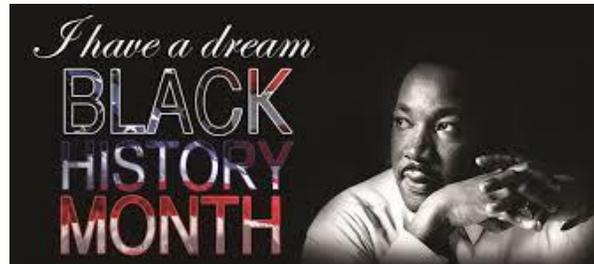




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A world without black people

Where would we be without black people? If you are looking for a wonderful story to share for Black History Month, go to <https://shar.es/1NoFBU>. This narrative will provide you with a wealth of information about the wonderful inventions that would not be possible without them. A special thank you goes out to Cynthia Vick for sharing this story.

The sexual assault epidemic no one talks about

According to this National Public Radio article, “NPR obtained unpublished Justice Department data on sex crimes. The results show that people with intellectual disabilities — women and men — are the victims of sexual assaults at rates more than seven times those for people without disabilities.” <https://tinyurl.com/yca4z9nr>

Texas schools deny services to students with disabilities

The U.S. Department of Education has determined that the Texas Education Agency violated federal laws when it penalized schools for having too many special education students. Schools were required to limit the number of students receiving special education. If they exceeded the maximum amount allowed, the school received a fine. Teachers have admitted that the target amount affected their ability to refer students for special education. For more details about this story, go to <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/11/us/texas-special-education.html>.

Resources

OK-AHEAD offers scholarship money to Oklahoma students with disabilities in postsecondary education. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1. Scholarships can be applied at any Oklahoma technology center or any college or university. For more information, visit <http://www.ok-ahead.org/scholar.html>.

Diversity Toolkit: Cultural Competence for Educators, an article on the National Education Association website, provides the main issues of culture as well as strategies for culturally responsive teaching. <http://www.nea.org/tools/30402.htm>



Events

ODCTE is providing free training on the **Carl Perkins Grant federal requirements** in February. The first training opportunity will be Feb. 21 at Francis Tuttle, Portland Campus. To register for this training, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y759gmzq>. A second option will be available Feb. 22 at Tulsa Technology Center, Sand Springs Campus. <https://tinyurl.com/ya7qmppk>

The **Learning Disabilities Association International Conference** will be Feb. 21-24 in Atlanta, Georgia. For details and registration go to <https://ldaamerica.org/events/annual-conference/>. Oklahoma State Department of Education Office of Special Education Services is offering

The Oklahoma State Department of Education Office of Special Education Services is offering **secondary transition professional development** provided by the OU Zarrow Center in February and March. For more details or to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7l7me8o>.



Quote:

“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.” Martin Luther King Jr.



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