



**Diversity Equity Inclusion**  
Forsyth County Schools

## **Black History Month Social Media Posts**

**February 2021**

### **Week 1: February 1-5**

1. February is #BlackHistoryMonth2021. This year we will again daily feature resources and leading African Americans from a variety of areas and occupations. Our 2020 work and more information about our commitment to #FCSDEI is available at [www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/dei](http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/dei)
2. Congressman **John Lewis** served as Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative from 1986 to 2020. As one of the original civil rights leaders in the U.S., he was instrumental in the March on Washington, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the march from Selma to Montgomery. Learn more at <https://www.biography.com/political-figure/john-lewis> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI
3. Research mathematician **Katherine Johnson** worked for NASA for more than 30 years. She was instrumental in putting an astronaut into orbit around Earth and also putting a man on the moon. Learn more at <https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/stories/nasa-knows/who-was-katherine-johnson-k4> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI
4. Vice President **Kamala Harris** is the 49th individual to serve our country in this role. She is the first woman, first Black American, and first South Asian American to be elected VP, as was the case with the other offices she held in California. Learn more at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-harris/> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI
5. For #ForsythFineArts Friday, we are featuring the **Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture**. Visit virtually at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

### **Week 2: February 8-11**

6. American icon and Georgia legend **Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron** was a Hall of Fame slugger with 755 career home runs. He was also worked to advance civil rights and to create a more equal, just society. Learn more at <https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/aaron-hank> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI
7. **Dr. Marian Croak** is the inventor of Voice over Internet Protocol, the technology that has enabled us to learn, work, and keep in touch throughout 2020's lockdowns and beyond. She

was inducted into the Women in Technology Hall of Fame in 2013 and currently works at Google. #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

8. Born into slavery, **Booker T. Washington** was an educator and reformer, first president of now Tuskegee University, and an influential spokesman for Black Americans between 1895 and 1915. Learn more at <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Booker-T-Washington>  
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9. Georgia native **Ray Charles** was a legendary award-winning musician who pioneered soul music. He was also a humanitarian, creating a foundation for hearing disorders and the empowerment of young people through education. Learn more at <https://raycharles.com/>  
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10. *No School*

### **Week 3: February 16-19**

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12. **Coretta Scott King** led a life devoted to the highest values of human dignity in service to social change. She traveled around the world and met with many leaders to advocate for equity. Learn more at <https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/about-mrs-king/>  
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13. **Ida B. Wells-Barnett** was a prominent journalist, activist, and researcher, in the last 19th and 20th centuries. Active in both the women's rights and civil rights movements, she traveled internationally, shedding light on lynching to foreign audience. <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/ida-b-wells-barnett>  
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14. Heard the expression "the real McCoy"? **Elijah McCoy's** 1872 invention revolutionized transportation by enabling trains to run faster and more efficiently. As the invention grew in popularity, inferior copycats emerged, which cause railroad engineers to request "the real McCoy". #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

15. For #ForsythFineArts Friday, we are featuring the **Archives of African American Music and Culture**. Visit virtually at <https://aaamc.indiana.edu> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

### **Week 4: February 22-26**

16. **Robert F. Smith**, founder and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, paid \$34 million to settle the loan debt for nearly 400 Morehouse College graduates. Last summer he created a non-profit to provide financial and career support for additional HBCU students. #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

17. The youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history, **Amanda Gorman** began writing at an early age in an attempt to cope with a speech impediment. "The Hill We Climb" can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz4YuEvJ3y4> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

18. **Walter Lincoln Hawkins** held eighteen U.S. and 129 foreign patents, but his most famous one was for a weather-resistant plastic coating for telephone wires. Before Hawkins's invention, which increased the life of telephone wires by seventy years, cables were heavy, expensive, and toxic for general use. #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

19. **Barbara Hillary** was the first African American woman on record to reach both the North (2007) and South (2011) Poles. After surviving lung cancer, at 76 she was also one of the oldest persons to set foot on the North Pole. Learn more at <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/hillary-barbara-1931/> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI

20. For #ForsythFineArts Friday, we are featuring the **Spellman College Museum of Fine Arts**. Visit virtually at <https://museum.spelman.edu> #BlackHistoryMonth2021 #FCSDEI