



June 3, 2022

MEDIA ADVISORY

“Racial Equity” the 2ND Annual Juneteenth Illinois Celebration **A Two-Day Event at Malcolm X College** *Unify. Educate. Illuminate.*

WHO: The Office of Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer (2nd District), Bill Lowry (3rd District) Stanley Moore (4th District) Rep. Lakesia Collins (9th District) Cook County Juneteenth Joint Planning Committee, State of Illinois and City of Chicago

WHAT: Juneteenth Illinois Conference, Panels and Activities - Under the Pillars of Education, Health, Wealth and Justice

WHEN: Thursday, June 16, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: www.juneteenthillinois.com

Thursday, June 16

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - *Paper Tigers*: Movie Screening and Panel Discussion
12 noon – 1:00 p.m. - Careers in Housing: A Discussion for Wealth Building
<https://careersinhousing.eventbrite.com>
12 noon – 6:30 p.m. - Housing Resource and Career Fair
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Blood Drive Sponsored by the Rho Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and the American Red Cross
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Wealth and Housing Panel
<https://juneteenth-il-wealth.eventbrite.com>
3:00 p.m. – 4:30- p.m. - Education Panel
<https://juneteenth-il-education.eventbrite.com>
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - Scholarship and Awards Reception Celebration

Friday, June 17

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. - Health and Justice Resource Fair
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Health Panel and Breakfast
<https://juneteenth-il-health.eventbrite.com>
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Justice and Equity Panel
<https://juneteenth-il-justice.eventbrite.com>

Event Sponsors:

Held in partnership with: Cook County Commissioners Bill Lowry (3rd District) and Stanley Moore (4th District); State Representative Lakesia Collins (9th District); Alderwoman Maria E. Hadden, (49th Ward); Pepsico, Aetna, NBC, National Association of Black Journalists, Chicago Federation of Labor 360, Superior Ambulance, Sterling Bay, Illinois State University, Habilitative Systems, Inc., Ada S. McKinley, Wyn-Win Communications, New Covenant, Real Freedom, Black Remembrance Project

About Juneteenth:

Enslaved people were emancipated in 1865, but it took two years before word of their freedom reached slaves in the state of Texas. The news was met with resistance and murder, but the newly freed people remained vigilant and African Americans have celebrated the end of slavery and the hope of freedom for 156 years. Illinois recently became the 47th state to make Juneteenth a paid state holiday; followed by Cook County. Currently, 49 states and the District of Columbia celebrate the holiday. In Texas, New York, Virginia, Washington, and Illinois, Juneteenth is an official paid holiday for state employees.

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