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**Albany Common Council Hosts
African American History Month Celebration Virtually
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:30p.m.**

ALBANY, NY – The Albany Common Council invites you to attend their annual African American History Month Celebration virtually, Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:30p.m. We welcome you to join us by watching on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil>, or subscribe to our YouTube channel to watch: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-rQHp1fBLPcdk_4N6j4XbQ.

This year's Common Council's African American History Month Celebration will celebrate the following honorees:

James Campbell Matthews, Albany Law School's first alumnus who can be identified with certainty as African American selected by Hon. Corey Ellis, Council President
Lauren Manning, Assistant Director, Center for Law and Justice selected by Ward 4 Hon. Kelly Kimbrough, President Pro Tempore
Marie Campbell, Founder of Blooms by Marie selected by Ward 13 Hon. Ginnie Farrell, Majority Leader
Destini Harris, Cofounder of E.L.E.V.A.T.E 518 selected by Ward 1 Hon. Sonia Frederick
Ernestine White selected by Ward 2 Hon. Derek Johnson
Ricja Rice - Ghyll, Esq., Albany City Court, Trial Part selected by Ward 3 Hon. Joyce Love
Tabora Marcus selected by Ward 5 Hon. Jahmel Robinson
Ken Screven, Retired News Anchor selected by Ward 6 Hon. Richard Conti
LeQuana Ham selected by Ward 7 Hon. Catherine M. Fahey
Damarise Mann, Director of Foster Care and Adoption Programs at Northern Rivers Family Services selected by Ward 8 Hon. Jack Flynn
LaVonda Collins, Esq. selected by Ward 9 Hon. Judy Doesschate
Gladys Lewis selected by Ward 10 Hon. Owusu Anane
Sarah Hines selected by Ward 11 Hon. Alfredo Balarin
Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk selected by Ward 12 Hon. Michael O'Brien
Hon. Christina Ryba, Albany County Supreme Court selected by Ward 14 Hon. Joseph Igoe
Yasser Teouri, Student at University at Albany selected by Ward 15 Hon. Tom Hoey

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