



Edgewood Commons

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A Brief Recount of Black History Month

by Rasheed Howard

In the early 20th century, a man by the name of Carter Godwin Woodson while earning his Master's degree, saw how underrepresented African Americans were in books but also in classroom conversations. In most teachings, Woodson saw African Americans were barely mentioned as if they were not a part of American history which he knew wasn't true. In 1915, Woodson and Jesse E. Moreland created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History or the ASALH.

In 1926, ASALH launched "Negro History Week" which was chosen to be the second week in February because of two very important birthdays Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. After a while, the week had become widely adopted and during the Civil rights movement,

progress was seen. However, only two African Americans were ever mentioned in the history books during that time and people saw that it needed to change. College's state wide began turning the week in to a month of celebration. It wasn't until 1967 that President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month as a national observance.



"If race has no history, no worthwhile traditions, it becomes a negligible factor in the thoughts of the world and stands in danger of being exterminated"

Carter Godwin Woodson

Ever since then, every year the president has issued national decrees for each year's theme for black history month since the 1970's. This year theme for 2016 is "Hallowed Ground: Sites of African American Memories." This month, Edgewood Commons had a discussion that took residents back in time to the Harlem Renaissance and look at the creation of jazz and relive memories of the past.

New to EC

by Taylor Wade



The newest addition to Edgewood Commons this semester has been the WIFI. For those of you who do not know already, Edgewood

recently got a whole new WIFI system over the winter break. You can now connect right to WIFI @ FSU with your FSU login, and can get rid of those old access points.

The WIFI routers are located in the B and D bedrooms and will provide your entire apartment with internet access. If you have any issues with them please contact the help desk as the replacement fee for a damaged router is \$695. Along with the new WIFI, you now have access to the PSK network which allows you to connect your PS4, Xbox One, Smart TVs, etc. to the FSU WIFI. The PSK network is a lot faster and will let you bypass the firewall. For instructions just use the search bar on the FSU website and search "PSK."

Sustainability

by Katrina Gagliano



Hopefully everyone has been finding ways to stay warm as this winter gets more intense! Instead of cranking the heat up and down each day and night, try snuggling up in a fuzzy blanket, grabbing a cup of hot chocolate, and reading these sustainability tips on water conservation!

- Don't do laundry or run the dishwasher until you have a full load! Running these machines with just a few items in them can be a huge waste of water.
- Add a challenge to your daily routine! It might be uncomfortable at first, but it's a lot more uncomfortable to think about all the countries that don't have access to the kinds of resources we take for granted.
 - Turn the water off while you're brushing your teeth.
 - Turn the water off while you're shaving, or while conditioner sets in your hair.
 - Take the shortest shower you can.

Resident Appreciation Week

by Marie Solene Alao

Resident Appreciation Week is here at last!

Edgewood's Commons Resident Appreciation Week 2016 will be taking place on the horizon of spring break, March 7th to March 11th. During this week, the staff would like to remind you that you are a priority as they make sure that your needs are met through their services. They would like to make sure that you are aware that your voice is heard. Most importantly, the Edgewood staff would also like to thank you for choosing them by appreciating you all week long.

Whether you feel like the need to get out of your apartment, meet new friends, or just enjoy some good food and fun activities, come join us for a week of amazing events with amazing people! This is an event that you cannot afford to miss!

Programs in Edgewood

by Jamal Fisher



"Get LinkedIn"

Residents were given the opportunity to create their own LinkedIn profile to develop a social media presence from a professional perspective in the Computer Lab, Wednesday (02/17/16) at 7:00pm.



"Roll One Up"

Residents were taught how to make their own Sushi in the Main Lounge, Friday (02/19/16) at 6:00pm.



"Candy Grams"

On Valentine's Day, the Edgewood Commons Hall Council delivered candy grams from secret admirers to the residents throughout the building.

Be on the lookout for emails and signs around the building for future programs that are going on in Edgewood Commons!

During the month of February, there were a lot of programs that went on for Edgewood Commons Residents. Below you can find a few of the programs that went on and some of the highlights from each of those events:



"Harlem Renaissance"

Residents experienced the great explosion of culture and art within the 1930s in the Main Lounge, Wednesday (02/24/16) at 7:00pm.