



Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOP

The Renaissance Academy | 5100 Cleveland Street || Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Saturday, February 24, 2024 || 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

African Americans and the Arts

January 6, 2024

Church Members,

In commemoration of Black History Month, the Princess County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Alumni & Friends Association, Inc. (PACTS/UKHS AFA) invites your church members to participate in a free Black History Month Workshop on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at The Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462). Workshop sign-in is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:20 a.m., lunch is provided at 11:25 p.m., and concludes at 3:00 p.m.

The 2024 National Black History Month theme is *African Americans and the Arts*. African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and Black American life experiences. African American influence is paramount to the visual and performing arts in literature, folklore, film, music, dance, drawing/painting/sculpting, fashion, architecture, and culinary. The PACTS/UKHS AFA Black History Month Committee has partnered with the Visual and Performing Arts Academy (VPAA) at Salem High School in Virginia Beach to create and present interactive workshop sessions fueled by artistic and cultural movements led by people of African descent that set the standard for popular trends around the world.

The VPAA and Salem High students will provide pre-workshop activities that include showing original artwork based on the Black History Month theme, performing instrumental music, and delivering 2 to 3-minute monologues, poems, or bios of famous Black Virginians in the arts during the 45-minute workshop sign-in period. The PACTS/UKHS Museum inside The Renaissance Academy will also be open to tour during the sign-in.

Church members must register online to attend the workshop. Please carefully review the attached form with registration instructions and brief workshop session descriptions. Click on or copy & paste the following link into your browser to register: <https://rb.gy/el5lc8>. We aim to have 150 people attend the workshop, and 30 seats have been set aside for the general public. It's "first come-first serve," so register early! **Workshop registration ends on Thursday, February 15, 2024.**

We look forward to you joining us for our Black History Month celebration on February 24th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 757-651-1238.

Sincerely,

Joanne H. Lucas, Chairperson

PACTS/UKHS AFA Black History Month Committee

"Bring one to Teach one"