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Recognizing the contributions of Black people and Black communities, University celebrates Black History Month

On November 18, 2021, the University of Lethbridge joined 40 universities from across Canada to endorse the Scarborough Charter — a commitment to eliminating anti-Black racism and advancing Black inclusion in Canadian higher education. In endorsing the charter, ULethbridge took a step forward in addressing social injustices of historically excluding marginalized voices by beginning its journey to creating a safe space for all.

Black History Month is a celebration of the achievements and contributions of not only Black Canadians but also persons of Black, Caribbean or African Heritage. Every February, we recognize the contributions of Black people and Black communities, highlighting their significant and ongoing role in shaping Canada's identity.

Black History Month celebrates the resiliency, flourishing, and determination to work towards a more equitable, inclusive and diverse country.

WHAT: Black History Month Opening — Building a Culture of Authentic Black Inclusion: Moving from resistance to change

WHEN: Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Science Commons Atrium

Inclusion goes beyond being invited to the table to have a conversation, it is about being psychologically safe to share ideas and to make decisions. This year's event will focus on the work that has been achieved as an institution to create more opportunities to include the stories and experiences of Black and Brown students, faculty and staff across campus.

At this year's opening event, the Equity Diversity and Inclusion team will provide an overview of its current work and its alignment to meeting the mandate of the Scarborough Charter on Anti-blackness and Black Inclusion.

A trio of Zoom webinars and a Music at Noon Concert highlight the Black History Month activities at ULeithbridge. Check out this [Black History Month web page](#) for more details on individual events.

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Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.