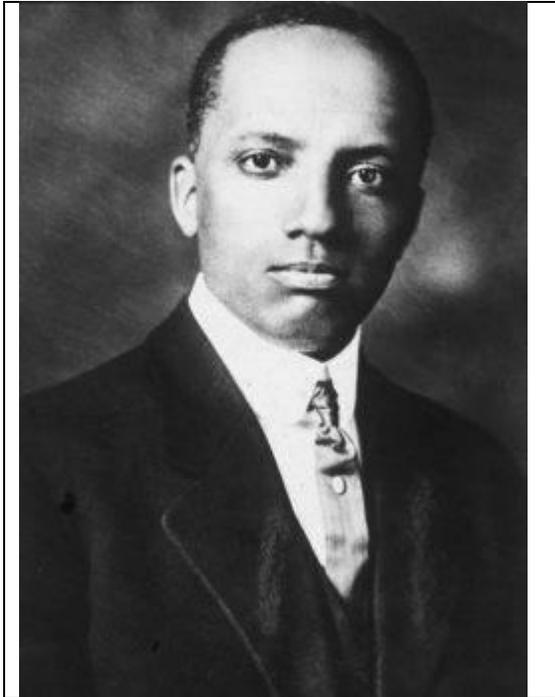




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Black History Month

February is recognized all month-long as Black History Month.

It was Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," who first set out to promote and educate people about Black history and culture.

Born in New Canton, Virginia, in 1875, Carter G. Woodson would never see the first Black History Month.

Recognizing throughout his studies the scarcity of African Americans in the nation's curriculum, he chose to stem the tide and bring to the forefront those lost voices; founded in 1915 the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life).

Seeking to bring even more stories of African Americans to light, in 1926, Woodson founded the first Negro History Week. This was timed in February to coincide with President Abraham Lincoln's and Fredrick Douglass' birthdays - both men were symbols of freedom. It wasn't until 1976 that President Gerald Ford extended the observation to a full month - one honoring the contributions of Black Americans to this day.



The Word on the Street...MARCH MADNESS!

Saturday, March 2, 9a-3p @ Jane Addams Middle School * 11051 34th Ave NE, Sea

This will be an extraordinary PD where you'll be able to connect, network and discover ways in which to master your craft and assist others. Bring your laptop. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. If you have not registered, please use the link below.

[registration link](#)

Nicole Sud, PD Committee Chair (nlsud78@gmail.com)

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Attend the Seattle School Board Meeting March 6

It's important that we share how any budget cuts will impact students and our school communities directly with the School Board Directors and the public. Remember to **wear red** and tell your coworker to join you!

Use this form to RSVP, so we can make sure we have enough snacks and to track how many of us are attending to stand #SEAStrong for our students and our schools.

Seattle Association of Educational Office Professionals (SAEOP) Scholarship April 19

Seattle Association of Educational Office Professionals (SAEOP) Scholarship. This year we are proud to continue the tradition of awarding one (1) One thousand-dollar (\$1000) scholarship and (2) Five hundred-dollar (\$500) scholarships. We are seeking all interested and qualified Seattle Public High School graduating senior students (class of 2024) who wish to continue their education at a 2-year, 4-year college or vocational school. Please keep in mind throughout the application process that this is not a need-based scholarship. The deadline for returning applications is Friday, April 19, 2024.

[SAEOP Scholarship Information and Application](#)

Professional Standards Program (PSP)

If you want to submit an application for your PSP certificates, please use the following email address. You can also reach the PSP committee on this same email address!

SAEOP PSP chair saeop.psp@gmail.com.

The current chairs of the SAEOP PSP committee are Shannon Ratner and Char Dhoot and both have access to that email address.

Friendly Reminders

If you can donate Leave Hours to help a fellow SAEOP member, please use the link below.

<https://www.seattleschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Leave-Sharing-Transfer-Form-ADA.pdf>

Links to join SEA, WEA-PAC and sign up for a SAEOP Committee

Joining the Union is easy with the online membership form.

[Join WEA | Washington Education Association \(washingtonea.org\)](#)

Hyperlink: [SAEOP Team \(Committee\) SIGN UP FORM](#)

Hyperlink: [How to Join WEA-PAC \(washingtonea.org\)](#)

Join WEA-PAC: <https://www.washingtonea.org/advocacy/wea-pac/join-wea-pac/>

Join WEAPAC! Attend Olympia day!

Contact Elizabeth Ward Robertson at eward-robertson@washingtonea.org