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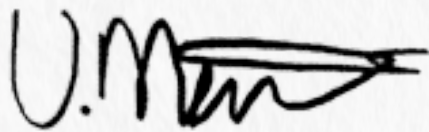
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings,

February was a month of significant achievements for the Department of Employment Services (DOES), marked by both our continuous efforts to empower the District's workforce and the celebration of Black History Month. We paid tribute to the enduring legacy of Black Americans, emphasizing our commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion across our initiatives.

Building on January's groundwork, February saw us launch youth program applications, workforce initiatives, and the modernized Unemployment Insurance Benefits System. Our partnership with local businesses and residents continues to be vital to our progress, demonstrating the power of community collaboration.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and empowered District, inspired by this meaning month. Let's continue this journey with the same drive and dedication.



Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes
DOES Director





MBSYEP 2024 Important Dates

Application Closes	Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Youth Orientation Begins	Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Program Begins	Monday, June 24, 2024
Certification Events	Ends Saturday, March 30, 2024 Visit bit.ly/CERTIFYMBSYEP24



PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) is a locally funded initiative that provides District youth ages 14 to 24 with an enriching summer employment experience through subsidized placements in the public and private sectors. MBSYEP 2024 will begin on June 24, 2024, and end on August 2, 2024.

Participants and their families can expect an engaging and interactive summer. Youth will be paid based on successful participation at their assigned worksite.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV.

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PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

This month, DOES continued to spread the word about the HBCU Public Service Program.

The HBCU Public Service Program, in partnership with Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia, offers diverse career paths in District government agencies, including roles like IT Specialist, Public Service Investigator, Contract Specialist, Program Coordinator, and more. Do you know any Howard University or University of the District of Columbia graduating seniors? Let them know that we are looking for the next generation of public servants!

To learn more, visit does.dc.gov/HBCU.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

THE LOTTERY FOR DPR SUMMER CAMPS NOW OPEN!

Do not miss out on the chance for your child to have an unforgettable summer filled with fun, learning, and adventure with the
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)!



Lottery Registration Deadline: Monday, February 26



In-Person Registration Assistance: Until Monday, February 26



Lottery Results Announcement: Friday, March 1



Enrollment & Payment Deadline: Wednesday, March 6

How it works: **1** Register for the lottery at DPRsummercamp.com.

2 Receive your lottery results by March 1 via email.

3 View and accept/reject enrollment offers for your household.

4 Make payment for accepted placements by March 6.



MAYOR BOWSER PRESENTS

FITDC HERSTORY 5K

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MARCH 9, 2024
FREEDOM PLAZA

Celebrate Women's History Month with us as we honor the women who shape our city and nation.

Highlights:

- Refreshments and live art by Hiba Alyawer
- #StandForSomething interactive activation by MOWPI
- Special appearances by Latham Thomas and Colleen K. Cibula
- First ever *HerStory Kids Dash* for children 12 and under

Pre-race Activities:

- Weekly social runs on Thursdays at Banneker Track
- Packet pickup on **March 6th & 7th** at designated locations

Register now at herstory5k.com and learn more about FITDC at FITDC.com

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Stories

of Black History in DC



Explore 300 sites weaving the tapestry of African American history in Washington, DC. From 1791 to the Civil Rights era and beyond, witness the impact on culture, heritage, and civic life.



Immerse in social, cultural, and political movements that shaped DC. Marvel at landmarks like the Lincoln Memorial, echoing with iconic moments of Marian Anderson and Martin Luther King, Jr.



Discover schools, churches, and homes where Black Washingtonians studied, worked, and fought for rights. Join us on this extraordinary journey at African American History in DC.



Explore at storymaps.arcgis.com



Celebrating the Contributions of **BLACK WOMEN LABOR LEADERS**

In the realm of labor activism and leadership, Black women have long been at the forefront, advocating for workers' rights, equity, and justice. Their invaluable contributions often go unrecognized in mainstream narratives. Today, we shine a spotlight on eight remarkable Black women labor leaders whose dedication and perseverance have left an indelible mark on history and continue to inspire generations.



Addie Wyatt

Addie Wyatt was a pioneering figure in the labor movement, co-founding the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and serving as vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. She tirelessly fought for gender and racial equality in the workplace, leaving a profound legacy that continues to resonate.



Ella Baker

Ella Baker's name is synonymous with grassroots organizing and civil rights activism. While not exclusively a labor leader, her work laid the groundwork for intersectional approaches to social justice. She played a pivotal role in organizations like the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advocating for workers' rights alongside broader civil rights goals.



Bill Lucy

Bill Lucy, although a man, worked closely with many Black women labor leaders, including Addie Wyatt. As the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Lucy championed labor rights and was a key figure in the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike of 1968, which famously brought Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the forefront of the labor struggle.



Coretta Scott King

While primarily known for her role as the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King was also a prominent activist in her own right. Following her husband's assassination, she took up the mantle of leadership, advocating for economic justice, workers' rights, and peace. Her efforts extended beyond racial equality to encompass broader social and economic issues affecting marginalized communities.



Barbara Young

Barbara Young was a trailblazing labor leader who dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of working-class Americans. As the first African American woman elected president of a major labor union in the United States, she shattered barriers and paved the way for future generations of women of color in labor leadership roles.



Robin Williams

Robin Williams, a leader in the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), tirelessly advocated for educational equity and social justice. She worked to empower teachers and improve educational opportunities for students, recognizing the crucial link between labor rights and quality education.



Karen Lewis

Karen Lewis rose to prominence as the president of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), leading the charge against education reform policies that she viewed as detrimental to teachers and students. Her fearless advocacy for public education and social justice earned her widespread respect and admiration.



Kimberlé Crenshaw

While primarily known for her groundbreaking work in critical race theory and intersectionality, Kimberlé Crenshaw's insights have profoundly influenced labor activism. By highlighting the intersecting forms of discrimination faced by Black women in the workforce, she has helped to shape more inclusive and intersectional approaches to labor organizing and advocacy.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us not forget the invaluable contributions of Black women labor leaders who have fought tirelessly for workers' rights, equality, and justice. Their legacy serves as a testament to the power of grassroots organizing, intersectional activism, and unwavering determination in the pursuit of a more just and equitable society. Let their stories inspire us to continue the fight for social and economic justice for all.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



The #MBSYEP2024 application is now OPEN! District youth ages 14 – 24 can apply TODAY at summerjobs.dc.gov.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

¡La solicitud de #MBSYEP2024 ya está ABIERTA! Los jóvenes del Distrito de 14 a 24 años pueden presentar su solicitud HOY en summerjobs.dc.gov.

La fecha límite para presentar una solicitud es el miércoles 6 de marzo de 2024 a la 11:59 pm.

UP NEXT: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE DISTRICT

National Women's History Month, as designated in 1987 by the U.S. Congress, is in recognition of women's many accomplishments throughout history.

SAVE THE DATE: DC COMMISSION ON POVERTY LISTENING SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

Attention Unemployment Insurance Benefits Claimants:
Please be advised that the processing time for benefits payments may vary depending on your banking institution. It can take up to 72 hours for the funds to appear in your account.

For more information about UI Benefits, visit bit.ly/UIBSMODERNIZATION



Check out our socials!



List of American Job Center Locations in DC

- AJC Headquarters
- AJC Bertie Backus
- AJC Reeves Center



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