



# February at NDU

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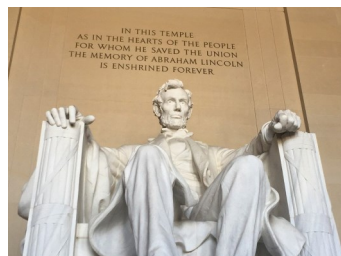
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## President's Day

### February 20

President's day is a U.S. holiday that honors and celebrates all of the U.S. Presidents. What better place than Washington DC



to celebrate those who have led this country? To celebrate in D.C. visit the Lincoln memorial, Washington Monument, Franklin D Roosevelt Monument or any other presidential sites. Tickets to Mount Vernon will be FREE on President's Day, but they are first come first served on the day



*If you have any suggestions or recommendations for next month's newsletter, email us at ISMOsponsor@ndu.edu! We always welcome photos*

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, many events might be canceled, postponed, or changed, sometimes with short notice. Please check with the event’s website for the latest updates, as things change frequently.

## THE WHARF

NDU’s neighbor, the Wharf, has many events in the month of February including Curling and Cocktails, Rock the Rink, and Mardi Gras. Check them out [here](#)— all events at the Wharf are free.



## INTANGIBLE FORMS

Powered by choreographed kinetic lasers, strobes, haze, and moving lights, [this multi-sensory exhibition](#) is dramatic, visceral, and operatic in nature. Throughout multiple rooms of installations, intentional minimalism and repetitive, modular rhythms create a hypnotic, entrancing environment where the intangible can become tangible.



## THE DIGITAL STAGE & FREE EVENTS

The Kennedy Center is offering the Digital Stage. [Here](#) you can find several virtual events and performances from various arts groups including the National Symphony Orchestra. The Kennedy Center also offers free events. Check them out [here](#).



## PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND SOLDIER’S HOME NATIONAL MONUMENT

Information can be found [here](#) if they are open for exterior tours. Check the website frequently for any changes in their availability.



## SMITHSONIAN EVENTS



There are many events happening in February with the Smithsonian museums. One of them for kids is about animals and based on the movie Encanto! You can find more here: [Event Calendar | Smithsonian Institution \(si.edu\)](#) .

## ICE SKATING



Haven’t had a chance to go Ice Skating yet? It isn’t too late! Outdoor ice-skating rinks offer a great option for those looking for a socially-distant outdoor activity. Most rinks require reservations. Whether you’re a novice or pro, you won’t find any judgement on the ice!



**Silver Spring Ice Skating:** Open daily and stocked with 400 pairs of ice hockey and figure skates! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

**Pentagon Row Ice Skating:** The largest rink in NOVA features a dual-sided stone fireplace for lounging during skating breaks. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

**Rockville Ice Skating:** Rockville’s Town Square rink will be operating with county precautions. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

**Ice & Lights: the Winter Village at Cameron Run :** Ice Skating will be open Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays from 1100 to 1700. Price: \$12.19. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets

# HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Learn more about these U.S. holidays and celebrations!

## GROUNDHOG DAY

**FEBRUARY 2**

Groundhog day falls on February 2 every year. It follows, that if the groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, winter will last for 6 more weeks. However, if the ground hog does not see its shadow spring will come early. This is an American tradition that we do not really believe, but participate in for fun. Learn more about this holiday [here!](#)



## VALENTINE'S DAY

**FEBRUARY 14**

Celebrate all the love in your life on Valentine's Day by exchanging a thoughtful card or some candy with your friends and family. Learn more about this holiday [here!](#)



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**FEBRUARY 17**

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day marking the first day of Lent. This celebration occurs 46 day prior to Easter Sunday. This is a time for repentance and fasting. Learn more about this holiday [here!](#)



## WASHINGTON'S 289TH BIRTHDAY

**FEBRUARY 22**

Register [here](#) to attend the virtual birthday celebration for the first U.S. President George Washington. The event will occur at 7:00pm ET. This event will celebrate George Washington through music, performances, and stories!



Sponsor Joleen with KK and family.



Spencer, Carlos, and their Sponsor Warren enjoy the New Year!

# Celebrating Black History Month

remembering, honoring and celebrating the contributions of African Americans

## HISTORY

Since in the 1970's, the U.S. has celebrated Black History Month each February. African American history, culture and stories are explored through a range of activities honoring the legacies of African Americans. Learn more about the origins of Black History Month [here](#).



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Check [here](#) to see if the museum is open. If it is closed to the public, there are still several virtual [events](#), [tours](#), [collections](#) and [exhibits](#).



### NATIONAL MALL

Visit the National Mall where you can stand in the [place](#) where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "[I have a Dream](#)" Speech and you can visit the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial](#).



### MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

Learn more about the incredible contributions of [Mary McLeod Bethune](#) through a [virtual tour of her home](#) (now a National Historic Site) and her [statue at Lincoln Park](#).



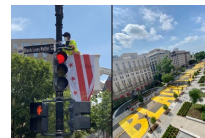
### VISIT SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD

[Shaw neighborhood](#) is a wonderful place to visit to explore African American history in one of DC's oldest neighborhoods.



### BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA

Created in June 2020, the Black Live Matter Plaza is a new and exciting place to go. While there you can reflect on the legacy of many African Americans.



### AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

Learn more about the Civil War by [booking an appointment](#) to attend the museum. They are currently open Monday-Saturday 11AM—4Pm. These dates are subject to change.

