



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To: The Madonna University Community

Statement for Black History and Women's History Month:

Madonna University's Christian values provide a unifying foundation, which embodies respect for the dignity of each person. We, the Madonna University Student Senate, revere creation and elevate God as the immaculate Agent behind human history, discovery, and purpose. We rejoice in the beauties of life at the hands of a gracious God. It is here, under the premise of glorifying our Creator, that we acknowledge two very important details of human interaction and momentum: Black History and Women's History. These two themes celebrated on the second and third month of each year, give insight to the intrinsic values of people.

Black history is about more than people to admire or inventions to be grateful for. It's about culture and life. The celebrations of a people; liberated and innovative. An inspiration to future generations and a hope for the present. Black history is the history of America; triumphs that scream victory across oceans and into villages around the world with optimism and realism in its message. Thank God for the advancement of Black communities like Black Wall Street and Historically Black Colleges, enabling and educating Black people throughout the 19th and 20th centuries about America's history. Surely, we recognize the accomplishments and valiant deeds made in the history of Black people in America.

The same boldness is engrained in the fortitude of women today and of women in the past. The same courageous attitude lingers in the stories that we read about in history books and novels from past centuries. Women's history is unpolished, genuine, and virtuous. To celebrate women's history is to marvel at undeniable strength, magnanimity, and wisdom. Women of all creeds and colors diversify the earth under a common trend of beauty in life's ugliest situations. We are thankful for the influential nature of womanhood. We are thankful for the example of Godliness portrayed in women of the past. We are thankful for the remarkable impacts women have made that shape our world. And for this, we celebrate womanhood that does not change with cultural trends, but one that is determined to look like Christ. Womanhood that embraces motherhood as a beautiful gift, and marriage as a covenant just as men should. Womanhood that is not defined by what she gives or receives, but by her God-given identity. We celebrate womanhood that points us to the Creator.

It is not mere people that we celebrate, but it is the God behind their contributions who in His providence empowers people to mirror His Character. It is with immense gratitude that as a representative of the student body, we recognize and vocalize that black skin and femininity are beautiful because God created them both.

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