

President's Message

The African American Museum in Philadelphia Your Responsive, Relevant Resource

Dear Members of the AAMP Family,

Over the past month, despite the hardships presented by the mandated closure of our building, AAMP has maintained a steady drumbeat of engagement. We have continued to defy traditional perceptions of museums as we actively engage with community partners to address the topics that impact our community. During these turbulent times, AAMP remains committed to serving as a responsive, relevant resource, reflecting the issues that matter to you and our community.

AAMP is Responsive

AAMP stands at the forefront, responding to the racial strife that continues to roil our community.

- The museum welcomed over 600 members of African American fraternities and sororities as they marched in protest to the murder of George Floyd and police brutality. Athlete/Activist Malcolm Jenkins and other leaders addressed the crowd from the museum's plaza.
- In response to DeSean Jackson's anti-semetic statements, AAMP moved quickly to join our partners at the National Museum of American Jewish History to issue a statement and propose a joint strategy to educate DeSean and other members of the Eagles team.

AAMP is Relevant

AAMP's program calendar reflects the Black Lives Matter Movement, the COVID 19 crisis and other challenges that are deeply relevant to the Black community.

- Nearly 200 people came together via Zoom and FaceBook Live when AAMP convened a group of Black Philadelphia activists for "Over Uprising: A Conversation on Race, Protest & Resistance in Philly," a hard-hitting discussion on the current socio-political moment.
- Participants shared tears during "The Way We Mourn: Black Grief & Memorials in Uncertain Times" an online session that explored the stress that many Black families and individuals are experiencing as they mourn lives lost to police violence, to COVID-19 and to other crises that impact Black Americans.

AAMP is a Resource

AAMP is a leading Black History resource, offering an incomparable array of online programs to address the educational needs of school-aged children during this time of widespread stay-at-home orders.

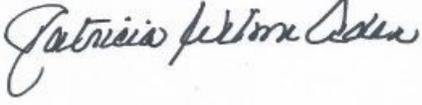
- Parents, teachers and caregivers can access a growing library of online resources through AAMP's Virtual Campus. Young children will enjoy the arts and crafts activities offered in "Anna Russel Jones: The Art of Design," older students can scour word searches and deciphering cryptograms to learn lessons in African American history, and teachers and parents will discover one-of-kind lesson plans such as "Saviors and Survivors: Philadelphia's Free African Black Community & the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793."

As AAMP begins its new fiscal year, I hope that you will demonstrate how much you value AAMP as a responsive, relevant resource.

- Make a one time or recurring donation in any amount
- Join us as a new member or renew your membership now

Please support AAMP as we support you.

In service,



Patricia Wilson Adams