There’s always plenty to do on campus in February, what with campus back in full swing and temperatures on the rise. And this year, there’s even an extra day to enjoy the events the University is offering.

Those events include the College of Science’s annual Science Lecture Series, which this year explores the theme "Catalysts of Change." The Arizona State Museum has a day of family fun planned with Culture Craft Saturday, and a fundraising dinner will help the Campus Pantry with its mission to fight food insecurity in the University community. Several events also are planned to mark Black History Month.

To see what else is going on at the University in February, check out the Master Calendar, which is open to submissions from employees and students who want to promote University-sponsored events or events happening on campus or in University facilities. Add your event using the calendar's submission form.

Black History Month events | Throughout February

Several University units, including the Africana Studies Program and Arizona Athletics, will hold events to recognize Black History Month.

Africana Studies will hold a kickoff celebration on Feb. 4, with food, music and dancing, and the opportunity to win prizes, including iPads. The free event will be held in the Student Union Memorial Center's North Ballroom from 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 6 marks the 60th anniversary of Arizona men's basketball player Ernie McCray scoring 46 points against Cal State LA, which remains Arizona's record for most points scored by a single player in a game. McCray went on to become the first African American basketball player to graduate from the University. McCray will be honored before the Feb. 6 home game against USC with a special recognition video. The game begins at 7 p.m. at McKale Memorial Center. Tickets can be purchased on the Arizona Athletics website.

Africana Studies will hold two more events at the end of the month featuring Wanuri Kahiu, an award-winning Nairobian writer and filmmaker. On Feb. 27 at 7 p.m., Kahiu will give a lecture titled "The Power of Joy," about how showing happiness and fun in art can be a political act. The talk will be held at the Forum in the Health Sciences Innovation Building, 1670 E. Drachman St. The event is free, but attendees are asked to register in advance.

On Feb. 28, a screening of Kahiu's film "Rafiki" will be held at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd., at 7 p.m. "Rafiki" is a love story of two young women in Nairobi, in a society that bans same-sex relationships. A Q&A with Kahiu will follow the screening. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased on the Loft's website.
Arizona Science Lecture Series 2020 | Feb. 4, 18 and 25

The College of Science’s annual lecture series returns for its 15th year, bringing a wide range of scientific scholarship to the public under this year’s theme, "Catalysts of Change." The first three lectures in the series will run in February with the final one in early March.

The series begins Feb. 4 with a lecture by Chris Impey, University Distinguished Professor of Astronomy and associate dean of the College of Science, and assistant professor Betül Kaçar with the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and the Department of Astronomy. The pair will examine what the trajectory of life on Earth can tell us about the likelihood of life on planets beyond our solar system.

On Feb. 18, Brian Enquist, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and Rachel Gallery, associate director of the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, will take attendees from rainforests to alpine wetlands to explore what the future holds for Earth’s biodiversity.

Stephen Kobourov, professor of computer science, and Carlos Scheidegger, assistant professor of computer science, will present a Feb. 25 lecture on the promise and peril of artificial intelligence.

All lectures are free and will be held at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Pay parking is available in the Tyndall and Sixth Street garages.

Culture Craft Saturday at Arizona State Museum: Jewelry and Photography | Feb. 8

Arizona State Museum's Culture Craft Saturday promises 3 1/2 hours of family-friendly activities related to jewelry and photography.

Activities include designing photo-transfer and collage jewelry, making a paper necklace, shaping stone pendants with grindstones and creating painted-gourd jewelry. Attendees will also be able to see photographs from the museum’s collection and the exhibit "Paths of Life: American Indians of the Southwest."

The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities are free with museum admission: $8 for adults; $6 for students. The event is free for CatCard holders, Native American tribal ID holders, and SNAP cardholders.

University of Arizona Campus Pantry Benefit Dinner | Feb. 28

The Campus Pantry will hold its annual benefit dinner to support its mission of reducing food insecurity in the University community.

The pantry serves about 950 clients each week with supplemental groceries at no cost. Clients only need to present a CatCard during pantry distribution events.

Tickets for the benefit cost $35 for individuals or $450 for a table of 10. The menu includes entée options of a roasted beef ribeye, poached salmon, or jalapeño and tomato jackfruit. Registration is open through Feb. 14.
The event will begin with refreshments in the Tucson Room at the Student Union Memorial Center before moving to the union's South Ballroom for the dinner.

The Campus Pantry takes donations of food at the union's Information Desk. Visit the pantry's website to see the items it needs most [25].

Also happening this month:

- Feb. 3 | Talk ? Hataali Jones Benally [26] | College of Education, Room 211
- Feb. 15 | 'On Our Own Time' Artists' Reception [27] | Bioscience Research Laboratories lobby
- Feb. 19 | Monthly University Employee Mini-Health Screening [28] | Honors College Recreation and Wellness Center
- Feb. 25 | Day for Night ? 'Hollywood and Political Films in the Age of Polarization' [29] | Old Main, Silver and Sage Room

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