

NAVY PIER *celebrates*
BLACK HISTORY
month

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Join Navy Pier for a Celebration of Black History Month on Sunday, February 10

Navy Pier celebrates Black History Month from 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 10 in the Crystal Gardens with music, dance and a reflection on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech by Pastor Corey Brooks

CHICAGO – Celebrate Black History Month at Navy Pier on **Sunday, February 10** with a special program that honors the "I Have a Dream" vision and commemorates the 50th anniversary of "The March on Washington." Join us as we remember Martin Luther King, Jr.'s pursuit of equality for all by saluting our children as they dream through music, song and dance. The celebration will take place in Navy Pier's **Crystal Gardens from 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

The afternoon will feature performances by **Mayfair Academy of Fine Arts, Seneke Jr.** and **Joshua's Troop**. At 3 p.m. 11-year-old Patrick Branch of Whistler Elementary School will recite **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech**. **Pastor Corey Brooks** from New Beginnings Church of Chicago will follow with an inspirational message of what King's speech can instill in today's youth. Then, dance the night away to the soulful blues of the **Marvin "Maestro" Band**. The event is free for all Navy Pier guests.

Event Schedule:

- 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Seneke Jr. - West African Percussion Jr. Ensemble
- 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Mayfair Dance Academy of Fine Arts
- 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Patrick Branch recites “I Have a Dream” and Pastor Corey Brooks speaks
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Joshua’s Troop - Children’s Choir
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Marvin “Maestro” Band

Throughout the month at Navy Pier, *Perseverance and Persistence – An Exhibition of Pride* will be showcased in the Family Pavilion North Entry. Now through February 26, come see this exhibition that spans more than 200 years of history to recognize notable African-Americans for their cultural, historical and current achievements across diverse disciplines.

For more information about Navy Pier’s Black History Month Celebration, please visit navypier.com.

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