5 PM Thursday, Feb 8  
6:30 PM Book signing  
Memorial Chapel at Union College

Sponsored by: Campus Protestant Ministry (CPM)  
The World Lecture Series  
Intercultural Affairs of Union College  
Hillel, Union College

Free to the public.  
807 Union St.  
Schenectady, NY

The Rev. Dr. William Barber II is an American Protestant minister, social activist, professor in the Practice of Public Theology and Public Policy and founding director of the Center for Public Theology & Public Policy at Yale Divinity School. He is the president and senior lecturer at Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival. He also serves as a member of the national board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and is the chair of its legislative political action committee. Author of

REVEREND DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER II  
with JONATHAN WILSON-HARTGROVE

**WHITE POVERTY**  
HOW EXPOSING MYTHS ABOUT RACE AND CLASS CAN RECONSTRUCT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY



On February 17th from 3-5 PM the Capital Area Urban League is hosting a Perform Out Loud event. Talented artists will showcase their skills in music, dance, spoken word, and more. Tickets are \$30 and by entering the promo code **ACPHS** you will receive 25% off your ticket on Eventbrite. This event will take place at The Albany Barn, 56 2nd Street, Albany, NY 12210.

Link to purchase tickets:

[Eventbrite](#)

The Capital Area Urban League (CAUL) hosts meetings the 3rd Monday of each month. Their next meeting is February 19th on Zoom at 6 PM.

For meeting details and to subscribe to CAUL emails, visit: [urbanleague3v.com](http://urbanleague3v.com)

On February 24th from 10 AM - 2 PM, the Albany NAACP is hosting "Round Table Talk," an event about Albany History: African Advocacy. This event will take place at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

For more information visit: <https://www.naacpalbanyny.org>



June 2nd-8th, 2024 CBET will host the NIMBL eXperience, open to Black, Latinx, and Indigenous first- and second-year US college students enrolled in any STEM-based major. The goal of this week-long program is to introduce students to career possibilities in the biopharmaceutical industry. Students will interact with industry experts, conduct hand-on demonstrations and activities, network and receive career development tips. All travel, accommodations and meal costs are covered by the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals.

For more information and to apply by March 1, 2024, visit:

<https://cbet.acphs.edu/niimbl-experience-student-application/>



## ABOUT THE ACPHS DEI WORK STUDY EDITORS

Hi! My name is Angelina Reish. I am a first-year student in the PharmD program and I'm from Guilderland, NY. I'm on the track and field team and I love watching sports (football is the best sport to watch). I'm a member of Pinky Swear PACK, MCC, and APhA-ASP. My favorite movie is "Just Go With It" and I am the BIGGEST fan of the New York Giants.

Hello, my name is Tobias LaFountain, but you can call me Toby. I am a first-year microbiology student and an aspiring medical doctor. I am interested in playing most board and card games, love doing puzzles, am a competitive swimmer, and of course, love science!

We work with Jonathan Phipps in the Office of DEI to put together the newsletter for our faculty, staff and students. We would appreciate any feedback you have about our newsletter to improve it for the next one in March!

