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AFRICAN-AMERICANS



Kansas City is home to a very supportive community of African Americans, who make up 12.5% of the KC area population. This reference guide is meant to highlight opportunities for African American individuals to find their community right here in KC. While not comprehensive, this guide should serve as a great starting point. We hope you feel at home here and encourage you to partake in these available resources, amenities and opportunities.

FRIENDLY FACES/AMBASSADORS

These are a few locals who are friendly, accessible and ready to welcome you to Kansas City. Don't hesitate to reach out to them to become more familiar with the African American community in Kansas City and help you make new connections.

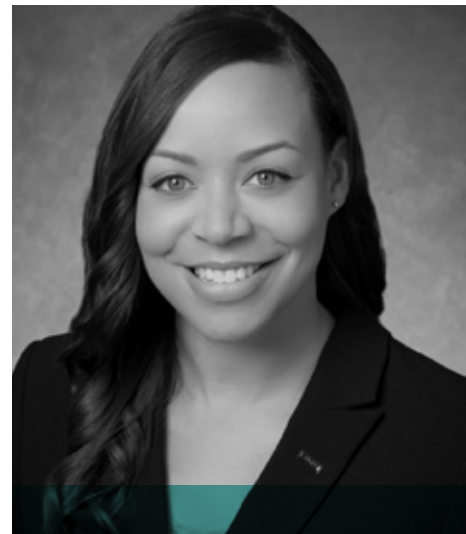


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COMMUNITY CENTERS

THE YMCA ON 18TH AND VINE

THE DELTA ATHENAEUM

BETA LAMBDA HOUSE OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC.

BRUSH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

PALESTINE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

AFRICAN AMERICAN JAZZ MUSEUM

GREGG/KLICE COMMUNITY CENTER

BRUCE R. WATKINS CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

UZAZI VILLAGE

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

100 BLACK MEN OF KANSAS CITY

BLACK ACHIEVERS SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION - KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

HEARTLAND BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

NAACP KC

BUY BLACK EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

BLACK ECONOMIC UNION

THE DIAMOND NETWORK GROUP

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA GRADUATE CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

BLACK HEALTHCARE COALITION

BLACK FEMALE ATTORNEYS OF KANSAS CITY

NATIONAL BLACK UNITED FRONT

URBAN FINANCIAL SERVICES COALITION

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS - KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC.

STAY CONNECTED

103.3 FM | HIP HOP RADIO

107.3 FM | URBAN CONTEMPORARY RADIO

890 AM | GOSPEL MUSIC RADIO

1590 AM | GOSPEL MUSIC RADIO

THE CALL | NEWSPAPER

TWELVE KC | MAGAZINE

THE KANSAS CITY GLOBE | NEWSPAPER

MIDWEST BLACK HAIR | MAGAZINE

KCSOUL.COM | WEBSITE

WHAT'S UP KANSAS CITY | WEBSITE

THE WIRE KC | FACEBOOK

RESTAURANTS

PEACH TREE MAGNOLIA'S

GATES BARBEQUE

LC'S BARBEQUE

NIECIE'S

LUTFI'S FRIED FISH

RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY

CHICKEN MAC & CHEESE

JAZZY B'S

PAPA LOU'S

ORGANIC SOUL KC

BAYOU ON THE VINE

THE KC JUKE HOUSE

MAD JACK'S

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FIRST FRIDAYS IN THE JAZZ DISTRICT (18TH & VINE)

EVERY
FRIDAY

MLK CELEBRATION AT THE REARDON CENTER

JANUARY

JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

MAY

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

JUNE

HEART OF AMERICA HOT DOG FESTIVAL

AUGUST

RHYTHM AND RIBS FESTIVAL

OCTOBER

MIXING AND MOVING: BLACK PROFESSIONALS IN KC

NOVEMBER

FRIENDS OF ALVIN AILEY SYMPOSIUM ON DIVERSITY RACE AND PLACE

NOVEMBER

DEBUTANTE BALL

NOVEMBER

KWANZAA CELEBRATION AT THE GEM THEATER

DECEMBER

FAITH AND CHURCHES



METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

PALESTINE CHURCH

THE U CHURCH

CITY OF TRUTH CHURCH

HARVEST CHURCH

UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH

ST. JAMES AME CHURCH

2ND BAPTIST CHURCH

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOSPEL MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE

TRINITY COGIC

SHEFFIELD FAMILY LIFE CENTER

LENEXA CHRISTIAN CENTER

EVANGELISTIC CENTER

Information on this guide was sourced from survey responses of individuals in the KC region who self-identify with this community.