



## February at NDU

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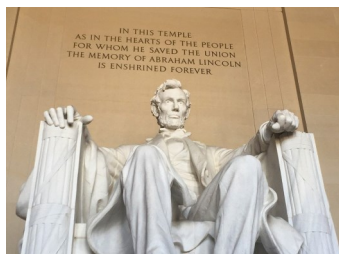
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## President's Day

February 15

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 cites.



*If you have any suggestions or recommendations for next month's newsletter,  
email me at [ISMO@ndu.edu](mailto:ISMO@ndu.edu)!*

# 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.

## ROMEO AND JULIET

The digital stage presents Romeo and Juliet. [Purchase tickets](#) online to stream the performance Friday, February 19 at 8pm ET through Sunday, February 21 at 11:59pm ET!

## CRYSTALLINE MUSEUM

Looking to get out! Book tickets [here](#) to visit this exhibit! Tickets range from free (for children under 4) to \$24 and are available now through February 28, 2021.



## SMITHSONIAN EVENTS

While the Smithsonian Museums may be temporarily closed. They still offer many virtual exhibits and events! Click [here](#) to see the latest updates! You can also visit any of the Museum websites for virtual Smithsonian tours.



## THE DIGITAL STAGE

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.



## 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.



## 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, as long as you wear a mask!



**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!

## GROUND HOG DAY

**FEBRUARY 2**

Ground Hog 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.

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](#)!



## PRESIDENT'S DAY

**FEBRUARY 15**



There are many ways to celebrate this holiday in DC. Consider visiting the Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial,

Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Theodore Roosevelt Island, Washington Monument, Woodrow Wilson's House, or Mount Vernon.

Tickets to Mount Vernon will be FREE on President's Day, but you must register [here](#) to reserve your tickets! Tickets are available to member holders February 1 and available to nonmember holders on February 12.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

**FEBRUARY 12-26**

Chinese New Year is a celebration of the New Year based on the Lunar Calendar. The celebration lasts a total of 16 days, finishing in



Lantern Festival. Click [here](#) to learn more about the different traditions and the schedule for this holiday!

## 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!



# Celebrating Black History Month

remembering, honoring and celebrating the contributions of African Americans

## HISTORY

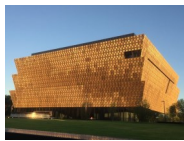
Since in the 1970's, the U.S. has celebrated Black History Month each February. African American history, culture and stories are explored through a range of activities honoring the legacies of African Americans. Learn more about the origins of Black History Month [here](#).



## 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](#).



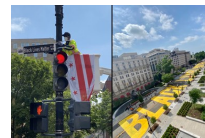
### VISIT SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD

[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.





## Happy Holidays to the Following Countries!

February 4, Sri Lanka Independence Day  
 February 6, New Zealand Waitangi Day  
 February 15, Serbia National Day  
 February 16, Lithuania Independence Day  
 February 17, Kosovo Independence Day  
 February 18, Gambia Independence Day  
 February 23, Brunei National Day  
 February 23, Guyana Republic Day  
 February 24, Estonia Independence Day  
 February 25, Kuwait National Day  
 February 27, Dominican Republic Independence Day

## Congratulations to our alumni who have been promoted!

Please join us in offering a huge congratulations to Rear Admiral Saif Al-Rahbi, ES class of 2017, on his recent promotion and new position as Commander of the Oman Royal Navy! With him taking the helm of Oman's Royal Navy, he joins a truly distinguished cadre of the NDU Alumni family who have risen to some of the highest positions within their respective armed services.



## ISMO Family Programs

### Join SpICE - the Spouses International Cultural Exchange Group

This social group, open to all spouses affiliated with NDU, meet online weekly. The full schedule of events is posted to [the Facebook page](#).

### Weekly English Conversation Classes

Join our group of spouses who meet weekly online to chat with one another and discuss a variety of topics with an English teacher.

### Online English Tutoring for Children

See the new tutoring schedule below: All children welcome !

#### Mondays:

English Language – 17:00-19:00 – <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b66bfc1db44c4cdcb7f02be93f3d26f3>

Tutor names: Karin, Julia

#### Wednesdays:

English Language - 16:00-18:00 – <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b66bfc1db44c4cdcb7f02be93f3d26f3>

Tutor names: Ruth

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