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Good morning, FM Team.

February is Black History Month. On main campus and in Fort Collins, there are two helpful resources for getting engaged and learning more information about upcoming Black History Month events and local history. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

- CSU's Black/African American Cultural Center is hosting a month of activities for the CSU community, including keynote speaker Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother, on February 10 at 6 p.m. and author/activist Nicole Lynn Lewis on February 21 at 12 p.m. Find more details here: <https://baacc.colostate.edu/programs/cultural-programs/black-history-month-programs/>.
- The City of Fort Collins has information on the first Black Americans in Fort Collins, including a section on "Black Life at the University," which highlights the first known Black American student Grafton St. Clair Norman who attended Colorado Agricultural College (that later became CSU) from 1892-1896. More information here: <https://www.fcgov.com/historicpreservation/blackfortcollins>.

In CSU's history, Dr. Albert C. Yates, was the first and so far only Black president of Colorado State University from 1990 to 2003. During his time as CSU president:

- Yates launched a community process for CSU to meet state and federally-mandated guidelines for Affirmative Action. He also tried to promote a more equitable salary scale.
- The July 1997 flood occurred, and Yates saw it as "an opportunity for CSU to become a better place than it had been before." Facilities Management was key in making this vision become a reality. (<https://source.colostate.edu/1997-flood-transformed-campus-better/>)
- A new master plan was developed to address "the aesthetic character, safety, and usefulness" of our campus buildings and several facilities were built, including NESB in 1994, Fum McGraw and the Chill Plant in 1999, and Yates Hall in 2002.

If you want to learn more about President Yates or any of the CSU presidents, the library has a page dedicated to them: <https://libguides.colostate.edu/universityhistory/presidents>

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